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Yip Yew Chong's
Something, Somewhere, Somewhen
12 Jan - 14 Mar 2021



(detail) Yip Yew Chong - *Reunion Dinner*, Acrylic on Laminated Table Top, H76cm x W120cm, 2020

**Something
Somewhere
Somewhen**

Yip Yew Chong's first solo exhibition opens 12 Jan 2021 at Art Porters Gallery

Opening:
Tuesday, 12 Jan 2021

Yew Chong's street art now reframed and contextualised in a gallery setting

Exhibition till 14 March
2021

Singapore, Dec 2020 – Starting 12 January 2021, members of the public can collect and take home a piece of Yip Yew Chong's iconic mural art!

Exhibition hours:
10:30 am - 7pm daily,
Mondays by
appointment only

Once scattered all over the streets, Yip Yew Chong is bringing his artworks to a gallery in his first solo exhibition. The artist, whose evocative murals loved by Singapore residents and visitors, has created collectible artworks. Fans of Yew Chong can now enjoy scenes of his street art to relive nostalgic moments in the form of a canvas.

Address:
Art Porters Gallery
64 Spottiswoode Park
Road, Singapore 088652

The exhibition comprises a total of nine triptych paintings, and 15 sets of painted objects. One is bound to find something familiar in the exhibition, whether having seen that *something* on a mural, an old photo, or in one's memory; but exactly *where* and *when*? *Something, Somewhere, Somewhen* hopes to evoke that sense of poignant nostalgia. Retaining the brushstrokes and techniques from his murals, Yew Chong emotively captures the ordinary day-to-day and transfers heartwarming Singaporean slices of life onto canvases and objects.

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The significance of January 12 is something personal to Yew Chong and it was set as the date for the exhibition opening for a specific reason. It is the artist's birthday, and more importantly, an element which he features in his art, in the form of a traditional calendar painted in many of his murals. The inclusion of his birthday into his works adds a personal and playful touch and is one of the clues left by Yew Chong in his murals for his fans to discover and to foster a deeper understanding of his work. As a way to involve the public with the exhibition, Art Porters is preparing a series of contests on Instagram to connect fans and the artist works. More information will be revealed through Art Porters Instagram channel (@artporters).



A work from the triptych *Letter Writer* showing in the exhibition inspired by Yip Yew Chong's mural titled 寫信佬·妙手揮春 (*Letter Writer*), Chinatown, Singapore. The Calendar carrying the date January 12, a repeated motif found in his murals, is significant as it is the artist's birthday.

Something, Somewhere, Somewhen premieres at Art Porters Gallery room 2 for Singapore Art Week 2021, in the charming Blair Plain Conservation Area, which is also home for the artist. Presenting concurrently in the gallery's room 1 from 13 Dec 2020 to 7 March 2021 is Indonesian artist Mulyana's first ever solo exhibition in Singapore *The Messenger*, which showcases a spectacular installation and new coral soft sculptures that he is famous for.



In this photo, one of the three paintings part of the triptych titled *Mask Seller and Lion Dance Head Maker* inspired by Yip Yew Chong's mural titled *Lion Dance Head Maker*, Mohamed Ali Lane, Singapore. In this mural, a calendar with the date January 12 can also be found.

Yip Yew Chong (b. 1969, Singapore, lives and works in Singapore)

Yip Yew Chong is a Singaporean artist who practises different visual mediums including murals, canvas, sketches and installations. A self-taught artist, Yew Chong draws inspirations from his own childhood and everyday life experiences, telling stories of Singapore, especially its past, on walls all over the city and now on canvases. He started painting murals in 2015, as a hobby while pursuing his career as an accountant. In response to the praises and acclaim he received, he became a full time artist in 2018. Since then, Yew Chong has been beautifying Singapore one mural at a time. Currently, he has done over 50 murals located at different heartlands and cultural locations such as Chinatown, Kampong Glam and Everton Road, the location of his first mural, near where the artist resides and where Art Porters Gallery is located.



Yip Yew Chong holding one of the work in the triptych titled *Coffee Story* in front of his mural of the same name.

About Art Porters Gallery

Art Porters Gallery believes in the unique power of art in transforming lives. Rooted in the founder's personal experience with a life-changing masterpiece, the gallery's mission of "Sharing happiness with art" was born. Art Porters Gallery is housed in a charming Peranakan shophouse in one of the quaintest neighbourhoods of Singapore. The gallery's work focuses on contemporary art and develops privileged relationships with international artists, whose works are presented in various forms of media including drawing, painting, sculpture, photography, and digital animation. The gallery also provides art consultancy services for various corporations, and hosts events for a wide variety of clients.



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