

Introduction

Galerie Quynh is pleased to present an exhibition of new paintings by Lien Truong titled *Mutiny in the Garden*, the artist's third solo show at the gallery. Born in Vietnam and based in the US, Truong employs a rich pastiche of styles uniquely her own as she explores the cultural dynamics of domination, assimilation, and resistance throughout history.

The show takes its title from a new body of work inspired by *The Course of Empire* by the Hudson River School painter Thomas Cole. Despite Cole's opposition to Manifest Destiny during a time of rampant genocide against the Native Americans, the romanticized landscapes produced by the Hudson River School ultimately fed the public desire for westward expansion, evincing the disturbing ease with which art can be yoked to the ends of empire – a phenomenon also evidenced by Abstract Expressionism, which was collected and promoted by the CIA for propaganda purposes during the Cold War.

Critically borrowing from the aforementioned painting movements (and many others), Truong's *Mutiny* paintings feature sweeping Ab-Ex brushstrokes juxtaposed with landscapes in the style of Cole, as well as figurative elements inspired by Japanese war prints, which the artist paints on silk and then attaches to the canvas. The backgrounds are divided by a two-

color gradient, generating a hybrid space between the horizon line in western painting and the void in Asian art. Asian style wave motifs allude to imperialism and immigration, while elsewhere Truong reproduces textile patterns from around the globe, carefully selected for their embedded histories of exclusion or assimilation, as well as for their contemporaneity to specific incidents referenced in the paintings.

Tattered fragments of the Confederate flag flutter in the titular work Mutiny in the Garden, alongside French, American, and African textile patterns and a view of The Great Dismal Swamp – a place of refuge for escaped slaves in the lead up to the American Civil War. In the painting The Peril of Angel's Breath, textiles from Japan and Vietnam intersect with an image of the Manzanar internment camp for Japanese Americans during World War II as a mushroom cloud billows overhead. Such references to narratives of resistance and protest are prevalent throughout the Mutiny paintings. One thinks of the iconic civil rights figure Fred Korematsu, who fought the legality of Japanese internment taking his case all the way to the Supreme Court. Truong inverts the gaze of power and turns History Painting on its head; an inversion reflected in the background color gradients, wherein the dark tones appear above the "horizon" and light tones appear below, as is rarely the case in western landscape paintings.

The exhibition also features a new series of miniature oil paintings titled *Translatio Imperii*, denoting the divine right of kings to rule in succession. Disrupting the white male-dominated lineage of painters who make up the canon of modern art, Truong appropriates the faux abstract expressionist brushstrokes of Roy Lichtenstein, turning them into windows looking onto what appear to be bucolic landscapes, which upon closer inspection reveal themselves to be war zones, painted in a manner reminiscent of the Hudson River School and pockmarked with craters from American bombing campaigns.

Mounted in ornate black frames, each piece is fitted with a brass plaque bearing the bombed country's name and the year of the bombings. The matte black from the frame spills onto the canvas, consuming it almost completely; only the "brushstroke" of the "heroic artist" pierces through the veil of darkness to reveal traces of violence on the other side. Exemplifying the concept of heterotopia as defined by Foucault, Truong's work constitutes a space in which contradiction and otherness can exist. Acknowledging the conflicts and fault lines that run throughout our post-modern society, she nevertheless continues to trace vectors of escape and redemption.

About Lien Truong

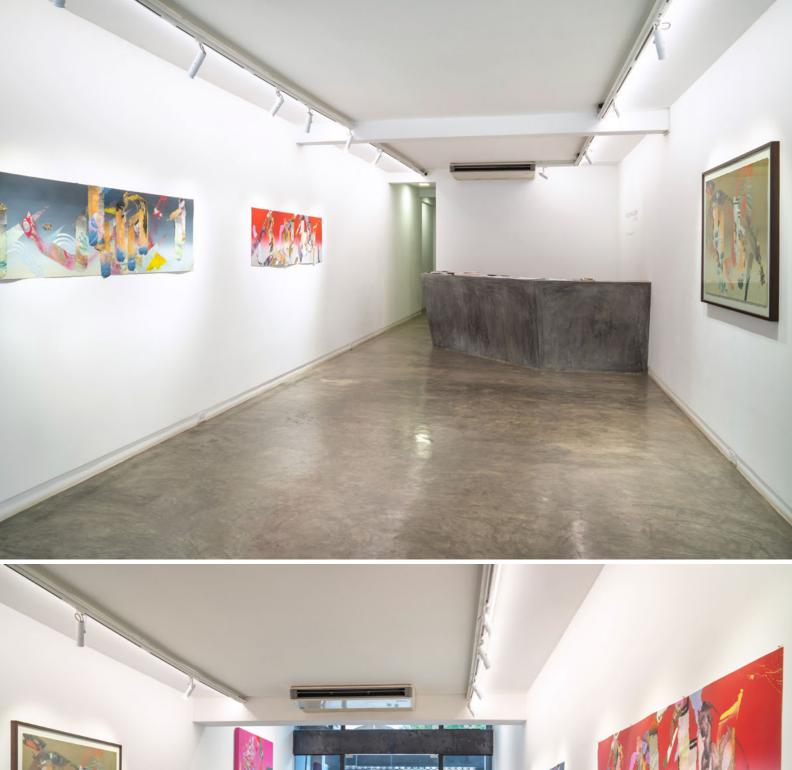
Lien Truong's paintings examine social, cultural, and political history, exploring the influences that form contemporary identity and belief systems in a transcultural context.

Truong's work has been exhibited in numerous institutions such as the National Portrait Gallery, Washington, DC; North Carolina Museum of Art, Raleigh, NC; Station Museum of Contemporary Art, Houston, TX; Weatherspoon Art Museum, Greensboro, NC; Cameron Art Museum, Wilmington, NC; the Centres of Contemporary Art in Moscow and Yekaterinburg; Oakland Museum of California;

and Pennsylvania Academy of Art, PA. Truong is the recipient of many awards and fellowships. She has participated in residencies at the Oakland Museum of California and the Marble House Project. Her work is in major collections such as the Linda Lee Alter Collection, Philadelphia, PA; North Carolina Museum of Art, Raleigh, NC; Post-Vi Dai Collection, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam and Geneva, Switzerland; and Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, Vietnam among others. Born in Saigon, Vietnam, Truong immigrated to the US in 1975. She received her MFA from Mills College, Oakland, CA. Truong is currently Assistant Professor of Art at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

INSTALLATION VIEWS









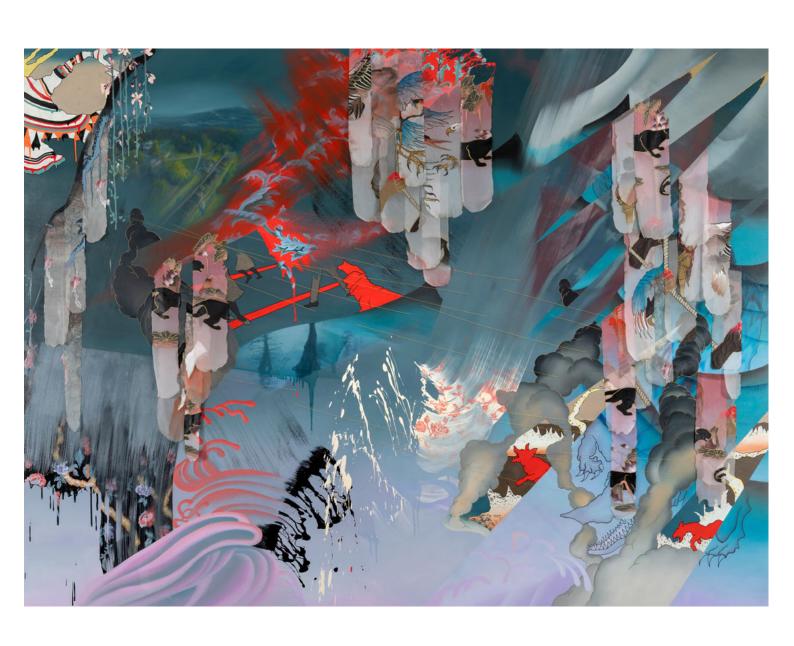




WORKS

Mutiny in the Garden

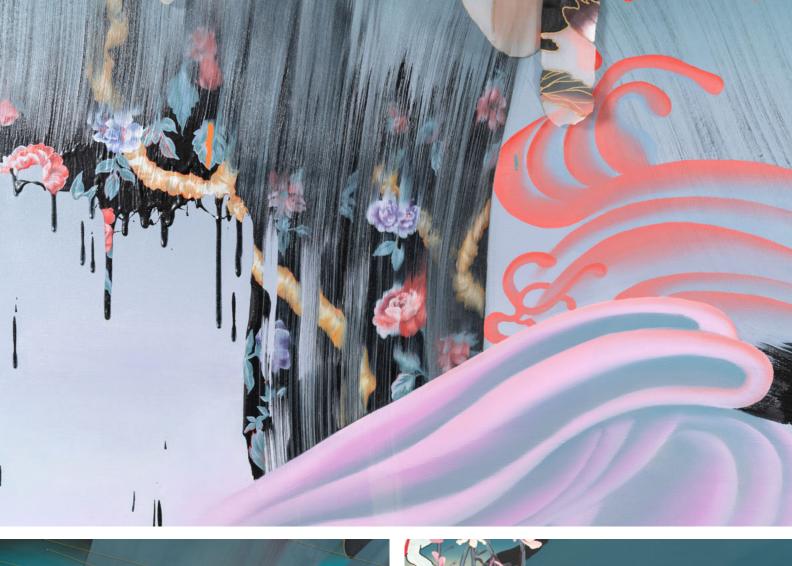
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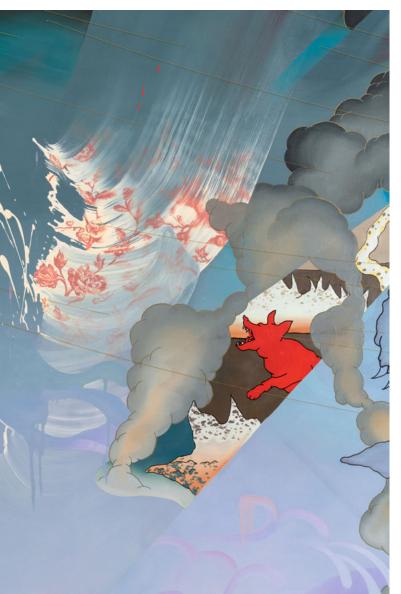




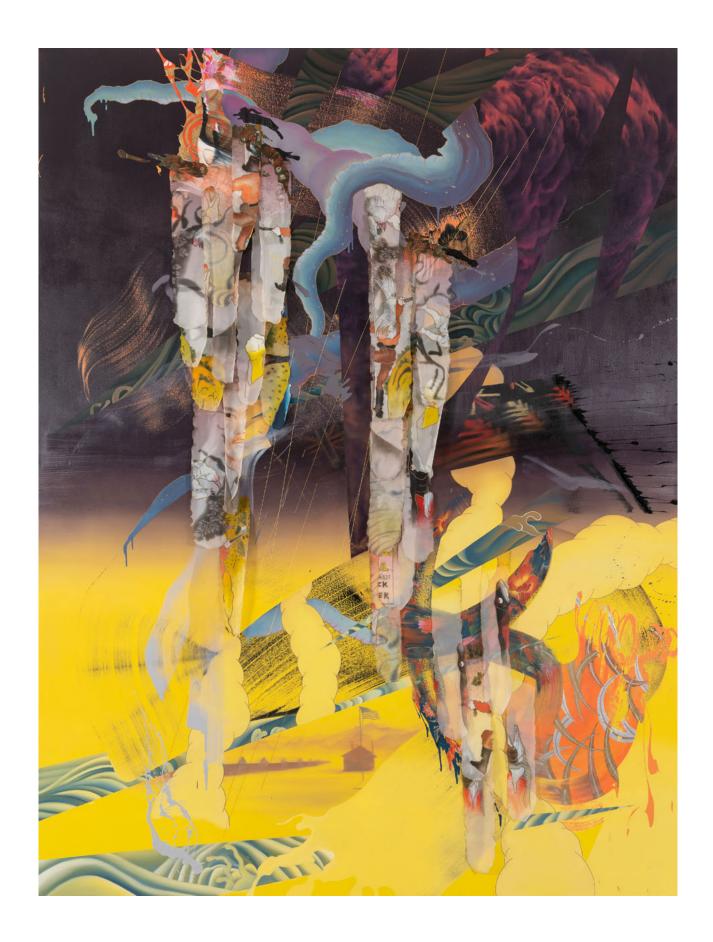






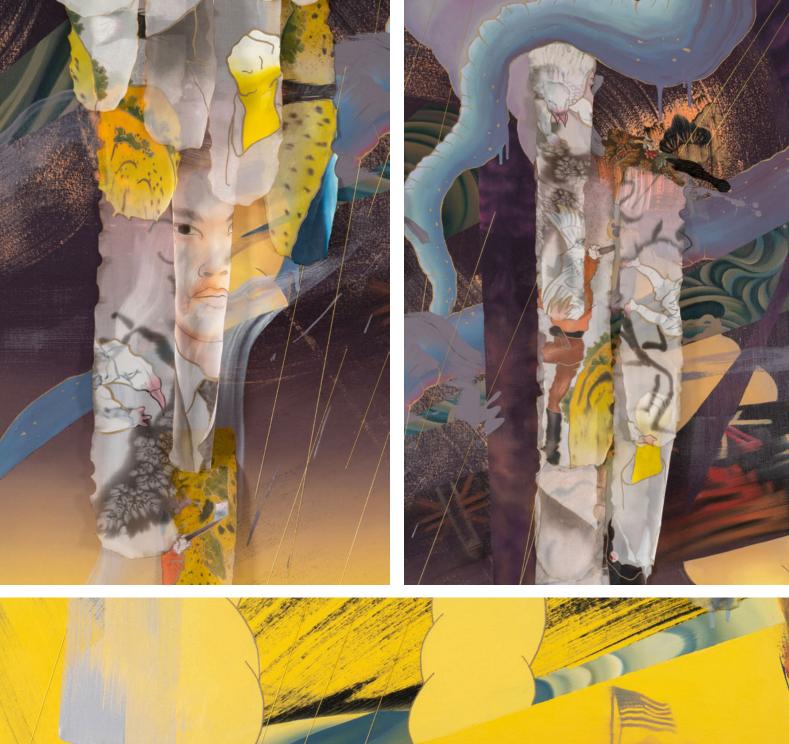






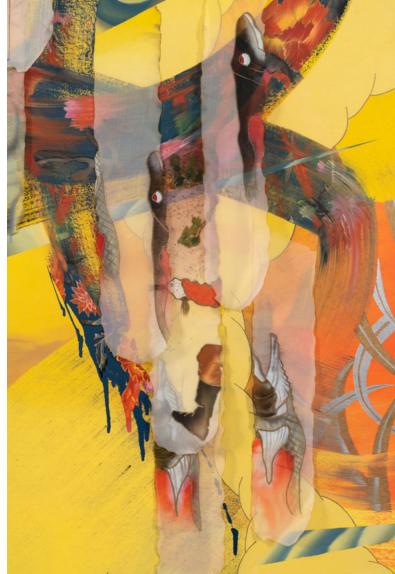
The Peril of Angel's Breath

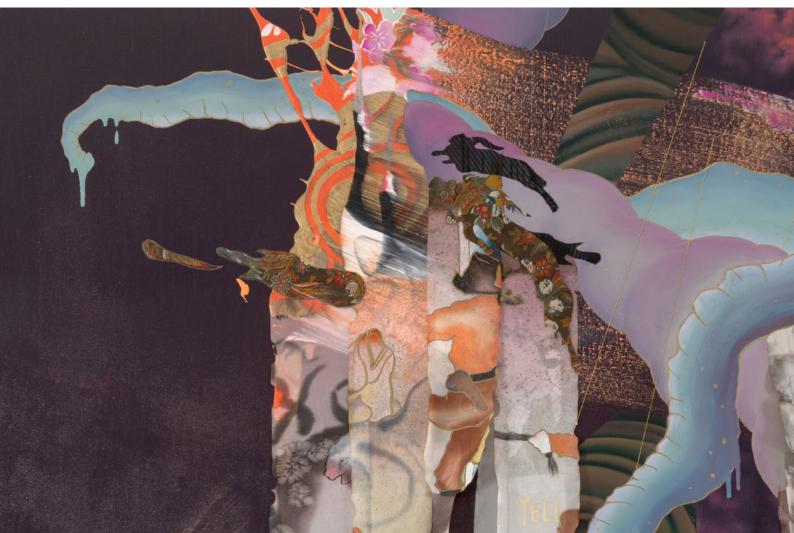
oil, silk, acrylic, antique 24k gold-leaf obi thread, 19th century American cotton, antique obi mourning cloth on canvas $244 \times 183 \text{ cm}$

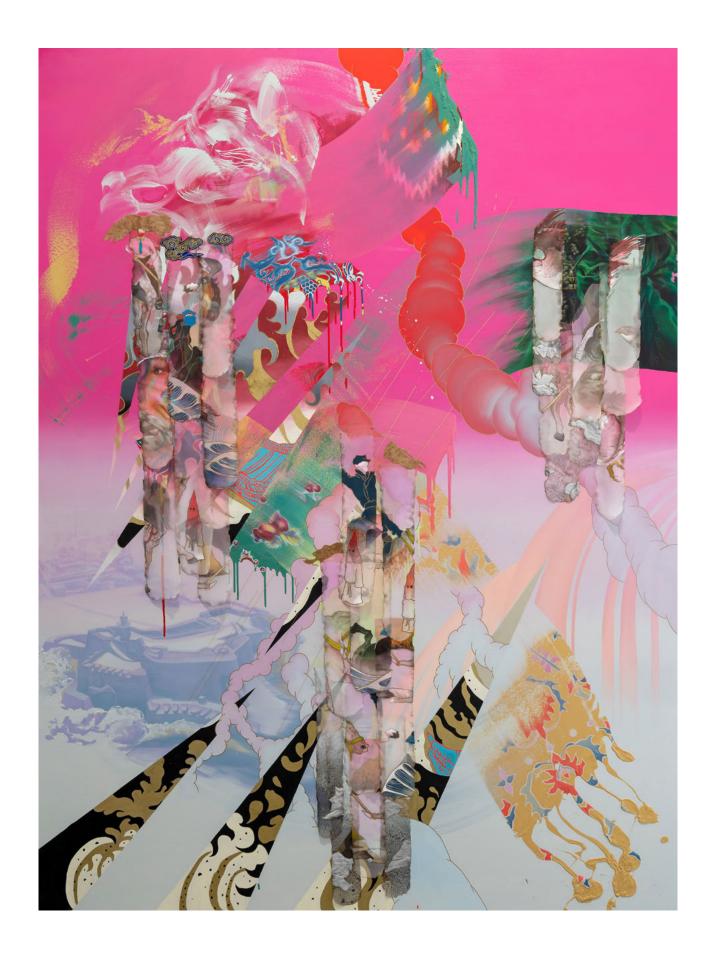










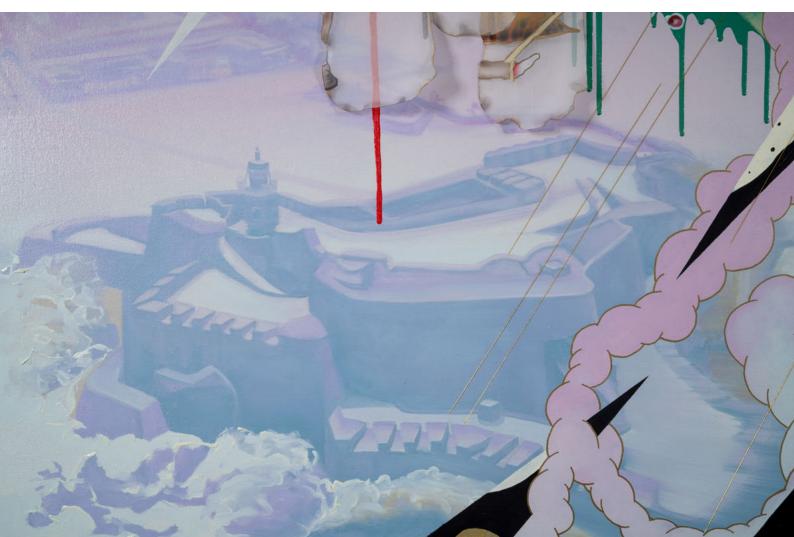


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oil, silk, acrylic, antique 24k gold-leaf obi thread, embroidery by Vu Van Gioi, linen on canvas $244 \times 183 \, \mathrm{cm}$



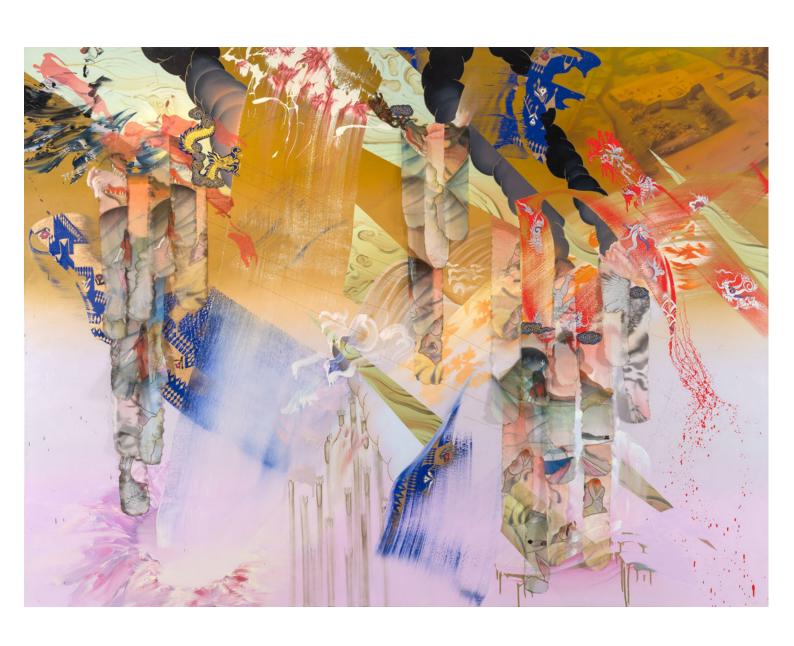












Deliverance

2018

oil, silk, acrylic, antique 24k gold-leaf obi thread, embroidery by Vu Van Gioi, linen, 19th century American cotton on canvas 183 x 244 cm













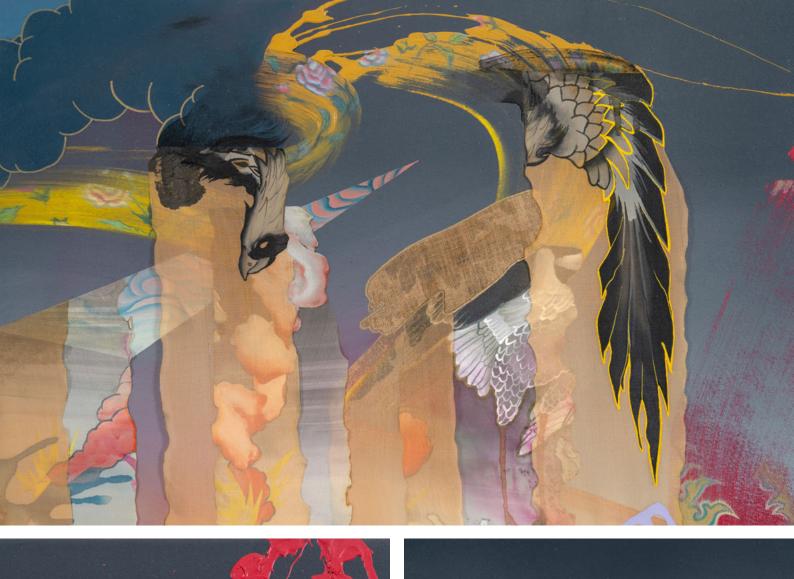


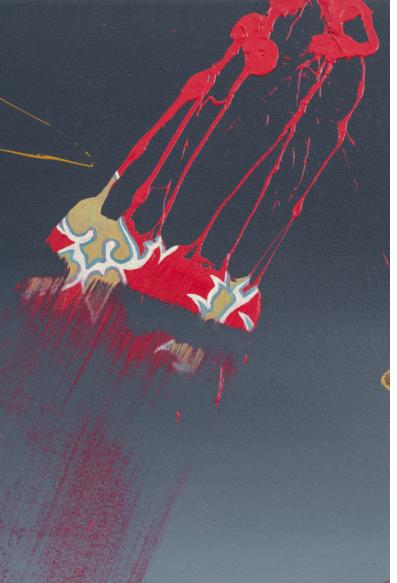






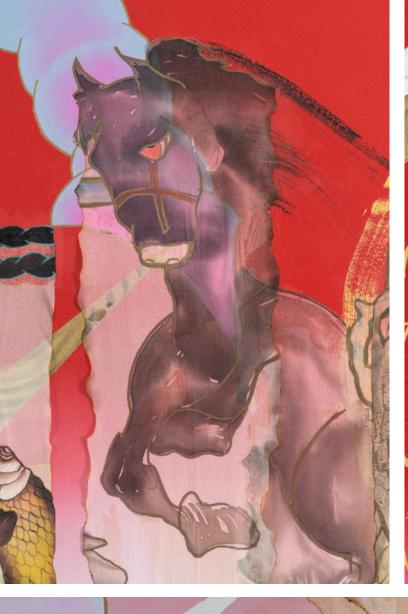


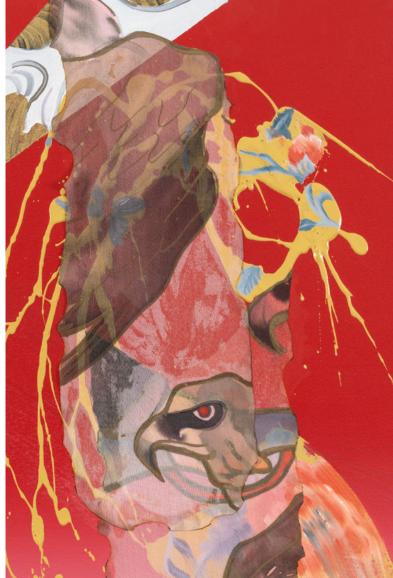


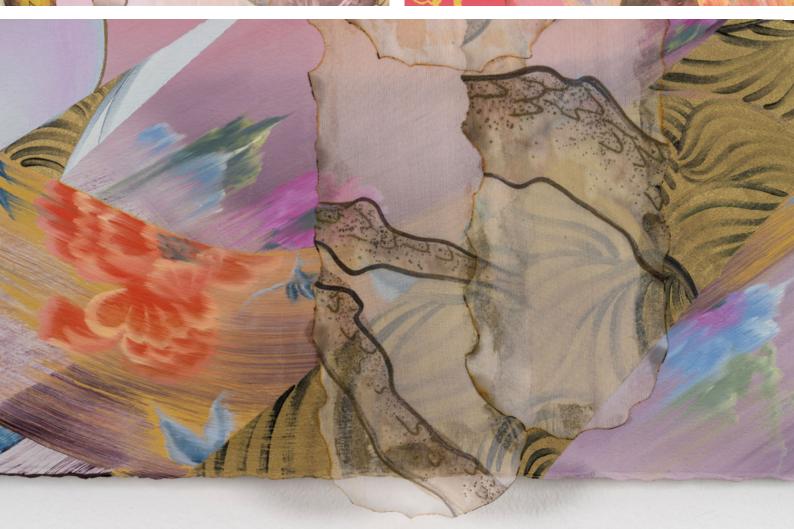












Translatio Imperii

2017 - present















Ho Chi Minh Trail, Laos, 1964 - 1973 2018 oil on paper, vintage frame, acrylic, brass 17 x 21 cm











Yalu River, 1950 2018 oil on paper, vintage frame, acrylic, brass 17 x 21 cm

BIOGRAPHY



LIEN TRUONG

Born in 1973 in Saigon, Vietnam

Lives and works in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, USA

EDUCATION

2001 Master of Fine Arts, Mills College, Oakland, CA, USA

1999 Bachelor of Arts, Humboldt State University, Eureka, CA, USA

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2018	Mutiny in the Garden, Galerie Quynh, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
2017	Translatio Imperii, Gutterbox Gallery, Raleigh, NC, USA
2016	Seeping of a Ghost, Gallery BASTEJS, Riga, Latvia
	Musings of an Origin, Spectre Arts, North Carolina, USA
	America, America, Carrack Modern, Durham, North Carolina, USA
2015	Heterotopias as Others, Nha San Collective, Hanoi, Vietnam
2014	Stitch, Dose Projects, Brooklyn, New York, USA
	The Orient, The Occident, Galerie Quynh, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
2009	Adorationland, Accident Gallery, Eureka, CA, USA
2007	House of Adoration, Galerie Quynh, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
	House of Adoration, Ryllega Experimental Art Gallery, Hanoi, Vietnam
2006	Portrait of a Contemporary Family, First Street Gallery, Humboldt State University, Eureka, CA, USA
2004	Portrait of a Family, Southern Exposure, San Francisco, CA, USA
2003	Modern Day Fairy Tales, Oakland Museum of California, Oakland, CA, USA

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2018 Loud Silence: Expressions of Activism, Sordoni Art Gallery, Wilkes University, Pennsylvania, USA In(di)visible, Station Museum of Contemporary Art, Houston, TX, USA Truth be Told For Freedoms 50 State Initiative, Digg Gallery of Winston-Salem University, Winston-Salem, NC, USA North Carolina Artist Fellowship Exhibition, Cameron Art Museum, Wilmington, NC, USA UNC Art Faculty, Light Art + Design, Chapel Hill, NC, USA 2017 Show Off: Digiscapes, Lump Gallery, Raleigh, NC, USA Art on Paper 2017: The 44th Exhibition, Weatherspoon Art Museum, Greensboro, NC, USA Objectifying Myself: Works by Women from the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, The William Benton Museum of Art, Storrs, CT, USA For Liberty and Justice for Some, Walter Marciel Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, USA Shimmer, Light and Design Gallery, Chapel Hill, NC, USA 2016 Typecast, Hillyer Art Space, Washington DC, USA Transmutation, Galerie Quynh, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam 2015 Generations: Forty Hues Between Black and White, Orange County Center for Contemporary Art, Santa Ana, CA, USA 2014 The Mother Load, Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas, TX, USA Being Present, Galerie Quynh, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam drop, Galerie Quynh, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam Summer Shuffle, Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts Museum, Philadelphia, PA, USA In the Shadow of Appearances, Galerie Quynh, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam On Beauty, Modern Eden, San Francisco, CA, USA Onward and Upward, Galerie Quynh, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam 2013 Contemporary Vietnamerican Art, Maier Museum of Art, Lynchburg, VA, USA Current (his)stories, Galerie Quynh, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam Interlude, Sewell Gallery, Eureka, CA, USA 2012 REVEALED CONCEALED: ALTERED ICONS, Galerie Quynh, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam collisions of clamor and calm, Galerie Quynh, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam The Female Gaze: Women Artists Making Their World, the Linda Lee Alter Collection of Art by Women, Fisher Brooks and Annenberg Galleries, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA, USA Alter/Altar, Meditations on the Past, The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation Arts Center, Montgomery, MD, USA

ART Hong Kong 12, Galerie Quynh, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, Hong Kong

Two-person exhibition with Nicole Jean Hill, Piante Gallery, Eureka, CA, USA

Bite Sized Monsters, Modern Eden, San Francisco, CA, USA Twombly House/Ephemeral Museum, Portland, OR, USA Outwin Boochever Portrait Exhibition, National Portrait Gallery, Smithsonian Institution DC, USA	
2009 Outwin Boochever Portrait Exhibition, National Portrait Gallery, Smithsonian Institution	
	on, Washington,
Family Pictures, Root Division, San Francisco, CA, USA	
CAUTION! Development in Progress, Galerie Quynh, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam	
2008 In Transition Russia, Municipal Centre for Contemporary Art, Yekaterinburg, Russia; N Contemporary Art, Moscow, Russia	lational Centre of
Introductions, curated by Alicia Johnson, The Glenalbyn Home, Los Angeles, CA, US	SA
2007 Small Works Benefit Drawing, Morris Graves Museum of Art, Eureka, CA, USA	
2006 National Juried Exhibition, Marin Art Center, Marin, CA, Juror: Rene de Guzman, Cura Center for the Arts, San Francisco, CA, USA	rator, Yerba Buena
Blue, The Ink People Center for the Arts, Eureka, CA, USA	
2005 Small Works Invitational, Gallery Dog, Eureka, CA, USA	
Out of Context, Huntington Beach Art Center, Huntington Beach, CA, USA	
Face Paint, Bucheon Gallery, San Francisco, CA, USA	
2004 Monster Drawing Rally, Southern Exposure, San Francisco, CA, USA	
Supernatural, Southern Exposure, San Francisco, CA, USA	
Go West!, Richmond Art Center, Juror: Renny Pritikin, Richmond, CA, USA	
For Example, Michael Martin Gallery with California College of the Arts, San Francisco	o, CA, USA
Uncommon, Arti Cultural, Los Angeles, CA, USA	
War and Silence, SOMarts, San Francisco, CA, USA	
Family Unit, Olive Hyde Gallery, Fremont, CA, USA	
2002 Art/Work/Art- Faculty Exhibition, Wattis Institute for Contemporary Art, California Col Crafts, San Francisco, CA, USA	llege of Arts and
APAture: A Window on the Art of Young Asian Pacific Americans, SOMarts, San Franc	cisco, CA, USA
Embodiment, West Gallery, California State University at Northridge, CA, USA	
Untitled, Gallery Dog, Eureka, CA, USA	
2001 MFA Exhibition, Mills College, Oakland, CA, USA	
Oneself by Oneself, The Ink People Center for the Arts, Eureka, CA, USA	
2000 <i>Crossroads: Art of Revolution, Art of Rescue,</i> Walter and McBean Galleries, San Francisco, CA, USA	cisco Art Institute,
Fabricated to be Photographed, Calumet Photographic, San Francisco, CA, USA	

AWARDS AND RESIDENCIES

2017	Fellowship, Institute for the Arts and Humanities, UNC Chapel Hill, NC, USA
2016	North Carolina Artist Fellowship, North Carolina Arts Council, NC, USA
	Artist-in-Residence, The Marble House Project, Dorset, Vermont, USA
2015	Jimmy and Judy Cox Asia Initiative Award, Carolina Asia Center
2011	Hans Burkhardt Painting Workshop, Department of Art and Art History, Stanford University, CA, USA
2009	Finalist, Outwin Boochever Portrait Competition, National Portrait Gallery, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC, USA
	Ingrid Nickelson Trust Grant, Eureka, CA, USA
2007	Small Artist Grant, Hanoi University of Culture, Hanoi, Vietnam
	Faculty Travel Grant, Humboldt State University, Eureka, CA, USA
2006	Merit Award, The Marin Society of Artists National Juried Exhibition, Juror: Rene de
	Guzman, Curator, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, CA, USA
2004	Juror's Award, Go West! The Richmond Arts Center, Richmond, CA, Juror: Renny Pritik, USA
	Artist Honorarium, Southern Exposure, San Francisco, CA, USA
2003	Artist-in-Residence, Sweeney Granite Mountains Research Center, University of California at Riverside, Kelso, CA, USA
	Artist-in-Residence, Oakland Museum of California, Oakland, CA, USA
2000	Jack and Gertrude Murphy Fine Arts Fellowship, The San Francisco Foundation San Francisco, CA, USA
	Sarah Lewis Fellowship, Mills College, Oakland, CA, USA
	Teaching Assistantship, Mills College, Oakland, CA, USA

ARTIST TALKS / LECTURES

2017	Artist/Curator Talk, The Weatherspoon Art Museum, Greensboro, NC, USA
	Visiting Artist Workshop, The North Carolina Museum of Art, Raleigh, NC, USA
2016	Artist's Talk, Mark Rothko International Art Center and Museum, Daugavpils, Latvia
	Artist's Talk, Marble House Project, Dorset, VT, USA
2015	Transcultural Perspectives in Painting, Ackland Museum of Art, Chapel Hill, NC
	Artist's Talk, Nha San Studio, Hanoi, Vietnam
	Women's and Gender Studies 350, "Spitting in the Wind: 'American' Women, Art, and Activism," University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, NC, USA
2014	Artist Lecture, Art Department, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, NC, USA
2008	Artist Lecture, Graduate Seminar, Mills College, Oakland, CA, USA
2007	Artist's Talk, Morris Graves Museum of Art, Eureka, CA, USA

	Artist's Talk, Galerie Quynh, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
2006	Artist's Talk, First Street Gallery, Humboldt State University, Eureka, CA, USA
2005	Panelist, Huntington Beach Art Center, Huntington Beach, CA, USA
	Artist's Talk, Arcata Arts Institute, CSSSA Workshop, Arcata, CA, USA
2004	Artist Lecture, The Urban School of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA, USA
	Artist's Talk, Southern Exposure, San Francisco, CA, USA
	Closing Speaker, California State Summer School for the Arts, California Institute for the Arts, Valencia, CA, USA
	Guest Artist, The San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, Family Program, San Francisco, CA, USA
2003	Artist Lecture, California State University at Long Beach, Long Beach, CA, USA
	Artist Lecture, Oakland Museum of California, Oakland, CA, USA

SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY AND CATALOGUES		
2018	Britton, Maria, "Lien Truong visited by Maria Britton," The Coastal Post, September 2018	
	Bell, Jeff, "Podcast with Jeff Bell, Episode 14-Lien Truong," Don't You Lie to Me, 2018	
	Smith, Andy, "Lien Truong's Mixed-Media Explorations of Cultures," Hi-Fructose, April 2018	
2017	Dunne, Susan, "Women Create Art Reflecting Their Lives, Thoughts In Benton Exhibit," Hartford Courant, April 8, 2017	
	Art on Paper, Weatherspoon Art Museum Exhibition Catalogue, May 2017	
2016	Vitiello, Chris, "The Agitators: The Most Essential Local Art of 2016 Punched Back at a Disgraceful Year," INDY Week, December 28, 2016	
	Featured Artist, Dose Projects, August 2016	
	New American Paintings, #124, The South, The Open Studios Press, June/July 2016	
	Dong, Lan, Asian American Culture: From Anime to Tiger Moms, <i>Greenwood Publishing</i> , March 2016	
2015	Anderson, Stephen, Generations: 40 Hues Between Black and White, Exhibition Catalogue 2015	
	Editor's Pick, Paint Pulse Magazine, Issue 4, December 2015	
	Fresh Paint Magazine, Issue IX International, October 2015	
2014	Fresh Paint Magazine, Issue V, Feature and online studio visit, October 2014	
	Ruben, Luong, "Dispatch: Ho Chi Minh City," Art Asia Pacific, Issue 89, July/August 2014	
	Bernstein, Roslyn, "Between Underground and Above," <i>Guernica: A Magazine of Art and Politics</i> , April 23, 2014	
	Savage, Ellena, "Lien Truong on the Art of Private Histories," <i>AnyArena</i> , February 10, 2014, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam	
	Wilson, Catherine, "Vietnam," Almanac edition, Art Asia Pacific, Vol IX, January 2014	
2013	Contemporary Vietnamerican Art, exhibition catalogue, Maier Museum of Art, Lynchburg, VA, USA	

2012	Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Hudson Hills Press, Manchester, VT, USA
2010	Cohn, Terry, "Artist's Response: Portraits and Self-Portraits," Blurb, 2010
2009	Buckner, Clark, "A Year and a Half of Art in San Francisco," with introduction by Helfand, Glen, <i>Mission</i> , 17 Gallery, San Francisco, CA, USA
	Outwin Boochever Portrait Exhibition, exhibition catalogue, National Portrait Gallery, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC, USA
	Pelaud, Isabelle Thuy, "Cost of Freedom: Identity, Society and Survival: Introduction to Vietnamese American Literature," <i>Temple University Press</i> , Philadelphia, PA, USA
2008	"In Transition Russia 2008," <i>NeMe</i> , Independent Museum of Contemporary Art, First Edition, Limassol, Cyprus
2007	Uda, Motoko, "Preview," ARTiT Japan's Bilingual Art Quarterly, Issue 16, Summer-Fall 2007, Japan
	Ngo, Benjamin, "Lien Truong and Nhung toa trang le," <i>Phu Nu News</i> , August 10, 2007, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
2006	National Exhibition 2006, Marin Society of Artists exhibition catalogue, Marin Art Center, Marin, CA, US
	Almy, Katherine, "Family Values," The North Coast Journal, March 30, 2006, Eureka, CA, USA
2005	Portrait of a Contemporary Family, exhibition catalogue, First Street Gallery, Humboldt State University, Eureka, CA, USA
	Out of Context, exhibition catalogue, The Huntington Beach Art Center, CA, USA
	Chang, Richard, "Vietnam Through Other Eyes," The Orange County Register, July 17, 2005, CA, USA
2004	Bing, Alison, "Review," <i>SFGate.com</i> , The San Francisco Chronicle's online journal, March 26, 2004, CA, USA
	Honors Alumni, exhibition catalogue, First Street Gallery, Humboldt State University, Eureka, CA, USA
	Buckner, Clark, "Portraits of a Family," critic's choice review, <i>The San Francisco Bay Guardian</i> , March 17, 2004, CA, USA
	Ellegood, Anne, <i>New American Paintings</i> , 8th Pacific Coast Edition, The Open Studios Press, January, 2004, Boston, MA, USA
2003	For Example, Michael Martin Galleries with California College of the Arts, San Francisco, CA, USA
	"Focus on the Family at Oliver Hyde Gallery," The Oakland Tribune, April 10, 2003, Oakland, CA, USA
	Beeler, Monique, "Artist Truong Portrays Family Values Through Art," <i>The Oakland Tribune</i> , April 7, 2003, Oakland, CA, USA
2002	embodiment, exhibition catalogue, West Gallery, California State University at Northridge, CA, USA
	War and Silence, SomARTS, Kearny Street Workshop, San Francisco, CA, USA
2000	Crossroads - Art of Revolution, Art of Rescue, exhibition catalogue, Walter and McBean Galleries,

San Francisco Art Institute, CA, USA

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2015 - present Ackland Academic Advisory Board, Ackland Museum of Art, Chapel Hill, North Carolina

2014 - present Assistant Professor of Art, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, NC, USA

2010 - present Visual Art Correspondent, Diacritic, DVAN, Diasporic Vietnamese Artists Network,

http://diacritics.org/

Juror, MEGA, Michigan Emerging Graduate Artist Exhibition, Kendall College of Art and Design

with the Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts, Grand Rapids, MI, USA

2009 Juror, Student Art Exhibition, College of the Redwoods, Eureka, CA, USA

2008 Board of Advisors, First Street Gallery, Eureka, CA, USA

Co-Juror, Revelatum Miniatura IV, Accident Gallery, Eureka, CA, USA

Visiting Artist, Exhibition Committee, Morris Graves Museum of Art, Eureka, CA, USA

2004 Closing Speaker, California State Summer School for the Arts, California Institute for the Arts, CA, USA

Guest Artist, The San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, Family Program, San Francisco, CA, USA

Co-Juror, Growing Up Asian In America, The Asian Pacific Fund, San Francisco, CA, USA

COLLECTIONS

Linda Lee Alter Collection, Philadelphia, PA, USA

Weatherspoon Art Museum, Greensboro, NC, USA

North Carolina Museum of Art, NC, USA

Humboldt State University, CA, USA

Municipal Art Collection, City of Raleigh, NC, USA

Post Vidai, Geneva, Switzerland and Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, Vietnam



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