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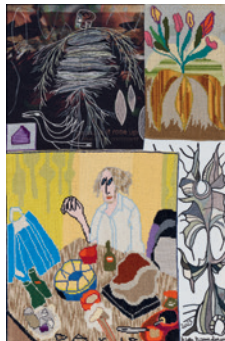


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KLAAS



JOHNNY



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## Johnny

“Johnny” is Klaas Rommelaere’s latest series of artworks. These works are a response to the documentary series “Can’t Get You Out Of My Head” by Adam Curtis and the film “Naked” by Mike Leigh, exploring themes such as individualism, collectivism, conspiracy theories, national myths, and artificial intelligence. Klaas Rommelaere, renowned for his hand-embroidered tapestries and sculptures that blend classic techniques with modern influences, conveys personal stories through recognizable symbols of human connection. In the “Johnny” series, he combines impressions from these documentaries with his personal photos, creating a new visual narrative that incorporates his fears, such as snakes, alongside elements of comfort and encouragement, including references to nature, candles, and botanical beauty.

### Klaas Rommelaere

Klaas Rommelaere (°1986, Roeselare, Belgium) creates intricately embroidered tapestries and embroidered sculptures that bridge the personal and the collective. His work narrates his lived experiences and is filled with familiar

images and symbols representing both real and imagined human connections. Each piece is a labor of time and love, emphasizing the significance of the human connection to the creation and consumption of art. Rommelaere collaborates closely with a group of skilled elderly craftswomen (‘The Madams’) to bring his ideas to life.

### Experiences (selected)

2011-12 Master in Visual Arts (Fashion), Ghent, BE  
2008-11 Academic Bachelor in Visual Arts (Fashion), Ghent, BE  
2005-08 Professional Bachelor in Fashion Technology, Ghent, BE  
2020 Dark Uncles project in gallery Zink, GER  
2021 Art Brussel / Klaas Rommelaere: Johnny, Brussels, BE  
2021 Dark Uncles in gallery 38CC, Delft, NL  
2021 Dark Uncles’ Solo exhibition TEXTURE Kortrijk Museum, BE  
2022 Dark Uncles’ Solo exhibition at Madé van Krimpen, Amsterdam, NL  
2023 ‘Protest Procession Parade’ exhibition, Zeeuws Museum, NL

Klaas Rommelaere

Magnolia, 2023  
(From the series Johnny)

Cotton handembroidery on cotton +  
cotton handembroidery on cotton

145 x 150 cm

Including wooden frame

€11,000,- (incl. 9% VAT)



Klaas Rommelaere

Kortrijk, 2023  
(From the series Johnny)

Cotton handembroidery on cotton +  
cotton handembroidery on cotton

195 x 150 cm

Including wooden frame

€ 13,750,- (incl. 9% VAT)





Klaas Rommelaere

Orchids, 2022  
(From the series Johnny)

Cotton handembroidery on cotton +  
cotton handembroidery on Circular  
Velvet

112 x 150 cm

Including wooden frame

€11.000,- (incl. 9% VAT)







**“The work is about nihilism and a primal fear, and countering that with nature, cinema, art, and so on. This series was created in three phases, and I find it intriguing to continue building upon it, delving deeper each time and expanding that world through spatial works like the three sculptures.”**



Klaas Rommelaere

Organic tissue, 2023  
(From the series Johnny)

Cotton handembroidery on cotton +  
wood + polyurethaan

13 x 37 x 50 cm

€3.750,- (incl. 9% VAT)



**Klaas Rommelaere**

**Consensus, 2023  
(From the series Johnny)**

**Cotton handembroidery on cotton +  
cotton handembroidery on Circular  
Velvet**

**207 x 139 cm**

**Including wooden frame**

**€15,500,- (incl. 9% VAT)**



Klaas Rommelaere

Dinner, 2023  
(From the series Johnny)

Cotton handembroidery on cotton

91 x 105 cm

Including wooden frame

€7700,- (incl. 9% VAT)







**Klaas Rommelaere**

**Human, 2023**  
(From the series Johnny)

**Cotton handembroidery on cotton +  
wood + polyurethaan**

**13 x 30 x 79 cm**

**€4.900,- (incl. 9% VAT)**

Klaas Rommelaere

Paris, 2023  
(From the series Johnny)

Cotton handembroidery on cotton

91 x 78 cm

Including wooden frame

€6.750,- (incl. 9% VAT)







Klaas Rommelaere

Bai Wei, 2023  
(From the series Johnny)

Cotton handembroidery on cotton +  
cotton handembroidery on Circular  
Velvet

80 x 53 cm

Including wooden frame

€5000,- (incl. 9% VAT)





Klaas Rommelaere

Merksen, 2023  
(From the series Johnny)

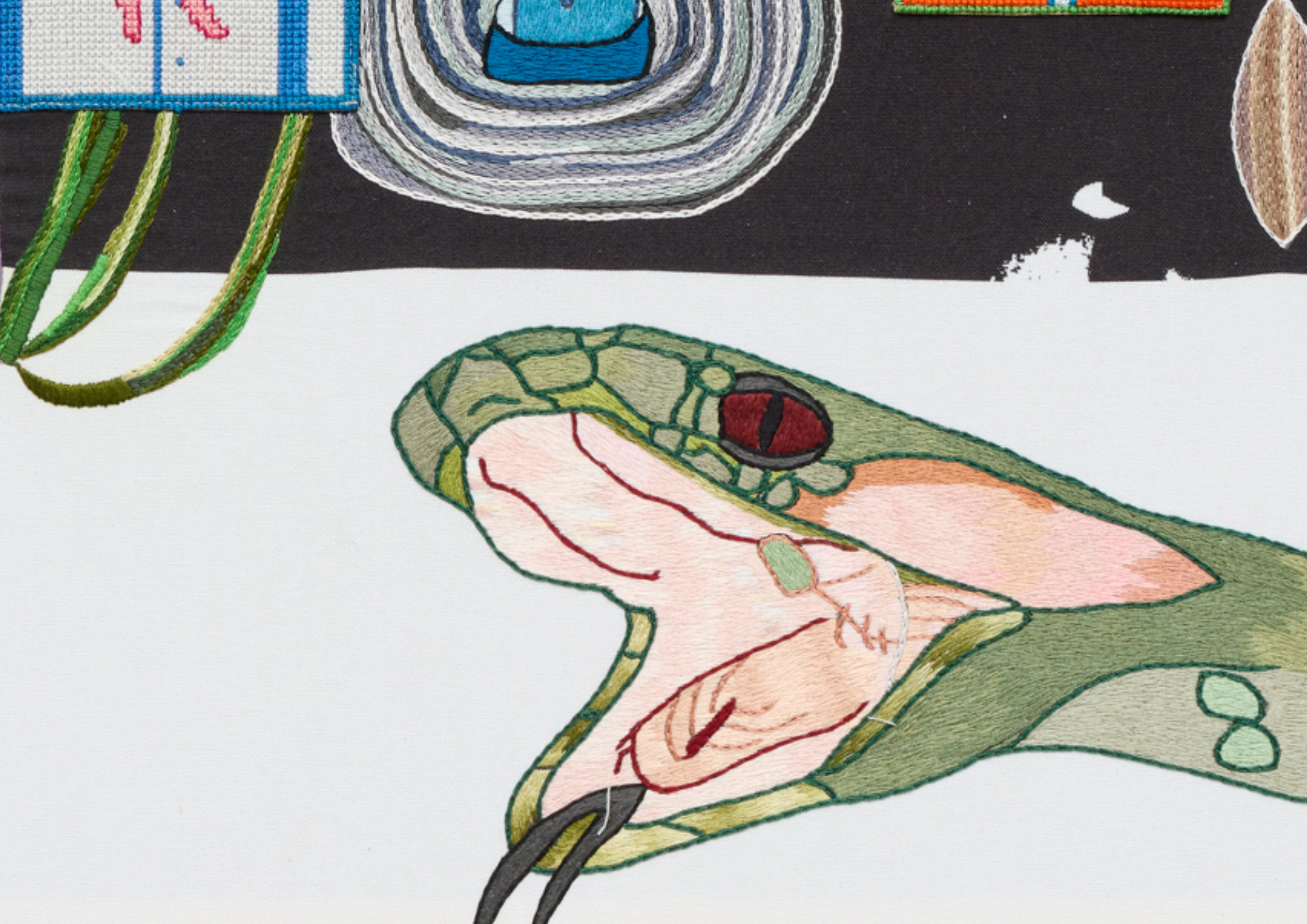
Cotton handembroidery on cotton +  
cotton handembroidery on cotton

102 x 70 cm

Including wooden frame

€6750,- (incl. 9% VAT)





Klaas Rommelaere

New Force, 2022  
(From the series Johnny)

Cotton handembroidery on cotton +  
cotton handembroidery on cotton

100 x 114 cm

Including wooden frame

€9.250,- (incl. 9% VAT)







**Klaas Rommelaere**

**Snake with dove, 2023  
(From the series Johnny)**

**Cotton handembroidery on cotton**

**72 x 35 x 20 cm**

**€5.000,- (incl. 9% VAT)**





Klaas Rommelaere

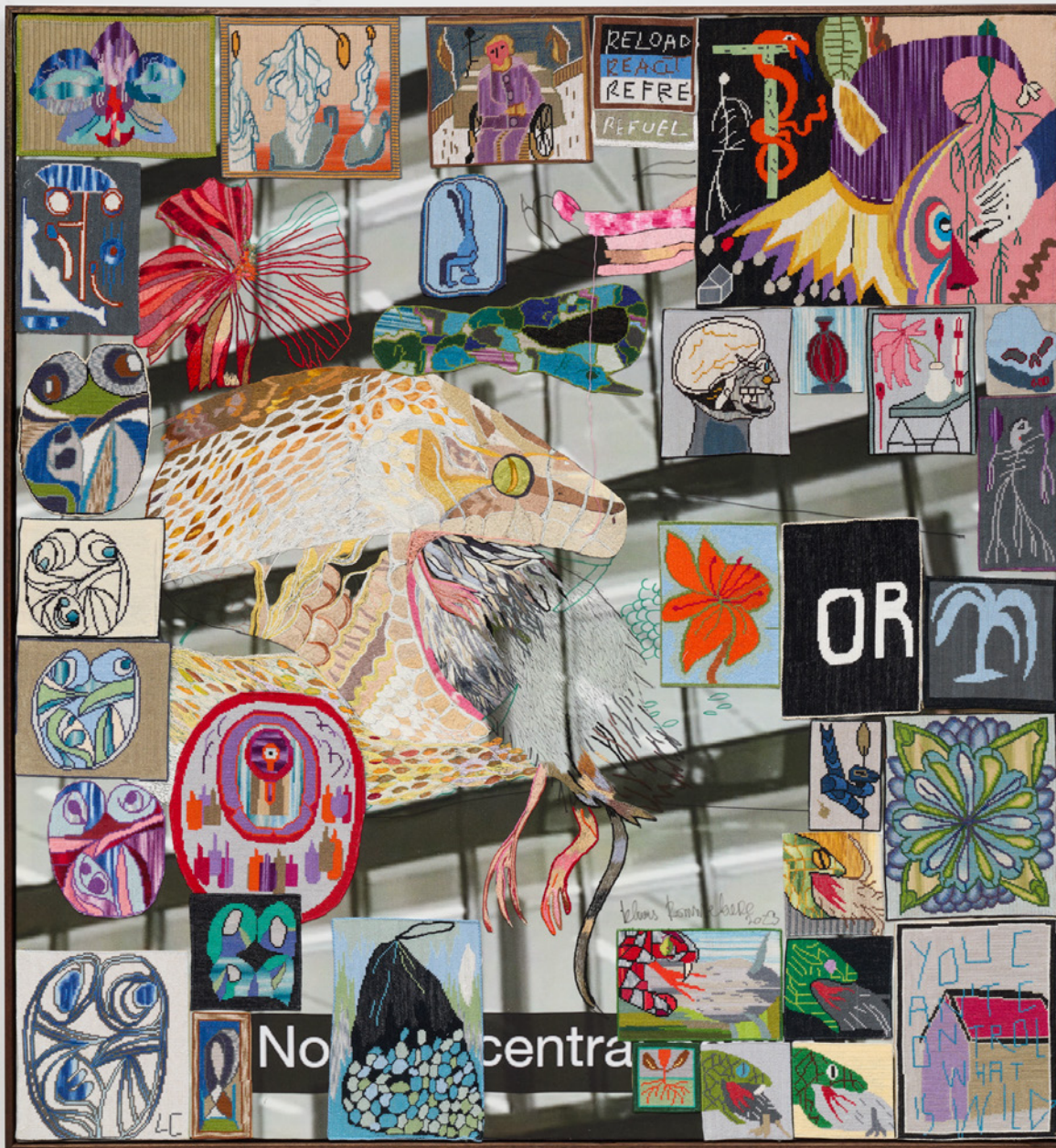
Snake eating mouse, 2023  
(From the series Johnny)

Cotton handembroidery on cotton +  
cotton handembroidery on Circular  
Velvet

163 x 150 cm

Including wooden frame

€12.250,- (incl. 9% VAT)





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