



"The Rising Sun" Acrylic on canvas, 2006-07, diam.45.5cm each

Wah Nu: The Rising Sun

Art-U room is pleased to present its second solo show by a Burmese artist, Wah Nu.

Wah Nu has been creating pop-style paintings through which she expresses her personal emotions, employing clouds and foliage as motifs. The artist's second solo show at Art-U room, the first since her "Self-Identity" of 2005, presents a series of paintings depicting stylized views of the rising sun in various colors. This series was inspired by a dawn in a countryside the artist saw from a train as she traveled. The beauty of the scene never faded from her mind. This memory has been supporting the artist as an encouragement to discover hope in the face of life's everyday difficulties and tragedies, just as the sunlight of day follows the darkness of night.

In tandem with painting, Wah Nu also creates films with a distinctive floating sense that evokes daydreaming, "Tea Time in Spring" screened at the last Fukuoka Asia Triennale being an example. Recently, she has been exploring a multi-layered presentation method by juxtaposing paintings and film. For this exhibition, an animation featuring the same rising sun motif will be shown with the series of paintings, adding a depth to the exhibition.

■ Wah Nu

Born in 1977 in Yangon (Rangoon), Wah Nu began her artistic activities after studying music at the University of Culture, Yangon. She currently works in various media, primarily painting and film. In 2004, she held her first solo show in Yangon, and also participated in the 11th Asian Biennale Bangladesh. In 2005, she took part in the 3rd Fukuoka Asian Art Triennale, and also held a solo show at Art-U room. She showed in group exhibitions in Yangon, in 2006 and 2007. Together with her artist husband, Tun Win Aung, who works in installation and performing arts, Wah Nu is a promising artist who will shape the future of contemporary art in Burma.

(Translation: Naomi Matsuura)

Event details:

Wah Nu: The Rising Sun

Oct.18 - Nov.9 2008

Tue.-Sat. 12:00-19:00. Sun.12:00-17:00. closed Mon. and National holidays

*Opening reception with the artist: Oct.18th, 18:00 - 20:00.

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