

David Kuijers

David Kuijers was born 1962 in Vanderbijlpark near Johannesburg of Dutch immigrant parents. His father was a part-time artist who painted under the pseudonym B. Arteld. Surrounded from a very young age by art materials and books, art was always going to be a part of his life. He completed his schooling at the Art, Music and Ballet School (now ProArte) in Pretoria, with a distinction in Graphics and the “Best Painter” award for the year.

He went on to earn a diploma in Graphic Design at the Cape Technikon (now the Cape Peninsula University of Technology) where he majored in Illustration, and received the Merit Award for 1989 on graduating.

After freelancing as a designer/illustrator for some years, he received some large commissions, which helped to ease his transition to working as a full-time artist in 1999. These commissions included work for The President Hotel in Bantry Bay, The Radisson Blu at the V&A Waterfront, the Mediclinic Private Hospital Group and Tiger Foods.

In 2002 a book, entitled ‘David Kuijers Paints the Town’ was published in Cape Town. In 2004 he worked with British Publishers, DeMontford Fine Art and was included in their ‘Ultimate Collection’ of that year.

David currently lives in Greyton with his wife and three children. He works in a variety of styles and techniques, broadly separated (by himself) into four categories according to the techniques employed. He is known for his fun and playful style and work that incorporates clean cut lines and vibrant colours.