

Yavuz Gallery at the Armory Show

Galleries Section
Booth 405

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Javits Center, Halls 3E, 3D, 3B
429 11th Avenue, New York, NY 10001



Yavuz Gallery is proud to return to the Armory Show with *In My Head*, a solo presentation by emerging Singaporean-artist **Alvin Ong**. Located at Booth 405 at the Galleries Section, the presentation marks Ong's first debut in the United States. One of the most exciting young figurative painters in Asia, Ong is known for his intimate works that capture quotidian moments of our contemporary world in surreal bodily compositions, playfully combining diverse visual vocabularies.

Consisting of 108 self-portraits, *In My Head* is a monumental and immersive installation reflecting the artist's ongoing interests in the physicality of the body, as well as how our human experiences, both online and offline, are being reshaped in the current moment.

Through vignettes of everyday life, the vocabulary of mundane is transformed into a site of spectacle, a cabinet of curiosities in which audiences are implicated as flaneur and voyeur. Individually isolated

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against surreal hues evoking both natural and artificial light, each portrait is painted from memory, evoking both the artist's lived experience as well as the artist's fertile imagination. The body is presented as a site of metamorphosis: glitchy, isolated, intersecting, merging and colliding across different planes. Oscillating between restlessness and desire, they capture the ephemerality of a collective psyche, isolated and estranged in our own skins, moving endlessly between online avatars, filtered profile images, apps, chats, and real-life interaction.

Based between Singapore and London, **Alvin Ong** (b. 1988) is a graduate of the Ruskin School of Art, University of Oxford, UK (2016) and the Royal College of Art, London, UK (2018). His paintings playfully combine diverse visual vocabularies alongside his own lived experience of hybridity and distance across a variety of spaces, physical and virtual. He was awarded a residency in 2017 with the Royal Drawing School, as well as the 2018 Chadwell Award. His works have been exhibited at the Singapore Art Museum (2007, 2012, 2013), Asian Civilizations Museum, Singapore (2010), Peranakan Museum, Singapore (2015), Northampton Contemporary, UK (2017), National Portrait Gallery, UK (2018), and Royal Academy of Arts, UK (2019). His works are collected by the ILHAM Gallery, Malaysia, X Museum China, the Ingram Collection, UK, and the Victoria & Albert Museum (Print Collection), London, UK.

Top image: Alvin Ong with his latest series of works, *Mood*, 2020–21, oil on canvas, 70 x 60 cm (each).
Courtesy of the artist and Yavuz Gallery.

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ABOUT THE GALLERY

Established in 2010 in Singapore, Yavuz Gallery is dedicated to the promotion of intercultural dialogue through contemporary art from the Asia Pacific region. Since its inception, the gallery has positioned itself as a key destination for showcasing a diverse group of artists ranging from emerging to established. Yavuz Gallery is committed to a strong curatorial programme, driven by the social significance of artworks which challenge the issues of our times.

Over the last decade, Yavuz Gallery has exhibited at numerous international art fairs across Asia, Oceania, Europe and America – a testament to a long-term dedication to fostering the artists' careers internationally.

In September 2019, Yavuz Gallery opened its second branch in Sydney, Australia.

ABOUT THE FAIR

The Armory Show is New York City's premier art fair and a leading cultural destination for discovering and collecting the world's most important 20th- and 21st-century art. The Armory Show features presentations by leading international galleries, innovative artist commissions, and dynamic public programs. Since its founding in 1994, The Armory Show has served as a nexus for the art world, inspiring dialogue, discovery, and patronage in the visual arts. The Armory Show was founded by four New York gallerists – Colin de Land, Pat Hearn, Matthew Marks and Paul Morris – who sought a platform to present and promote new voices in the visual arts. In its 25 years, The Armory Show has stayed firm to its mission while establishing itself as an unmissable art event set in the heart of New York City.

Galleries is the core section of The Armory Show where leading international galleries present outstanding 20th and 21st century artworks across a range of media.

The Armory Show will take place at Javits Center, 429 11th Avenue, New York City, USA, from 9 to 12 September 2021.

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