

GAJAH GALLERY SINGAPORE PRESENTS

Singular Moments

A Solo Exhibition by Mahalakshmi Kannappan



The Crevice I, 2020

Charcoal on wood

90 x 150 cm

Gajah Gallery proudly presents “*Singular Moments*”, the solo exhibition debut for emerging Singapore-based artist Mahalakshmi Kannappan. Kannappan’s work has become increasingly recognized across the region for her unique application of charcoal as a sculptural medium.

Kannappan's practice seeks to identify, amalgamate and distort different materials as a continuous inquiry into their properties, and through experimentation she seeks to discover what can and cannot be controlled. Her monochromatic works undergo many stages of production to bring out the material's inherent beauty, each exploring countless textural possibilities.

Through her body of work, Kannappan has focused on and sought to portray the characteristics inherent in the medium of charcoal. Some of her works have smooth exteriors, with rough staggered layers of charcoal barks hidden within, whilst others have copious sheets of charcoal dynamically set across their surface. For this exhibition, Kannappan has also expanded into three-dimensions, showcasing a few sculptural pieces created in her iconic medium, for the first time.

As an earthy material, charcoal is mainly composed of carbon, an element which serves as a primary component of all known life on Earth, and can be analyzed in order to determine its host's age or time period. To Kannappan, this property of charcoal reveals itself through her works, as a physical representation of 'singular moments', now frozen in time.

Since completing her Diploma in Fine Art at Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts, Kannappan has exhibited in numerous group shows across Singapore and Indonesia, including the 3rd Jogja International Miniprint Biennale in 2018, *The New Now III: Convergence* at Gajah Gallery in 2019, and S.E.A. Focus 2020, amongst others.

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

AWARDS

- 2018 SINDA Excellence Award 2018, Singapore
- 2018 Distinction in Diploma in Fine Arts, Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts, Singapore

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2020 *GG / ABHK 2020*, Gajah Gallery, Singapore
- In Sensible Spaces*, S.E.A. Focus, Singapore
- 2019 *The New Now III: Convergence*, Gajah Gallery, Singapore
- 2018 *Young Artists 2018: Ring Road*, Bale Banjar Sangkring, Yogyakarta
- UOB POY: Natura Hominis*, Galeri Nasional, Jakarta Pusat
- 3rd Jogja International Miniprint Biennale (JIMB), Yogyakarta, Indonesia
- Centering the Margin*, Lim Hak Tai Gallery, Singapore
- Best of Best Show*, Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts, Singapore
- Graduate Diploma Show*, Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts, Singapore
- 2017 *Savour the Arts*, TCC, VivoCity and Bugis Outlets, Singapore
- 2016 *The Spiders with Seven Tau-Geh Legs*, The Little Skool House at Downtown East, Singapore
- EAST Meets WEST*, ON AIR Gallery, Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts, Singapore

Exhibition Schedule:

Opens Saturday, 5 December 2020

Gajah Gallery Singapore

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Opening Hours:

11 am – 7 pm Weekdays

12 nn – 6 pm Sat, Sun & PH

Free Entry

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ARTWORKS



The Crevice I, 2020

Charcoal on wood

90 x 150 cm



The Crevasse I, 2020

Charcoal on wood

103 x 93 cm



The Crevasse III, 2020

Charcoal on wood

102 x 92 cm



The Blotch I, 2020

Charcoal on canvas

102 x 52 cm



The Blotch III, 2020

Charcoal on wood

123 x 100 cm