

Shepard Fairey Paints Monumental Mural in Singapore

The artist will also collaborate with Opera Gallery, ION Art Gallery & Raffles Institute of Higher Learning on an offsite exhibition titled *Evolution: The Future is Unwritten*

15 September - 2 October 2023



Shepard Fairey in his studio. (Courtesy the artist/ObeyGiant.com)

Large-scale mural painting at 8 Craig Road

In conjunction with his upcoming solo exhibition *The Future is Unwritten*, Opera Gallery is pleased to announce that on September 10th, Shepard Fairey will begin painting a large-scale mural at 8 Craig Road, with special thanks to 8MRE. Located in Singapore's Chinatown cultural enclave, this will be Fairey's first ever mural painted in Southeast Asia.

Evolution: The Future is Unwritten at ION Art Gallery (15 September – 3 October)

Opera Gallery is delighted to collaborate with ION Art Gallery and Raffles College of Higher Education on an extended exhibition titled *Evolution: the Future is Unwritten*, open from 15 September to 3 October. With generous support from ION Orchard and design and curation by the talented students of Raffles College of Higher Education, the offsite exhibition will use Shepard Fairey's art as inspiration to explore the connections between street art and the world around us. This immersive, dynamic exhibition will feature exclusive behind-the-scenes footage of Fairey and also feature the reinterpretations of his work through installations and a fashion showcase created by the students of Raffles College of Higher Education, using Fairey's works as inspiration to create a zero-waste fashion collection.

"The College is excited to collaborate with Opera Gallery and Shepard Fairey to present the artist's works and messages to a wider audience through Design," said Giuseppe Spinelli, Principal of Raffles College of Higher Education. "Making Shepard's artworks accessible to general public through a sustainable fashion collection and 3-dimensional installations, we aim to convey the artist's mission of building a more harmonious world!"

As a dedicated advocate for the arts, ION Orchard seeks to deepen people's appreciation for the arts, from supporting local talents to bringing in blockbuster world-class exhibitions. "The interwoven topics of climate change and harmony, which is the inspiration for this exhibition" said Ms. Yeo Mui Hong, CEO of Orchard Turn Developments, "is also close to our heart as we are aiming towards a sustainable future."

Opening reception at Opera Gallery

As commemoration of this special occasion, *The Future is Unwritten* will open at Opera Gallery with a reception in the presence of the artist on September 14th from 6:30-9:30pm, for press and invited guests only. Opera Gallery will also host an afterparty, *The Future is Unwritten Afterparty – with Shepard Fairey*, at Mandala Club from 9pm to 1am on the 14th of September, which will be DJed by Shepard Fairey. To RSVP, please write to us at spore@operagallery.com.

About Shepard Fairey

A celebrated street artist, graphic designer, activist, illustrator, musician and founder of streetwear brand OBEY Clothing, Fairey's ideas and visions were initially shaped by skateboarding culture but deeply rooted in social activism. His multi-hyphenate creative approach blurs the lines between traditional and commercial art through form and content, effectively communicating his brand of social critique via prints, murals, stickers and posters in public spaces. In 1989, Fairey created the *André the Giant has a Posse* sticker campaign, which became the foundation of his seminal ongoing OBEY series. In 2008, Fairey's portrait of then-presidential candidate Barack Obama titled *Hope* was widely described as iconic and representative of Obama's 2008 presidential campaign. His works are included in the collections of the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C., Victoria and Albert Museum in London, and LACMA.

About Opera Gallery

Founded by Gilles Dyan in 1994 and internationally established with galleries and locations worldwide, Opera Gallery is one of the leading dealers in Modern and Contemporary European, American and Asian art, placing works in major private collections and leading public institutions. Opera Gallery has 16 galleries worldwide in New York, Miami, Bal Harbour, Aspen, London, Paris, Monaco, Geneva, Dubai, Beirut, Hong Kong, Singapore, Seoul, and Madrid. Opera Gallery Singapore, led by Stéphane Le Pelletier (Director, Asia-Pacific), presents high-calibre art through intricately curated exhibitions of works from Contemporary and Modern masters.

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