



Recent works by Eko Nugroho

The Art Gallery of South Australia presents *The Eko Chamber: Recent works by Eko Nugroho*, two suites of large embroidered wall hangings by contemporary Indonesian artist Eko Nugroho.

On display from 18 November 2011 to 29 January 2012 the works included in *The Eko Chamber* epitomize the eclectic nature of Nugroho's practice which is influenced as much by *wayang kulit* (shadow puppet theatre) as comic books and graffiti on the streets of his hometown of Yogyakarta.

Eko Nugroho's work evokes a sense of play while simultaneously confronting the challenges of contemporary life in his country. This is best illustrated by his polychromatic embroidered works from 2011 which combine hybrid cartoon creatures depicted in day-glow colours and slogans in Indonesian.

Over the past fifteen years contemporary artists from Indonesia have come to prominence on the international art scene. Like Nugroho, many artists continue to reside in Yogyakarta and site it as a major influence on their work. Yogyakarta is home to an immense artistic heritage where the ancient and contemporary sit side by side.

Currently Eko Nugroho is an artist in residence in Paris creating a solo exhibition for the Musee d'Art Moderne de le Ville de Paris (2012) and is included in *Beyond the Self: Contemporary Portraiture in Asia* a travelling exhibition in Australia. His work was also included in *Closing the Gap* at Melbourne International Fine Art (2011) and he has participated in a number of major international shows.

The Eko Chamber: Recent works by Eko Nugroho runs from Friday 18 November 2011 to Sunday 29 January 2012. Admission is FREE. For further information, including details on talks, tours and public events visit www.artgallery.sa.gov.au.

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