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Element Art Space

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PLACE FOR SPACE

Friday, 25 October – Sunday, 17 November 2013

Opening Reception: Friday, 25 October from 6:30 to 9:30 PM

Element Art Space is delighted to present it's first exhibition of Filipino contemporary art as the gallery continues to offer the most exciting South East Asian art. *Place for Space* will display exciting young Filipino artists, Ian Quirante, Paulo Vinluan and Redd Nacpil from 25 October to 17 November 2013.

Place for Space features the latest artworks by these three who exhibit a common tendency to combine the surreal, the graphic and the grotesque on their canvases. Ian Quirante(b. 1974), a progressive young artist of his generation, employs surrealism and automatic painting in his works to conjure hybrid beings from dream realms. Also an art educator and a musician, Quirante's visceral and surreal paintings fuse images of the human body, new territories and written texts, bridging the contradictory conditions of dreams and reality.

This same spirit of allowing the subconscious to surface is seen in the works of New York-based Paulo Romualdez Vinluan(b. 1980), who uses narratives and composite images to come up with graphic and experimental images. And lastly, Redd Nacpil(b.1986) paints a concoction of pop, the grotesque and the graphic in his paintings.

The three featured artists graduated from University of the Philippines College of Fine Arts, majored in painting. All have been individually recognized as finalists in several national art



competitions, such as the Philip Morris Philippine Art Awards, the Shell National Students Art Competition, and the Metrobank Young Painters' Annual.

The show is in collaboration with Finale Art File in the Philippines.

Place for Space composes of 12 artworks. The exhibition will run until 17 November 2013.

About Element Art Space

The gallery first opened in October 2009 under the mentorship of Chua Soobin—one of the most prominent gallerists in South East Asia and was the first to introduce avant-garde Chinese art to the region. Initially named S.Bin Art Plus, the gallery changed its name to Element Art Space in 2011. Drawing from Soobin's more than 20 years of experience in the art industry, the gallery's aim remains consistent: to promote great and innovative artists from South East Asia and provide exchange and dialogue with artists, galleries and collectors from throughout the world. The gallery also offers residencies to a highly selected number of emerging artists from the region. The gallery's inaugural exhibition, "Harmony," featured the works of 33 painters and sculptors from throughout the world, many of which have never been displayed to the Singaporean public before--marble sculpture by Fernando Botero and gold-plated sculpture by Marc Quinn just to name a few. Following this grand entrance to the Singapore art scene, the gallery continues to be the advocate for compelling and challenging contemporary work by today's most exciting emerging and mid-career artists.

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