

## If You Read This You Are Gay Chris Rijk, Solo Exhibition



Chris Rijk - WISH YOU WERE GAY

**Rademakers Gallery | 24 July - 15 August 2026**

Known for his bold and playful approach to ceramics, **Chris Rijk** combines the rich tradition of Delft Blue pottery with contemporary imagery drawn from queer culture, popular media, and everyday life. Working with classical forms such as plates, vases, and decorative objects, the artist transforms familiar ceramic traditions into a vibrant space for personal expression and social commentary. Through hand-painted motifs and unexpected objects, his works explore themes of identity, desire, masculinity, and consumer culture.

Rijk's practice moves freely between humor and provocation. By merging traditional craftsmanship with imagery that is explicit, playful, or ironic, he challenges the boundaries

between historical craft and contemporary culture. His ceramics become a stage where heritage meets pop culture, and where queer perspectives reshape the visual language of one of the Netherlands' most iconic artistic traditions.

For this exhibition, Chris Rijk presents a new body of work that continues his exploration of identity and cultural symbolism through ceramic objects that are both intimate and outspoken. At once decorative and subversive, the works reflect on how personal narratives, sexuality, and social norms intersect within contemporary society.

### **About Rademakers Gallery**

Rademakers Gallery, based in Amsterdam, focuses on contemporary art and design with a strong emphasis on materiality, sustainability, and the intersection between disciplines. The gallery represents a diverse group of international artists and designers whose practices engage with craftsmanship, innovation, and conceptual depth. Guided by our principles, we support artists who blur the boundaries between disciplines, creating works that combine material experimentation, social engagement, and the meeting point of art and design, while evolving the gallery as a collaborative, values-driven, and globally engaged platform for dialogue, discovery, and innovation through exhibitions, publications, and fair participation.

**Exhibition:** Rademakers Gallery

**Location:** Nijverheidslaan 3A9A, 1382 LE Weesp

**Date:** 24 July - 15 August 2026

**Featured artist:** Chris Rijk

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