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Silence On A Milk Mountain

A solo exhibition by Wyn-Lyn TAN

Exhibition Period: 05 April – 02 June 2013

FOST Gallery



About the Exhibition

FOST Gallery is delighted to present *Silence On A Milk Mountain* by Wyn-Lyn Tan from 05 April to 02 June 2013. The exhibition, comprising of paintings and video installations, is the culmination of Tan's journey to the International Territory of Svalbard while on residency with *The Arctic Circle* in 2011.

Taking inspiration from this glacial journey, this body of work evokes a hopeful sense of place, expectation, longing and solitude. The fleeting nature of memories is explored in relation to atmosphere and time – the rhythm of the seas, transient light from dawn to dusk, the melting of snow and ice.

The austere Arctic landscape conveys an overwhelming sense of absence, which led to paintings that invoke an unsettling stillness. While they are barren, ethereal, and haunting, the paintings impart an abstracted narrative that remains vast, forceful, and elemental. Tan has captured the gentle luminosity seen in the northern latitudes with a deliberate building of colour and layers akin to the passing of time.

Trained in both traditional Chinese ink and Western painting, her past works in acrylic were reminiscent of Oriental landscape paintings, devoid of an optical perspective and horizon. The older works were always coy to represent any particular terrain, while the paintings in this exhibition feature a very visible horizon that repeats itself through the works. The line was not only the starting point for Tan's painting process but also a visual device to suggest a mirrored reflection - a duality of image that unravels rambling panoramas as Tan continues her on-going fascination with remote, natural environments.

Silence On A Milk Mountain is Tan's third solo exhibition at FOST Gallery. She is one of two Singaporeans to ever participate in The Arctic Circle residency since its first expedition in 2009. In conjunction with the exhibition, there will be an artist talk on Saturday, 27 April at 2pm.

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Press Images



Silence on a Milk Mountain
2013
Acrylic on canvas
61 x 122 cm



Liquid Light of Day
2013
Acrylic on canvas
136 x 290 cm

Note: Images are not to scale. High-resolution images are available upon request.

About the Artist	<p>Wyn-Lyn TAN (b.1974, Singapore) has a BA in Fine Arts from the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology. She received a <i>Highly Commended Work Award</i> in Abstract Medium at the 22nd UOB Painting of the Year Competition (Singapore) in 2003. Tan has been awarded numerous grants and residencies since, including the <i>Emerging Artist Grant, 2003</i> and <i>Arts Professional Development Grant</i> in Visual Arts, 2011 from the National Arts Council (Singapore); and the <i>Fiskars Artist Residency</i> (Finland). In 2011, she was one of two Singaporean artists to ever take up <i>The Arctic Circle Residency</i>, the expedition that inspired the current exhibition. Her works have been widely exhibited in various exhibitions in Singapore and abroad. She is represented by FOST Gallery in Singapore, where she lives and works.</p>
About <i>The Arctic Circle</i> Residency	<p><i>The Arctic Circle</i> is an annual expeditionary residency programme that brings together artists, scientists, architects, and educators who collectively explore remote and fascinating destinations aboard a specially outfitted sailing vessel. The residency provides its participants with a shared experience to engage in countless issues relevant to our time, and to develop professionally through interdisciplinary collaborations, exhibition opportunities, and public and classroom engagement.</p> <p>For more information about <i>The Arctic Circle</i>, please visit www.thearcticcircle.org</p>
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Bus	Opposite Alexandra Point: 51, 57, 61, 93, 97, 97e, 100, 166, 175, 963 or 963e
Gallery Hours	Tue–Sat: 11am–7pm Sun: 11am–6pm Mon/Pub Hol: Open by appointment
Admission	Free
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