

Revaleka

Past Future Tense

16 December 2023 – 7 January 2024

Tirtodipuran Link Building B, Yogyakarta

Opening

Jumat, 15 December | 5 PM



Revaleka, Sunday PM, 2023, Oil on canvas, 100 x 150 cm

STEM Projects presents *Past Future Tense*, a solo exhibition by Revaleka. In this solo exhibition, Revaleka reflects the landscape of nostalgia not merely as a yearning for the past but also as seeing how it might influence our present and future. His work in this exhibition examines the malleability of our own memories, specifically how nostalgia seems to have an emotional grip on our lives.

Revaleka's works depict scenes at commonly found areas in our house, often set in a cozy living room adorned with old-fashioned furniture—a sofa, chairs, a tabletop, and an antiquated television—akin to impressionist paintings. Revaleka populates these spaces with silhouetted figures, each one drenched in red hues, each posed candidly or sometimes in a stiff, awkward-like manner, reminiscent of family gatherings in the '80s. Revaleka draws inspiration from old family photos, using them as a gateway to nostalgia.

The intentional distortion of figures into red-colored silhouettes symbolizes the void left by our imperfect or lost memory, of people who were a part of our life before. These silhouettes become a conduit, inviting viewers to draw themselves in the interplay of presence and absence, exploring the fragility of memory. However, the visual distortion, while conveying detachment and vagueness, raises questions about its impact on the emotional connection between the audience and the artwork.

Revaleka's blend of painting and photography shows how his painting can evoke the sensation of seeing a photograph, while still having the painting element intact and evident. The two exist synergistically, like a mutualistic symbiosis. The exhibition urges us to question our existence and identities, challenging the conventional narrative of capturing monumental moments and encouraging a deeper reflection on life's complexities.

Past Future Tense 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.

Revaleka

Revaleka (b. 2001, Bandung) is a young artist from Indonesia. Revaleka's works mostly focus on exploring oil paint. His brushwork and colors, as well as his approach to analog photography, have become his inherent identity. Nostalgic, enigmatic, and paradoxical are traits to define his works. He has won several achievements through curatorial selection in various Indonesian and international exhibitions and art competitions. Revaleka is also a fairly active participant in exhibitions and recently won the 2022 Most Promising Artist of the Year at the 2022 UOB Painting of the Year.

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.

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