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from Graffiti to Trompe l'oeil

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Dominik Hebestreit was born in Hilden, Germany, in 1979. Since early childhood he was absorbed in various kinds of creative activity. In the early 90's, skateboarding was his main occupation, till 1992 when some skaters inspired him to do graffiti. Soon Dominik became crazy about it and started a career as a graffiti writer and street artist. Using the pseudonym «Birne», he developed an individual style and he spread his name across Europe. Birne (pear) stands for an ironic way to look at himself, as well as the graffiti scene. He experiments with different techniques and styles and also shoots documentary and narrative films. He graduated in Communication-Design at the Bergische Universität Wuppertal.
Since 2006 he lives in Wuppertal and works as a freelance artist whose focus is painting on large-sized walls.

Felix Gephart was born in 1976 in Bochum, Germany. At the age of 12, he was introduced to graffiti by his older brother with whom he painted most of his walls.
He became known for his elaborately executed Wild Style pieces. Later he added brute characters to his extensive pieces. Being annoyed by the fact that his early characters weren't his own creations but taken from comic books, he immersed himself in drawing. Thanks to the exchange with graffiti writers, illustrators, and his studies at the New York School of Visual Arts, he has improved his drawing skills and applies them on narrative large-size murals. His work has been internationally exhibited and published. Currently Felix lives in Berlin and works in Illustration and Fine Arts.

01: «At Sea», Wuppertal / Germany, 2008

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02 & 03: «Journey to the Moon», Wuppertal / Germany, 2009