

# Aurora Santika

## Dreamscape

### Anthology

16 December 2023 – 7 January 2024

Tirtodipuran Link Building B, Yogyakarta

Writer: Lily Elserisa

Opening

Friday, 15 December | 5 PM



*Aurora Santika, Letter to the Moon, 2023, Acrylic on canvas, 180 x 180 cm*

**STEM Projects** presents *Dreamscape Anthology*, a solo exhibition by Aurora Santika. In this exhibition, Aurora Santika has created an anthology about the problems of human life today, packaged with her version of fiction. The exhibition presents 13 new acrylic on canvas works by the artist.

Aurora Santika grew up with fiction that she consumed from various media. She listens and observes intensive and detailed simple things surrounding her everyday life. Aurora's observations are intertwined with her fictional consumption experience, creating her version of a 'work of fiction'. This has contributed to a visual comprehension that extends beyond mere replication—but is integrated into her artistic process. They encapsulate the complexities of human relationships, bringing to the surface issues from common adversaries uniting people to the cyclical nature of life's problems.

Her paintings in this exhibition evoke a fairy tale—a dreamscape populated by characters akin to princesses, princes, witches, and magical creatures. The mature opaque coloring technique and precise outlines contribute to the firmness of the fictional reality she crafts. Offering a cozy and coherent palette, her paintings invite viewers to explore the bitterness of reality in a secure space. This approach represents a fresh and creative method for young artists to engage with complex issues through visually rich expressions.

*Dreamscape Anthology* will open to the public from 16 December 2023 – 7 January 2024. Exhibition opening hours are Monday – Friday, 12 – 7 PM and Saturday and Sunday, 12 – 8 PM, with the opening reception on Friday, 15 December 2023, 5 PM, at Tirtodipuran Link Building B, Tirtodipuran St No.26, Yogyakarta.

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## Aurora Santika

Aurora Santika (b.1996, Bogor) create art as a means to convey stories through a variety of metaphorical visual narratives set in fantastical universe. She uses vivid colors inspired by contemporary illustrations, and symbolisms derived from various artworks, movies, music, and literatures. The themes of her art mostly revolve around the continual struggle people have in understanding themselves and each others as well as surviving the unpredictability of life.

## STEM Projects

STEM Projects was established with the main purpose of discovering and nurturing emerging and under-represented artists.

With an artist-focused approach at our core, we intend to create a platform that enables artists to gain the necessary level of support in the early stage of their careers, while encouraging them to explore their practices and create new works.

Through our programs and activities, STEM places an emphasis on the need for accessibility and engagement between art and people, where we provide the environment that urges the interaction between both; a place for artists to introduce their works to wider audiences.

## Press Information

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