



Over The Influence presents

Verapat Sitipol

Magical Forest

9 February to 11 March 2023



Magical Forest, 2022, Oil on linen, 150 x 200 cm

Over the Influence is excited to announce Verapat Sitipol's solo exhibition *Magical Forest* in the Parisian gallery space. This exhibition is the Thai artist's second show with the gallery and celebrates his debut in Europe. *Magical Forest* is on view from 9 February to 11 March 2023.

Magical Forest is a tribute to Thailand's many waterfalls and wild landscapes that honor life and the power of nature at its most poetic. Through this new series, Verapat wishes to highlight the issue of climate change and concern for the environment around the world. The paintings in this series also evoke the artist's fascination with natural landscapes and the immense respect he has for nature and the environment. His brushwork and vibrant color palette highlight her belief that everything is connected.

Verapat is known to start with an entirely black painted canvas, that he then fills in with lush and bright hues to emulate the vibrant energy that the natural world creates daily. It is an existential representation of life and death this calling into being the physical environment. For as the forest landscape grows and takes shape into wild foliage, somewhere far off there is a flower withering away while nearby another one blooms into life. This is the cycle of life that is poetically expressed within the works.

"My aim is to create a painting that reflects my experience of walking through the forest. Often getting lost in unpredictable moments creates a sense of joy, bravery, and calmness. These limitless experiences always challenge me to keep the position of my creative goals, whether appreciating the beauty of nature, or searching for their inherent value amidst it all", he said.

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Verapat Sitipol in his workshop, Kanchanaburi in Thailande

Verapat Sitipol is a Thai artist born in 1980. In 2004, Verapat graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in Painting from Silpakorn University in Thailand. He graduated with a Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in Painting from Visva-Bharati University in Santiniketan, India in 2006. The artist's abstract paintings explore the powerful relationship between line and color. He believes that the symbolic exchange between the realist and the artistic opens up many avenues of inspiration within his work. He has been exhibiting all over the world for more than 15 years. He lives and works in Kanchanaburi, Thailand.

"As my birthplace, Thailand is the country of joy and known as the Land of Smiles. I have grown up in this warmhearted culture. These emotions have unconsciously influenced my practice as a painter to keep the harmony between vibrant and warm reflections of the world around us. This philosophy mirrors my DNA of my paintings".

Over The Influence

OTI was founded in Hong Kong in 2015, expanding to Los Angeles in 2018 and Bangkok in 2022. The gallery is now establishing itself in Europe with its first space in Paris' 8th arrondissement, which opened in July 2022. Over The Influence is dedicated to championing artists who challenge traditional approaches, presenting a dynamic program that explores the intersection between contemporary art, architecture, design, music, fashion, and other forms of visual expression. The gallery represents an international selection of emerging and established artists working in various media and disciplines.

Opening

9 February - 5pm to 8pm

Exhibition Dates

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Location

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