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We are exhibiting at the Bazaar Art Jakarta 2015 at Booth B18.

# **Artist: PHUNK, Singapore**

A TO Z is a fun and quirky way to look at art, learn the English alphabet and discover the iconography of PHUNK.

PHUNK's latest series of artworks explores the "inner child" who inhabits within the heart of our modern social being. How do we understand our world thru the heart of a child? How do we share our dreams with the young? It is also a journey back to their origins as young graphic designers, exploring the rules and craft of typography. Each beautifully illustrated letter represents words that represents the themes & stories from the collective's imaginary universe.

## 27 August 2015

Opening party and private preview/vernissage Invitation only 3pm – 10pm (Thursday)

### 28 - 30 August 2015

The Grand Ballroom, The Ritz-Carlton Jakarta,
Pacific Place, Sudirman Central Business District (SCBD)
12pm – 10pm (Friday)
10am – 10pm (Saturday & Sunday)

PHUNK | A to Z | 2015 | Print on Canvas | From A2 to A4 Sizes | Set of 26 Canvas

**PHUNK** is an internationally acclaimed, Singapore based contemporary art & design collective . Founded in 1994 by Alvin Tan (b. 1974), Melvin Chee (b. 1974), Jackson Tan (b. 1974) and William Chan

(b. 1973), they developed a novel approach to collective art-making based on the collaborative aesthetic of a rock-and-roll band, and informed by a shared interest in urban subcultures.

Described as "The Champion of Singapore's Graphic Scene" (Creative Review, UK), "Asia's hottest agency" (Computer Arts, UK), "one of the world's foremost cutting-edge design collectives" (Asia Tatler, Hong Kong) and "iconic representatives of the new wave of young Asian creators" (Get it Louder, China).

They have propagated a visual signature that seamlessly blends and reinterprets their diverse influences such as traditional Chinese craft, philosophy and folklore, Hong Kong wuxia pulp fiction, Japanese manga and otaku subculture, Western popular culture, art and design movements into a singular creative thought that reflects their multi-cultural identity, background and environment.

Labeled "Creators of modern urban mythological tales" (Chinese Contemporary Art News, Taiwan), PHUNK has created a visual universe densely populated by ancient gods and modern creatures, to depict universal tales social satire, humanity morality, rock n' roll ethos, contemporary culture and PHUNK's unique witty sense of humor. The concept of 'universality' in the age of modern globalization is a constant theme in their works.

They constantly challenge the conventional notion and definition of the 'artist' and 'commercial design studio' by constantly blurring the boundaries between both, mixing Neo Pop Art ideology with Post-Modernist design sensibilities. Their cross-disciplinary approach is best described as "an aesthetic collective consciousness" focused on experimenting with new approaches to visual expressions. Their expansive scope of projects spans across art, design, publishing, fashion, music, film and interactive.

PHUNK has collaborated and worked with international brands and artists such as Nike, Nokia, MTV, Daimler Chrysler, Herman Miller, Uniqlo, Levi's and The Rolling Stones. Their works are featured in many international publications and awarded in various design award shows. One of their artworks titled 'Electricity' was cited in the book, 'Graphic Design, A New History' as "Instances of truly global graphic design". They were awarded 'Designer of the Year' in 2007 by the President's Design Award, the highest accolade for designers in Singapore.

They have exhibited and lectured extensively around the world. They launched their solo artist exhibition, 'Universality' at the Museum of Contemporary Art, Taipei in 2007. They represented Singapore at the Gwangju Design Biennale 2005 and the London Design Festival 2006. The Singapore History Museum hosted their 10 year retrospective exhibition 'A Decade of Decadence' in 2005.

C-I-	Exhibitions:	
2010	Exhibitions.	

2013	Empire of Dreams II, Art Seasons, Singapore
2012	Empire of Dreams I, Gallery J. Chen, Taipei
2011	Daydream Nation, Project Stage, ART STAGE, Singapore
2010	Welcome to Electricity! Diesel Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
2009	Around The World / Across The Universe, Vallery, Barcelona, Spain
	New World, Art Seasons, Singapore
2008	New World, Art Seasons, Beijing, China
	KIAF Korea International Art Fair 2008, Seoul, Korea
	Levi's Art Session 3, Levi's Flagship store, Paris, France
	Universe II, Gallery J Chen, Taipei, Taiwan
2007	Universe I, Art Seasons, Singapore
	Universality, Museum of Contemporary Art, Taipei, Taiwan
2005	Decade of Decadence, Singapore History Museum, Singapore
	Baroqracy, Pixie Gallery, Taipei
	Baroqracy II, Tuami, Ecuador
	Split, Nike Spiritroom, Berlin
2004	The Synthetics "Live", Comme des Garçon Guerrilla Store +65, Singapore
	Control Chaos IV, OFFF, Valencia
	Control Chaos III, Our Spot Gallery, Sydney, Australia
2003	Control Chaos II, :b Gallery, Singapore
	Control Chaos, The Reed Space, New York

### Joint Exhibitions:

2010 :phunkTanaaMIX, Art Seasons, Singapore

Eccentric City: Rise and Fall, Institute of Contemporary Art, Singapore

#### **Group Exhibitions:**

2015

2014	Modern Love: LASALLE thirtieth anniversary exhibition, Institute of
	Contemporary Art, Singapore
	Fukuoka Art Triennale 2014, Fukuoka Asian Art Museum, Japan
	Daydreams + Nightmares, The Substation, Singapore
	New Icon: Pop in Asia, Komunitas Salihara, Jakarta, Indonesia

Art Central Hong Kong, Art Seasons, Singapore

Singapore Pop-Up Show, Art Seasons, Singapore

2013 Welcome to the Jungle, Yokohama Museum of Art, Japan

Welcome to the Jungle, Contemporary Art Museum, Kumamoto, Japan HBO Game of Thrones Art Exhibition, The Luxe Art Museum, Singapore

OH! Open House 2012, Marina Bay, Singapore

2012 Singapore Show: Future Proof 2012, Singapore Art Museum, Singapore

Panorama: Recent Art from Contemporary Asia, Singapore Art Museum,

Singapore

Future Pass - From Asia to the World, National Taiwan Museum of Fine Art

The Book Show, Sculpture Square, Singapore

2011 A Little Light Magic, Singapore Art Museum, Singapore New Pop New World, Element Art Space, Singapore

Future Pass - From Asia to the World, 54th Venice Biennale 2011, Italy

Unshakeable - Aid to Japan, Light Editions Gallery, Singapore Future Pass - From Asia to the World, Wereldmuseum, Rotterdam

**Group Exhibitions:** 

2010 Design Possible, Kaohsiung Design Festival, Taiwan

Campaign City, Evil Empire, Singapore

Very Fun Park 2010, Taipei Public Art Festival, Taiwan You West I East, Shenzhen Fine Art Museum, China

Animamix Biennial 2009-10, Metaphors of Un/Real, MoCA Shanghai,

China

2009 OH! Open House, Singapore

P.S. I Silk You, Hermes, Singapore

ARTSingapore, Singapore

Self-Portraits, CircleCulture Gallery, Berlin, Germany Beyond Comfort, Art Seasons, Lakeside Zurich, Switzerland

ArtHK Fair, Hong Kong

Art Fair Tokyo @ TOKIA, Tokyo, Japan

BMW Young Asian Artists Series II: The Singapore Edition, STPI,

Singapore

2008 ACAF NY 2008, New York, USA

No Comply 2008 Skateboard Art Exhibition, No Vacancy Gallery,

Melbourne, Australia Panos 2013, Lyon, France ARTSingapore, Singapore

SHcontemporary, Shanghai, China

New Wave, CCC (Creative Centre of Communications), Shizuoka, Japan

8Q-Rate: School, 8Q, Singapore Art Museum, Singapore Tokyo.Ten Exhibition. Claska Gallery, Tokyo, Japan GDFB (Graphic Design Festival Breda), Netherlands Dual City Sessions: Art with Sound, Berlin, Germany

Power of One Charity exhibition. Hong Kong

Shizuoka Content Valley Festival, CCC (Creative Centre of

Communications), Shizuoka, Japan

2007 Art Cologne, Cologne, Germany

Animamix Biennale: From Modernity to Eternity, MoCA Shanghai, China

Todays Art Festival 2007, The Hague, Netherlands Very Fun Park II, Taipei Public Art Festival, Taiwan

Celebrating 50 years of Helvetica, Design Museum, London, U.K.

Young Talents, Art Cologne, Cologne, Germany

Massive Territory, Gallery National Indonesia, Jakarta, Indonesia

2006 London Design Festival, London, U.K, 2006

Tokyo Designer's Week, Tokyo, Japan

Nike Sum Of All Parts, Tokyo Designer's Week, Tokyo

Secret House, HITEC, Hong Kong

"untitled" - Documents Of Street Culture, traveling show, BBB, Barcelona;

BBB. Berlin. Germany

20/20 Singapore Design Movement, London Design Festival, London

2005 Gwangju Design Biennale, Gwangju, Korea

2004

Get it Louder, Shanghai, China Street Life, Agnes b, Singapore

Place. Museu Valencia de la II. Ilustracio i La Modernitat. Valencia

Pictoplasma "Characters at War!", Zentralbuero, Berlin

2002 Fascination, Singapore Art Museum, Singapore

Made In Singapore, Art Seasons, Singapore We Love Utopia, Magma Gallery, London **Public Collection:** 

Singapore Art Museum, Singapore

UNEEC Culture and Education Foundation, Taiwan

Public Art:

2010 Dreams In Social Cosmic Odyssey, Promenade MRT Station, LTA,

Singapore







