

BLACK BOX

Ames Yavuz

Opening 20 August 2024, 5-8pm

On view until 12 October 2024

Location Gillman Barracks, 9 Lock Road #02-23, Singapore 108937

Ames Yavuz is pleased to announce *Black Box* 黑匣 curated by Yang Zi, Beijing-based researcher and independent curator.

Black Box features works by 12 Chinese artists, revolves around themes of "imprisoned bodies" and "boundaries of space." The title of the exhibition not only refers to colour but also spaces void of light—where the covert can be concealed and objects engulfed by darkness are temporarily or permanently obliterated.

The exhibited works often depict oppressive scenarios shrouded in "black," accompanied by the subject's intense struggle for liberation. In the process, body parts even detach from and forfeit their original structures, twisting into "flesh." Other times, movements—such as emitting faint, sharp signals (Jiang Zhi, *Name (Aranya)*, 2024) or tidying household objects (Zheng Yuan, *What Is To Be Done?* 2024)—are subtle and cautious, yet the bodies remain irregular and disjointed. Distortion of space and time shapes the contours of "flesh," and the body concurrently deforms as the subject's consciousness seeks to break free from its skeleton. Trembling under the tension of both internal and external forces, the flesh and body struggle to perform such sets of precise actions.

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Selected Works



Wu Chen, *Gold, Flies, Gems, Bowling Ball*, 2024
Acrylic on canvas
250 x 180 cm

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Tong Tianqing, *Wrest*, 2022
Ink and colour on paper
240 x 310 cm



Jiang Zhi, *Name (Aranya)*, 2024
single channel video with sound
4 min 44s

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Xiyadie, Eating from the bowl, thinking of the post, 2022

Papercut with water based dye and Chinese pigments on Xuan paper
130 x 134 cm (artwork); 174 x 174 x 5 cm (framed)

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About the Gallery

Ames Yavuz embraces its diverse cultural background through a strong international focus and perspective. The gallery's vision is underpinned by robust curatorial practices that form the core of our program and foster intercultural discourse on a global scale.

Representing a wide range of multidisciplinary artists across continents, Ames Yavuz aims to challenge, inspire, and reclaim through art. The gallery provides a platform for transformative and compelling artistic voices who bring care and attention to the most urgent conversations of our time, and celebrates storytelling with authenticity, innovation and wit.

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