

BEN ALLEN



# ALL THAT SHINES IS NOT GOLD

This body of work explores the giant question mark that rests over life; from the innocence of childhood, along the pathways that lead us to the inevitable end. As you look at the art, I ask you to wonder or maybe even dream, how should we fill our time here? Is it to accumulate wealth and treasures, or to fill our days with colour and joy, to spread love and kindness or find balance between them all.

These works contemplate the purity of childhood innocence where there was simplicity and joy, a time with no pressures from social media and the endless options and choices we have available to us today. The paintings explore how, over time, extreme wealth and greed combined with a constant bombardment of media driven consumerism can make these early memories fade and wilt, highlighting the importance to remember: all that shines is not gold.

Each uplifting artwork explores the central themes of love, hope and unity. Inspired by pop culture, comic books, cartoons, psychedelia and the healing power of art, the characters featured are symbolic of innocence and a simpler time.

Allow your true nature to shine!

- Ben Allen -



MICKEY MEDITATION 2  
ACRYLIC, SPRAY PAINT AND VARNISH ON CANVAS  
140 X 140 CM



**PINOCCHIO - NEON LOVE SERIES**  
ACRYLIC, SPRAY PAINT, GLOSS AND VARNISH ON CANVAS  
160 X 150 CM



**DOWN THE RABBIT HOLE**  
ACRYLIC, SPRAY PAINT, AND VARNISH ON CANVAS  
80 X 80 CM





KING MICKEY WITH BASQUIAT CROWN  
ACRYLIC, SPRAY PAINT, GLOSS AND VARNISH ON CANVAS  
160 X 150 CM



**BLUEBIRD DOLLARS NEON YELLOW + NEON GREEN  
ACRYLIC, SPRAY PAINT, COLLAGE AND VARNISH ON PLYWOOD PANEL  
50 CM DIAMETER**







**KING MICKEY WITH BASQUIAT CROWN**  
GICLEE PRINT WITH HAND FINISHED 24 CARAT GOLD LEAF  
111 X 108 CM - EDITION OF 30



**MICKEY MEDITATION 1**  
GICLEE PRINT WITH HAND FINISHED 24 CARAT GOLD LEAF  
110 X 106 CM - EDITION OF 30



**KING MICKEY WITH BASQUIAT CROWN NO.2**  
3D LAYERED GICLEE PRINT  
61 X 61 CM - EDITION OF 5 AP



**KING MICKEY WITH BASQUIAT CROWN NO.4**  
3D LAYERED GICLEE PRINT  
61 X 61 CM - EDITION OF 5 AP



**KING MICKEY WITH BASQUIAT CROWN NO.5**  
3D LAYERED GICLEE PRINT  
61 X 61 CM - EDITION OF 5 AP





**ALL THAT SHINES - MICKEY**  
GICLEE WITH SPOT VARNISH, 24 CARAT GOLD AND COLOURED SILVER LEAF  
110 X 86 CM - HAND PAINTED MULTIPLE OF 10



**ALL THAT SHINES - DUCK**  
GICLEE WITH SPOT VARNISH, 24 CARAT GOLD AND COLOURED SILVER LEAF  
110 X 86 CM - HAND PAINTED MULTIPLE OF 10



**ALL THAT SHINES - THUMPER**  
GICLEE WITH SPOT VARNISH, 24 CARAT GOLD AND SILVER LEAF  
110 X 86 CM - HAND PAINTED MULTIPLE OF 10



**ALL THAT SHINES - PINOCCHIO**  
GICLEE WITH SPOT VARNISH, 24 CARAT GOLD AND SILVER LEAF  
110 X 86 CM - HAND PAINTED MULTIPLE OF 10





**ALL THAT SHINES - MICKEY**  
**SMALL GICLEE PRINT**  
**57 X 45 CM - EDITION OF 30**



**ALL THAT SHINES - DUCK**  
**SMALL GICLEE PRINT**  
**57 X 45 CM - EDITION OF 30**



**ALL THAT SHINES - PINOCCHIO**  
**SMALL GICLEE PRINT**  
**57 X 45 CM - EDITION OF 30**



**ALL THAT SHINES - THUMPER**  
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