



Over the Influence Presents

Miguel Delie

FLUFFY FLUFFY GALAXY

27 January to 12 March 2023



Miguel Delie, *3 Teeth Ronny*, 2022, Acrylic paint, watercolor, marker, pastel and sticker on linen, 220 by 160 cm, 86 5/8 by 63 in, Photo courtesy of the Artist and Over the Influence

Over the Influence is excited to announce Belgian artist Miguel Delie's debut Southeast Asian exhibition at the Bangkok gallery space. *Fluffy Fluffy Galaxy* is a vibrant collection of new works that explore the artist's passion for found objects, while simultaneously highlighting the arresting charm of childhood memorabilia. The show is on view at Over the Influence Bangkok from 27 January to 12 March 2023.

The exhibition brings together a vivacious cast of cartoon characters that are pulsating with nostalgia and childhood memories. The artworks are divided into two series: *Galaxy* and *Toys*. The former are paintings depicting play dough and balloon characters surrounded by transcendent rays of color reminiscent of an individual's aura or energy field— a euphoric display of enlightenment that is one with the cosmos.

"As a child I spent hours in my playroom. It was a world just for me. A room full of toys, paint and play dough. After all those years I am still that same kid imagining and using materials to piece together who I want to become as an adult", he said.

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Delie strives to create illusions within his art. In *Fluffy Fluffy Galaxy* the origins of the found objects are stripped of their context, while memories are released from their emotional weight to become expressions of joy, allowing people to escape daily life and flee into a carefree past. Whilst the same time his work challenges people to reflect upon these value systems and ask why they hold onto them as means of survival in a complex world.

The mixed media works from the *Toys* series are a collection of plastic toys repurposed into sculptural compositions of irresistible banality and kitsch. Sponge Bob, The Simpsons, Doraemon, and the Hulk are just a few of the characters who inhabit each candy-hued universe. Shown in foreign interactions they elicit amongst viewers a joyful reunion with happy memories and childhood stories not forgotten.

“I adore trivial things. Banality and consumerism have become the norm, and as an artist I embrace that. My work is an exploration of dreams and impossible expectations”, he said.

“Everything I do is with the intention of bringing more joy and happiness to this world. My intention is to make you forget the daily misery and to take you a cheerful world full of color and happy inhabitants”.



Artist Bio

Miguel Delie (B. 1983, Torhout, Belgium) completed his studies at the Art Academy in Bruges and soon after went to work as a stylist to develop and finance his art. For the last five years he has concentrated entirely on his art. His toy works are a trip down memory lane for viewers.

His art is internationally respected and collected worldwide. Don Diablo, the number 9 DJ in the world, is an avid supporter of the artist. Italian entrepreneur Alessandro Borghese displayed a work in his restaurant, while Nelson Piquet, the F1 driver based in Monaco, is also a collector of the artist. Future projects include a work installed in The Cavalli Club in Milan, Italy, and an upcoming exhibition at the Deji Art Museum in Beijing, China.

Exhibition Dates

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Location

Over the Influence Bangkok
81 Tri Mit Road
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