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Exhibition Opening

VHC  
VIDA HEYDARI  
CONTEMPORARY

**Common Treasure**

Solo Exhibition by Demos Chiang

28 October - 26 November 2023

**Opening: Saturday, 28 October 2023, 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM**



Demos Chiang

Mountains

2023

Canvas, Mixed Media

63.5 x 51in

VHC is excited to announce the opening of **Demos Chiang's** debut solo show in India "**Common Treasure**", presenting a series of paintings by Chiang, where he ruminates upon the relationship between animals and humans, with nature as the binding agent. The exhibition previews on **Saturday, 28 October 2023, from 5:00pm - 8:00pm** at **VHC | Vida Heydari Contemporary**. The exhibit will run through 26 November 2023.

## **DEMOS CHIANG - ARTIST STATEMENT**

Across the various formats and diverse mediums he employs, Chiang's artistic practice is an echo of his personal experiences – where the East and the West find themselves in a continuous dialogue with each other. As an artist, he strives to visualise the fragments of his life and process them by recomposing these fragment-like realities through his artworks.

In this set of paintings, Chiang retains blanks, gaps, and imperfections, leaving behind an open composition that invites viewers to amalgamate their own experiences with the works, in order to complete the work.

Moreover, animals often populate and become protagonists of his paintings, personifying values of honesty and simplicity. Chiang finds the eyes of the animals particularly arresting, since they mirror an inner-being that neither intends to hide its desires nor has calculative intentions at heart.

The paintings by Chiang are therefore envisioned to act as reminders for human beings (who share many affinities with animals) to inculcate a sincere view towards life, where the need of a being to curb its desires—often deemed excessive—is reworked.

## **ABOUT ARTIST DEMOS CHIANG**

Demos Chiang was born in Taipei, Taiwan. Working across mediums like painting, sculpture and multi-media installation, Chiang's design- and art-oriented practice—a fusion of Eastern and Western cultures—is influenced by his traditional roots and the Western education he received in his formative years.

While anthropomorphic forms in Chiang's works reflect his concern for the current state of the world, his work also reveals his sensitive nature and compassion towards all beings—human and non-human. Layered using rich and diverse textures, with brush strokes evoking a sense of speed and fluidity, his paintings often contain poems in English that are meant as philosophical reflections. In his sculptural forms, Chiang employs the concept of vacuum to examine the notions of transience and time. Among other achievements, Chiang was invited as a main exhibiting artist at the 2021 Chengdu Biennale: Super Fusion, Seoul, South Korea.

Demos Chiang currently lives and works in Taipei, Taiwan.

## **ABOUT VHC | VIDA HEYDARI CONTEMPORARY**

VHC | Vida Heydari Contemporary is an international art gallery in Pune specialising in contemporary art and representing established and emerging artists with diverse backgrounds, across a variety of mediums and genres.

Founded in 2020 with an emphasis on authenticity, quality and innovation, VHC aims to contribute to the cultural fabric of the city. The gallery is committed to fostering the careers of its artists and sharing their work with a global audience, providing a platform for under-represented artists, presenting pioneering museum-quality exhibitions, positive collaborations, price transparency and offering a very hands-on and tailored high-quality experience.

In less than three years from its inception, VHC has mounted significant exhibitions featuring local and international artists. It has also participated in some of the most prestigious art fairs, such as Art Basel Hong Kong, India Art Fair and India Design ID.

In addition to the gallery program, VHC hosts talks, performances, workshops and educational programs to create engaging and enriching artistic experiences that capture the essence of life.

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**Interviews can be arranged with the artist and the gallery founder Vida Heydari.**