

CONTEMPORARY ART GALLERY

Osage Open 4/F, Union Hing Yip Factory Bldg, 20 Hing Yip Street, Kwun Tong, Hong Kong

T: (852) 2389 8332 E: info@osagegallery.com W: www.osagegallery.com

Press Release

Attention Arts and Features Editors

15 April 2013 For immediate release

Au Hoi Lam: My Father is Over the Ocean

Exhibition extended to 30 May 2013

Osage Open

4/F, Union Hing Yip Building, 20 Hing Yip Street, Kwun Tong, HK

Opening hours: 10:30 am -7pm

The exhibition *Au Hoi Lam: My Father is Over the Ocean* currently presented at Osage Open has received an unprecedented response from the general public. In order to accommodate more visitors, the Osage Gallery will extend its exhibition period to 30 May 2013.

Au Hoi Lam: My Father is Over the Ocean, an exhibition featuring paintings and installations that the artist specially made in remembrance of her late father. Osage Open will be transformed to an imaginative 'ocean' and the installation of her late father's bed and the song My Father slowly unfolds the theme of 'yearning'.

"My Father, a song adapted from My Bonnie, is converted into imageries, symbols and sounds. The components of my father's bed allow me to speak to him. All of these linger in the exhibition space - the 'ocean' where 365 days of yearning is embedded in. This exhibition is also dedicated to all the fathers and anyone who misses their father." Au said.

Through the work of her introspection of personal episodes, viewers are able to encounter the various experiences. While each individual experience is unique, it is expanded to the universal in the way Au closely observes the banality of the everyday and moulds it into an emblem of human emotions.

ABOUT THE ARTIST

Au Hoi Lam graduated from The Chinese University of Hong Kong (MFA 2004 & MPhil in Philosophy

2009). She works and lives in Hong Kong. In 2004, Au published *Painting Journal* and established studio Tone Quarters in Fo Tan. In 2010, she established studio Qiáng in Fo Tan with artists Tsang

Chui-mei, AMA & Vivian Poon.

Through artistic creations, AU ruminates over her life experiences, but not to express herself

eloquently. The subjects of her metaphorical and autobiographical work come from trivial but

profound minute details of everyday life. AU regards her art objects as ways of 'the care of the self': memorandum, keepsake, symbol, relief, pastime, tranquilizer, vigilance, prayer and contemplative

medium.

Recent exhibitions include Elsewhere: Au Hoi Lam & Sara Tse (Osage Soho 2011), Au Hoi Lam

Reading Room (Muji Atelier, Hong Kong 2010), Definitions of Time: Paintings by Au Hoi Lam (Edge

Gallery, Hong Kong 2010), Lui Chun Kwong. You Are Here, I am Not. (Osage Kwun Tong, Hong Kong,

2010), Reversing Horizons: Artist Reflections of the Hong Kong Handover 10th Anniversary (MOCA

Shanghai, Shanghai 2007), When Words are Sweet: Paintings by Au Hoi Lam (Central Library, Hong

Kong 2006), *Hong Kong Art Biennial 2003* (Hong Kong Museum of Art 2003) etc. Her works are collected by Hong Kong Museum of Art and private collectors.

ABOUT OSAGE GALLERY

Osage Gallery is devoted to the exhibition and promotion of international and Asian contemporary

visual arts, exploring the diverse and complex artistic relationships between the different regions of

Asia, and beyond that, of the artistic relationships between Asia and other parts of the world. Osage

Gallery represents some of the most exciting and significant artists in the region. The gallery also

works closely with international critics and curators to present exhibitions and projects that address

themes and issues relevant to our times.

Osage Gallery is part of the Osage Group encompassing the Osage Art Foundation, Osage Art

Consultancy and Osage Design.

Please visit www.osagegallery.com for more information.

MEDIA ENQUIRIES

Ms. Charmaine Lim

Email: charmaine@osagegallery.com

Telephone + 852 23898332

PRESS IMAGES



AU Hoi Lam **Log (2012.03.25 – 2013.03.25)**

2012-2013

Oil-based ink, two weekly diaries (acid-free paper), drawing pin, copper nails, acrylic, wooden drawing board

30.5 x 40.5 cm



AU Hoi Lam

Dad, What Shade of Blue did You See Today?

2012-2013

Pencil, colour pencil, acid-free paper(daily-diary), copper nails, corkboard, acrylic board and wooden frame
A set of 13 pieces, 100 x 100 x 2.4 cm each



AU Hoi Lam *There are Some Pearls*2012-2013

Pearl head pins, new printed cotton double and single bedding set, felt, two mattresses of a set of used bunk beds

Dimensions Variable



AU Hoi Lam

Sixty Questions for My Father (or for Myself)

2012-2013

Pencil, acrylic gel medium, oil-based ink, screws, pinewood components of a set of used bunk beds

Dimensions Variable



AU Hoi Lam *There is a Song (Twelve Words Twelve Months Twelve Exercises)*2012-2013

Pencil, acrylic, emulsion paint, linen, wooden board and wooden frame A set of 12 pieces, 95.9 x 126.3 x 5.2 cm each