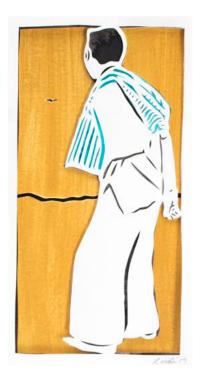


"Sifting Rice" (2020)
Lauren Iida
Hand-cut paper, watercolor, acrylic
4 x 6 inches (
\$100



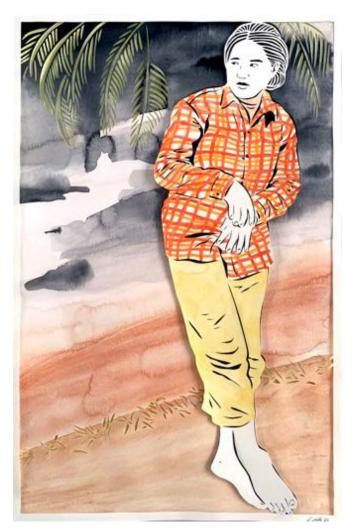
"Sunrise" (2020) Lauren lida Hand-cut paper, watercolor \$100



"Into the Distance" (2019) Lauren lida, hand-cut paper, watercolor, acrylic  $3.5 \times 5$  inches (9 x 13 cm) \$100



"Broken-Hearted Moon (Uncle Has Gone to Mars Already)" (2018) Lauren Iida Hand-cut paper, watercolor, acrylic 5 x 5 inches (13 x 13 cm) \$100



"Divination" (2020) Lauren Iida Hand-cut paper, ink 13.5 x 20.5 inches (34 x 52 cm) \$800



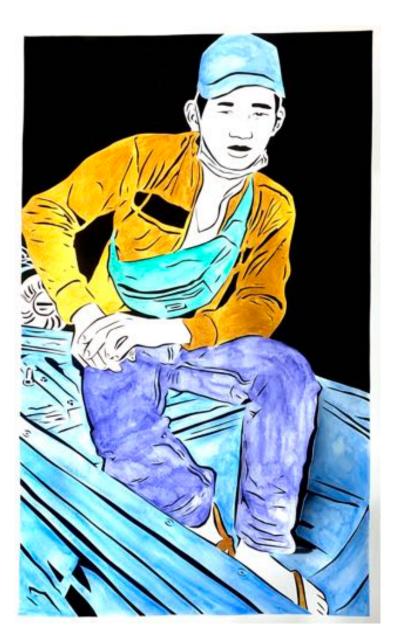
"Solace" (2020) Lauren Iida Hand-cut paper, watercolor 16.5 x 13 inches (42 x 33 cm) \$450



"Season of Change" (2020) Lauren Iida Hand-cut paper 50 x 34 inches (127 x 86 cm) \$1,200 SOLD



"100 Years" (2019) Lauren lida Hand-cut paper, ink, acrylic Triptych \$850



"Veasna in the Sunken Forest" (2020) Lauren lida, hand-cut paper, watercolor, acrylic 10 x 17 inches (25 x 43 cm) \$300



"Afternoon in Battambang" (2020) Lauren lida Hand-cut paper, watercolor, acrylic, ink  $10 \times 17$  inches (25 x 43 cm) \$250



"Seyha in the Sunken Forest" (2020) Lauren lida Hand-cut paper, watercolor, acrylic 5 x 7 inches (12 x 18 cm) \$150



"Past the End of the Road"(2019) Lavy Long Watercolor, 22.5 x 30 inches (57 x 76.5 cm) \$500



"My Heart" (2019) Lavy Long 22.5 x 30 inches (57 x 76.5 cm) Archival digital print \$150



"My Mother and I on the Palm Boats" (2020) Long Lavy, Watercolor 28 x 21 inches (71.5 x 53 cm) \$500



"Onto the Village II" (2020) Long Lavy Watercolor 21.5 x 14.5 inches (55 x 37 cm) \$300



"Respecting the Memory" (2019) Lavy Long Watercolor 29 x 21.5 inches (74 x 55 cm) \$450



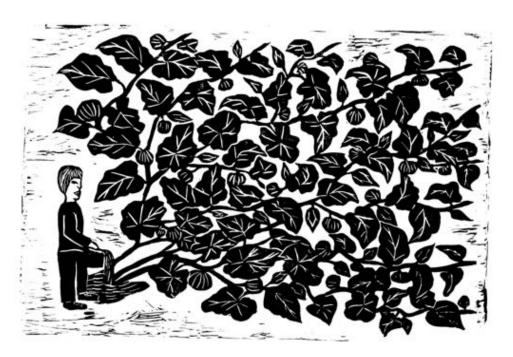
"A Place For Us III" (2019) Long Lavy Watercolor 21 x 26 inches (53 x 66 cm) \$450



"Migration" (2019)
Morn Chear
Limited edition
block print
20 x 14 inches (52 x
36 cm)
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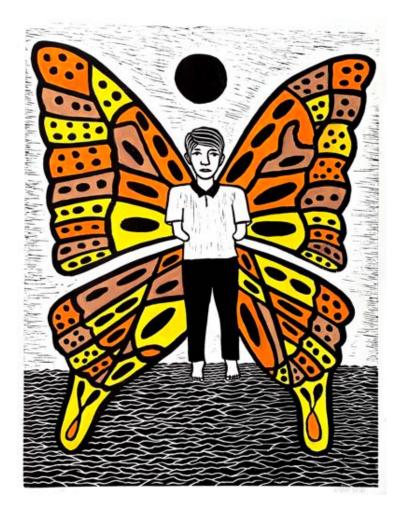
"Farm
Work" (2020)
Morn Chear
Limited edition
block print
20 x 14 inches (52 x
36 cm)
\$300



"New Growth" (2020) Morn Chear Limited edition block print 20 x 14 inches (52 x 36 cm) \$300 SOLD



"Foraged" (2019) Morn Chear Limited edition block print \$200 SOLD



"Metamorphosis: Yellow" (2020) Morn Chear Block print, acrylic 24 x 31 inches (61 x 79 cm) \$600 SOLD



"Camouflage" (2020) Kanha Hul Photo, ink 17 x 12 inches (43 x 30.5cm) \$250



"Language of my Body" (2020) Kanha Hul Photo, ink 16,5 x 12 inches (41,5 x 30,5 cm) \$250



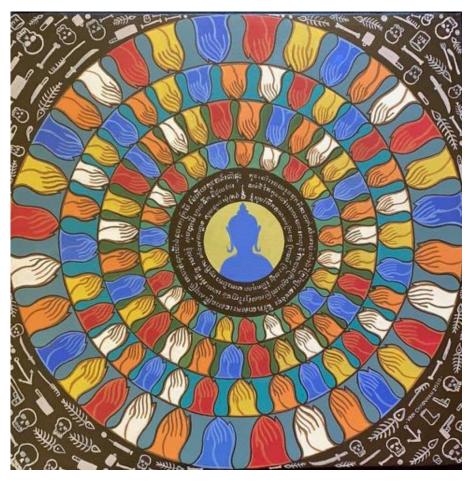
"Human" (2020) Kanha Hul Photo, acrylic 17 x 12 inches (43 x 30,5 cm) \$250



"New Life" (2020) Van Chhovorn Acrylic on canvas 70 x 70 cm (27.5 x 27.5 inches) \$700



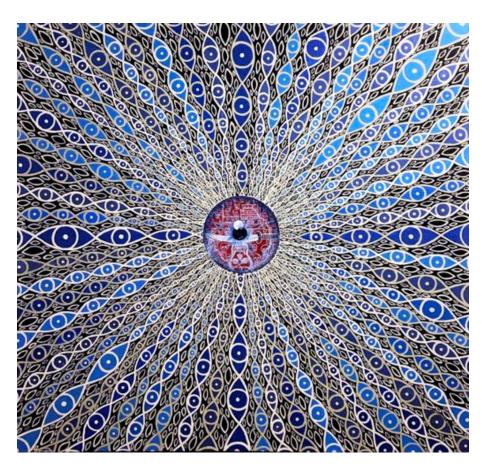
"Breathing Again" (2020) Van Chhovorn Acrylic on canvas 50 x 40 cm \$350 SOLD



"Slave's Prayer" (2020) Van Chhovorn Acrylic on canvas 60 x 60 cm \$600 SOLD



"Footprints of Destiny" (2020) Van Chhovorn Acrylic on canvas 100 x 100 cm \$1,200



"Omniscient" (2020) Van Chhovorn Acrylic on canvas 100 x 100 cm \$1,200



## Tomorrow is a New Day

"Tomorrow is a New Day" is the debut exhibition of selected Open Studio Cambodia artists Kanha Hul (Siem Reap), Lavy Long (Phnom Penh), Morn Chear (Kampot), Van Chhovorn (Battambang), and Lauren Iida (Seattle, USA) at the AIR Gallery in powered by FT Gallery at The Factory in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. The exhibition features acrylic paintings, block print, hand-cut paper, interdisciplinary/digital art, and watercolor.

"Tomorrow is a new day" is a popular Cambodian proverb with a message of optimistic perseverance through times of adversity. The artwork in this exhibition features deeply personal work from many of the artists who have overcome physical disability, forced labor and enslavement, sexism, and poverty. Each has used art as a powerful tool to heal, grow, and express their valuable and unique points of view.

Open Studio Cambodia is an artist collective based in Siem Reap comprised of eight contemporary Cambodian artists and its founder, paper cutaway artist, Lauren Iida.

Open Studio Cambodia provides mentoring services, marketing, art supplies, and domestic and international exhibition opportunities to its members and collaborates with a network of artists and arts organizations to promote the rising contemporary art scene in Cambodia as a whole.

**ARTIST BIOS** 

#### Van Chhovorn

(b. 1982, Site II Refugee Camp, Thailand)

Van Chhovorn was born in a refugee camp for Khmer Rouge genocide survivors in Thailand in 1982. Later, as a young man, he was enslaved on a fishing vessel in the Gulf of Thailand with 24 other Cambodian and Burmese men for more than two years.

He luckily regained his freedom by chance and was able to study at a free non-profit art school, Phare Ponleu Selpak, in Battambang, Cambodia where he became a wood sculptor and painter.

Important to his career is a recurring dream where an ancient "Dream Teacher" speaks to him and shows him what to do and which pieces of wood to select for his sculptures.

He currently resides in Battambang with his family and is pursuing his art career in collaboration with Open Studio Cambodia and Romcheik 5 Artspace (Battambang).

## **Selected Group Exhibitions**

2020 Group Exhibition of Cambodian Contemporary Art,
Galerie Lee, Paris, France

2019 Collected by the Romcheik 5 Countryside Museum for permanent display

2019 Battambang Art Festival, Battambang, Cambodia

2016 The Giant Puppet Project, Siem Reap, Cambodia

2012 "Tonle Mekong," United States of America Embassy,

Phnom Penh, Cambodia

2012 Sammaki Gallery, Battambang, Cambodia

2011 Romeat Gallery, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

2011 French Cultural Center, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

#### Awards

2020 Winner, Arn Chorn-Pond Living Arts Scholarship,

Cambodian Living Arts

2020 Winner, White Canvas Painting Competition (Japan)

## **Hul Kanha** (b.1999)

Kanha was born in a rural area in Siem Reap Province. She is currently pursuing her English language degree at university. Kanha feels art is essential to her soul as a mode of self-expression and is deeply connected to her daily artistic practice. Her multidisciplinary artwork mainly incorporates photography with painting, paper cutting, and stencil techniques.

Kanha is the recipient of the Treeline Urban Resort Artist Grant (2020), and has been an invited speaker and art instructor by the United Nations Women i4i Conference (2020) and NOMADIX Arts Festival (2020).

#### **Selected Group Exhibitions**

2020 "Contemporary Cambodia," Artxchange Gallery,

Seattle, USA

2020 Group Exhibition of Cambodian Contemporary Art,

Galerie Lee, Paris, France

2020 "Women of the World," Sra' Art Gallery, Phnom

Penh, Cambodia

2020 "Mirage in Sight" juried photo exhibition featured artist, Mirage Contemporary, Siem Reap, Cambodia

#### **Lavy Long** (b. 1980, Pursat Province, Cambodia)

Long spent most of his childhood in Kandal Province, just outside the city of Phnom Penh. He began studying watercolor in his teens and gradually honed his skills to create idyllic, often nostalgic countryside landscapes, and busy urban cityscapes. A father of two, former Khmer kick boxer, and Tuk Tuk driver by trade, Long is now pursuing his artistic career full-time through Open Studio Cambodia in Siem Reap.

## **Selected Group Exhibitions**

2020	"Contemporary Cambodia," Artxchange Gallery, Seattle, USA
2020	Group Exhibition of Cambodian Contemporary Art, Galerie Lee, Paris,
	France
2019	Mirage Contemporary, Siem Reap, Cambodia

#### **Solo Exhibitions**

2019-2020	Hotel Old Cinema, Phnom Penh, Cambodia
2019	"Dreamscapes," Chinese House, Phnom Penh, Cambodia
2019	House of Scott, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

# Morn Chear (b. 1991, Kampot, Cambodia)

Chear is a successful, multitalented visual and performing artist. He is an accomplished contemporary dancer, singer and visual artist proficient in illustration, painting, drawing, and printmaking. His work often depicts scenes from his everyday life before and after an electrical shock accident cost him both of his arms in his early 20s. He is a

graduate of Epic Arts program and a former professional contemporary dancer. He and his wife relocated in 2019 to Siem Reap where he is pursuing his art career through Open Studio Cambodia.

# **Selected Group Exhibitions**

2020	"Contemporary Cambodia," Artxchange Gallery, Seattle, USA	
2020	Group Exhibition of Cambodian Contemporary Art, Galerie	
Lee, Paris,	France	
2019	"A Place for Us" Mirage Contemporary, Siem Reap, Cambodia	
2019	Group Exhibition, Artillery, Phnom Penh, Cambodia	
2019	Group Exhibition by TRIBE, Foreign Correspondents Club	
Hotel, Siem Reap, Cambodia		
2018	Cambodia Urban Art Festival, Phnom Penh, Cambodia	

#### **Solo Exhibitions**

2019 "The Space Between" TRIBE Gallery, Siem Reap, Cambodia

Lauren lida was born in Seattle and holds a BFA from Cornish College of the Arts (2014). She shares her time between Seattle and Cambodia where she leads art tours, writes and illustrates bilingual books for children and works in her cut paper studio, the 'mobile atelier.' She specializes in intricately hand-cut paper, often incorporating ink wash and shadow play. Her reoccurring 30-foot-long hand-cut paper temporary installation piece/performance piece, the "Memory Net" has traveled the world, taking on new meaning and engaging communities in each place it is displayed.

lida has exhibited her work at ArtXchange Gallery, King Street Station, the Mayor's Gallery at Seattle City Hall, Shoreline City Hall, Virago Gallery, Tacoma Spaceworks and Sculpture Northwest. She is an Artist Trust GAP Grant recipient and received an Art Matters fellowship in 2017. Her work has been collected by the City of Seattle and she has been commissioned for public art by the City of Shoreline and the City of Seattle.

lida is also a public artist who has recently completed projects for Sound Transit, Seattle's Office of Arts and Culture, the City of Shoreline, and the Washington State Convention Center Addition.

lida is the founder of **Open Studio Cambodia**, an arts collective based in Siem Reap, Cambodia which supports eight Cambodian emerging contemporary artists through mentorship, exhibition opportunities, and access to art supplies and studio space.

Much of Iida's work is influenced by Cambodia where she has been active for many years working on various non-profit and social entrepreneurship projects beginning in

2008. Other major influences include her family's Japanese American heritage and incarceration during WWII and celebrating her Pacific Northwest home.