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## Dreamscape

Participating Artists: Livy Leung/ Reni Haymond/ Shi Shao/ Angela Yuen

23 Jan - 23 Feb 2019

**Opening Reception: Wednesday, 23 Jan, 6-8pm** G/F, 248 Hollywood Road, Sheung Wan, Hong Kong



(Hong Kong, Jan 2019) Contemporary by Angela Li presents exhibition *Dreamscape*, featuring paintings, drawings and installation works by four artists from Hong Kong and China, who through their art seek different means to escape from reality.

Reni Haymond uses ball pen as her medium to create unique and contrasting compositions by embedding different frequencies into the lines that she draws. Although ball pens have many limitations as a medium, such as the small colour range and rigid lines, and in particular the inflexibility and inability to allow for corrections. The artist, however, manages to master her use of this difficult medium to provide a new imaginative

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perspective. In doing so, the artist attempts to inject new possibilities to the ball pen and defy its obsolescence in this technological age.

Livy Leung uses scattered and unobtrusive elements and the stress she experiences in her daily life as the subjects in her paintings to construct a world between fantasy and reality. She recomposes her thoughts towards different incidents happening around her and amplifies her imaginary world as a form of expression and self-indulgence within her own creative process.

Shi Shao's paintings are made up of single or multiple threads of colourful lines, with some of them round and some pointed, intertwining in different densities. She plays with the images to emphasise their lightness as well as injecting energy into the threads. With the process of adding and removing the threads, the resulting images of the actual lines versus their silhouettes and the repetitiveness of such process draws upon certain lifestyles in the contemporary world.

In her installations, Angela Yuen constructs miniature skylines assembled from small locally manufactured objects which she collects. These old plastic toys and stationery represent a significant era of the golden heyday of Hong Kong's manufacturing industries in the 1950s and 60s. The artist sources these ready-made objects, such as hair rollers, yellow rubber ducks, and plastic stationery, from local family-owned stores to build a Hong Kong cityscape and projects light through the rotating artwork. Each object is a symbolic representation of an era, a miniature of our urban landscape, and a historical record of the devotion and perseverance of a certain generation in Hong Kong.

#### About the artists

Leung Hoi Nga Livy was born in Hong Kong in 1996. She graduated with the Degree of Bachelor of Visual Arts from the Academy of Visual Arts, Hong Kong Baptist University. She was awarded AVA Keeper of Studies Collection Award by AVA, HKBU, Contemporary by Angela Li Award and Winsor & Newton Award in Fresh Trend 2018 Art Graduates Joint Exhibition.

Reni Haymond, BSc (Hons) Degree holder of Multimedia and Entertainment Technology (Leeds Beckett University), is currently pursuing Masters Degree of Visual Arts at Hong Kong Baptist University. She was one of the top ten nominee of the Hong Kong Fine Art Prize in 2014. Her works have been shown in Hong Kong, Taiwan and Beijing. She currently lives and works in Hong Kong.

Shi Shao was born in Chengdu in 1978. She graduated from the Fine Arts College of Sichuan Normal University and has worked as a curator since 2016. She currently lives and works in Cheng Du, China.

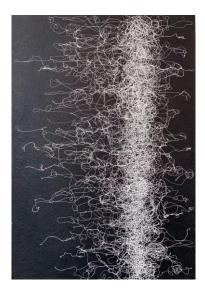
Angela Yuen was born in Hong Kong in 1991. She graduated from the Academy of Visual Arts, Hong Kong Baptist University in 2014 and had her artist in residency in Beijing in 2016. Her works have been exhibited in Hong Kong, Beijing and Australia since 2013 and are included public and private collections in Hong Kong, China and around the world.

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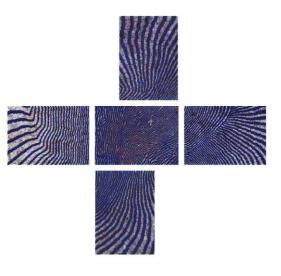
#### Selected Works in the Exhibition



Livy Leung Midnight Snacks Soft pastel and oil on canvas 80 x 100 cm, 2019



Shi Shao *Thunderstorm* Acrylic on Canvas 70 x 100 cm



Reni Haymond *Volume* Ball pen on paper 170 x 210 cm, 2018



Angela Yuen High Life 2 – Hong Kong Plastic Toys, Perspex, Resin, LED lights, H90 x W60 x D25 cm

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#### About Contemporary by Angela Li

Contemporary by Angela Li is dedicated to the promotion of contemporary and avant-garde artists from China, Hong Kong and worldwide. Since its establishment in 2008, the gallery has gained considerable attention and has become one of Hong Kong's top galleries for contemporary art.



Gallery Exterior, Contemporary by Angela Li Image: Courtesy of Contemporary by Angela Li

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