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BETWEEN CONVERSATIONS

Curated by Louis Ho

Open Studio: 6 - 28 August 2013

Exhibition: 31 August - 22 September 2013

Opening Reception: Friday, 30 August 2013, 6-9pm

Yavuz Fine Art is pleased to present *Between Conversations*, a group exhibition that offers a glimpse of the interstitial implications within the space/s of conversation between artists; between artists and artistic processes; between artists and curators; between artistic and curatorial processes.

This exhibition is about the many spaces within and between conversations. New works from 20 Singaporean artists working in a broad range of practices – from painting and sculpture to jewellery as contemporary art – will be exhibited in small groups of two or more, engaged in an exchange around particular issues salient in Singapore's collective socio-political life at this particular moment in our history: national identity/identities, immigration, population pressures, public transportation, labour and wage inequality, gender roles.

Open Studio

At the heart of this project is the appreciation for the reciprocal nature of conversation, and the unfolding of this reciprocity into collaboration between artists and artworks, both engaging deeply with each other. From 6 to 28 August, Yavuz Fine Art will serve as an open studio for the artists and curator, allowing them to come and go, set up meetings and discussions at their own pace, and test out collaborative ideas.

In conjunction with the exhibition, Yavuz Fine Art will be hosting a series of roundtable discussions with the artists in September, mediated by curator Louis Ho. Other invited guests will also be participating in the discussions, including Susie Lingham, recently appointed Director of the Singapore Art Museum.

Participating Artists

Chloe Cheng, Cecily Cheo, Cheo Chai Hiang, Heleston Chew, Ching Chor Leng, Mithun Jayaram, Leroy Sofyan John, Kim Whye Kee, Kng Min Tze, Stellah Lim, Jennifer Ng, Alan Oei, Simon Pan, Ezzam Rahman, Regina de Rozario, Vincent Twardzik Ching, Wong Lip Chin, Mark Wong, Green Zeng, and Robert Zhao.

Between Conversations is curated by freelance art historian, critic and curator **Louis Ho**. Louis has contributed articles and reviews to various publications, and teaches art history at a number of local institutions. He is the co-editor of an upcoming journal of Southeast Asian art history, *Remote*.

The opening reception in the presence of the artists will be held on Friday, 30 August 2013 from 6–9pm at Yavuz Fine Art, Singapore.

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Robert Zhao, Group portrait with a bus stop, 1970s, Tuas, Singapore, digital print, 2013



Regina de Rozario, You will not feel this way forever, digital print, 2013



Jennifer Ng, Pulling Grass to Make It Grow, elastic string, 2013