

ART ASIA

INTERNATIONAL ASIAN
CONTEMPORARY ART

In its second year, **ART ASIA Miami** (December 2-6, 2009) is taking place at the renowned SOHO STUDIOS in the gallery district of Wynwood. With a new curatorial and educational focus that culminates in the landmark exhibition titled ***Truly Truthful***, ART ASIA features participating galleries and artists from over 15 countries such as Korea, China, Japan, India, Cambodia, Thailand, Lebanon, Pakistan, Taiwan, Albania, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Switzerland, France, and the US. ART ASIA and the exhibition ***Truly Truthful*** is open to the public from Thursday, December 3 to Sunday, December 5 with a sneak preview for VIPs and Press on Wednesday, December 2.

“Our objective was to create a platform that reflects the diversity of artists’ backgrounds and practices, dispelling the idea that Asian contemporary art is comprised of works from a single region” states ***Truly Truthful*** curator Leeza Ahmady, an Afghan born and New York-based independent curator and director of Asian Contemporary Art Week at Asia Society. The exhibition showcases internationally recognized artists working both inside and outside of Asia whose works contest categorical presentations of truth and reality in the world.

Using clever methods such as: documentary footage, staged events, real and fictive characters, renewal of age-old crafts, and construction of new myths in a variety of media (painting, installation, video, photography and sculpture) ***Truly Truthful*** engage viewers to ponder established notions about Asian Contemporary Art and other so-called truths in relationship to aesthetics, consumerism, colonialism, societal stagnations, individual and collective inertia, and human consciousness.

Participating Artists:

Lara Baladi
Huma Bhabha
Jeff Cylkowski
Anita Dube
Cao Fei
Chitra Ganesh
Yeondoo Jung
Gulnara Kasmaliev and Muratbek Djumaliev
Li Jikai
Kimsooja
Mami Kosemura
Sopheap Pich

Qiu Zhijie
Jean Shin
Ushio Shinohara
Jakkai Siributr
Sislej Xhafa

Artists for ***Truly Truthful*** exhibition have been selected through nominations by experts in the field including some members of the Asian Contemporary Art Consortium, (ACAC), and Asian Contemporary Art Week, (ACAW), participants.

We are thankful to the following individuals and institutions for their nominations and support in lending works for *Truly Truthful* exhibition:

Elisa Badii: Brancolini Grimaldi Arte Contemporaneo (Rome)
Shumita Bose and Rebecca Davis: Bose Pacia Gallery (New York)
Chen Yun (Alice): RCM Gallery (Nanjing)
Ethan Cohen and Patrick Regan: Ethan Cohen Fine Arts (New York)
Esa Epstein: sepia EYE (New York)
Thomas Erben: Thomas Erben Gallery (New York)
Lea Fried and Jessica Eisenthal: Lombard-Freid Projects (New York)
Alissa Friedman: Salon 94 (New York)
Kimsooja Studio and Galleria Raffaella Cortese (Milan)
Magazzino d'arte Moderna (Rome)
Center for Contemporary Arts Afghanistan (CCAA) (Kabul)
Tyler Rollins: Tyler Rollins Fine Art (New York)
Jung Lee Sanders: Art Projects International (New York)
Yuka Sasahara: Yuka Sasahara Gallery (Tokyo)
Jamie Schwartz: Tina Kim Gallery (New York)
Patrick Todd: Artist and Exhibition Design Consultant (New York)
Miwako Tezuka: Asia Society & Museum (New York)
Edward Winkleman and Murat Orozobeav: Winkleman Gallery (New York)

Truly Truthful is open for view for VIPs on Wednesday, Dec 2 and will be open to the public from Thursday, Dec. 3 to Sunday, Dec. 5.

Please join to us for the Truly Truthful cocktail reception on Friday, Dec. 4 from 4pm – 6pm. Saaga Vodka sponsors this cocktail event.