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## HEAVE

**Solo exhibition by John Marin**

**Curated by Ruel Caasi**

**Opening:** 21 July 2018, 4-7pm

**On view:** 22 July to 5 August 2018

Yavuz Gallery is pleased to present *HEAVE*, the first solo exhibition of Filipino artist **John Marin** in Singapore.

*HEAVE* explores the many facets of carrying objects — its range of meanings and significance across the lives of individuals and groups, and the layers of emotional baggage attached to it. The act of carrying objects is ultimately associated with human movement, whether in the form of a passing sojourn, a daily routine, or permanent relocation.

In these movements, carried objects represent necessity or utility, a means of living, a fulfillment of duty, a devotion or inspiration. Marin tracks this fertile ground of significations related to the material aspect involved in human traffic in his latest collection of paintings, which coincidentally takes place in Singapore, a site that since historic times has been an epicenter of human transit and the movement of objects and goods.

### ABOUT THE ARTIST

**John Marin's** (b. 1991, Philippines) works mainly deal with traditions of spirituality, reflections on existence and the individual's place in the cosmos, and questions about the self, collective, and identities. His paintings are known for their monochromatic color scheme — producing dramatic effect at times while in others create a mood that invites reflection and contemplation. Marin has exhibited extensively in Manila, Philippines and in Taipei, Taiwan, with six solo shows to date. In 2015, Marin held a solo show at the Cultural Centre of the Philippines, and recent curated shows include *Colorum* at the Jorge B. Vargas Museum and Filipiniana Research Center (2016) and *Uncommon Views* at Pinto Art Museum (2013). Marin is a three-time finalist of the Metrobank Art and Design Excellence Award. *HEAVE* opens at Yavuz Gallery in cooperation with The Working Animals (TWA) Art Projects Manila.

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## Selected Work



*Waiting and Loading*, 2018, oil on canvas, 176.5 x 452 cm



*Waiting and Loading* (detail)

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