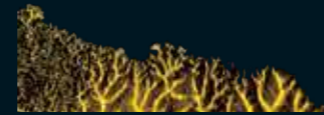


SOLO EXHIBITION
BY LYIA META

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



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If asked to describe Lyia Meta as an artist, the first word that comes to mind is "soulful".

We were first introduced to Lyia and her art in 2012 through a mutual friend. Although visual art has always been a part of her life since childhood, it was constantly put on the backburner as she pursued other things in life important to her – school, love, a family of her own, and a career in music.

Hearing her story, the only conclusion we can arrive at is that visual art has always been in Lyia's blood, just waiting for the right time to fully emerge and bloom.

Since then, Lyia has regularly exhibited her works at Artemis Art, and it was here that she had her first proper gallery exhibition with Emergence in late 2012. It must be said that her art today has clearly gone through a process of maturity, as she continues to explore her thoughts and inner self, and putting to canvas what she discovers along her journey.

Moving away from more literal narratives in her earlier works, towards a deeper exploration of ideas in her more recent art pieces, is a clear indication of Lyia's continuing growth as an artist. Thematically, multifaceted interpersonal relationships, inner self, and family seem to dominate most strongly.

All these themes and ideas find their way to the canvas through nuanced and inspired strokes, delivered through honest introspection and deep ruminations. It would certainly not be an exaggeration to say that every artwork Lyia produces is her very soul reaching out to the world, wanting to be heard.

Artemis Art takes this opportunity to congratulate Lyia on her first solo exhibition, and it is our sincere hope that she continues her journey fearlessly, each step an incremental growth in her career as a visual artist.

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She's a vibrant singer, sometimes songwriter, and visual artist who spent her early childhood admiring her father's paintbrush fly across huge expanses of canvases. Each stroke left her in awe and wonder at the magic he wove.

Lyia was born in Malacca, to a Malaccan Portuguese father and a Sinhalese-Chinese mother. From as far back as she can remember, she has been doodling, sketching and painting. After school she pursued distance studies in Interior Design, got married, had a kid and fell in love with the stage. Making music her life, she has sung in various parts of the peninsula. But art has always been close to her heart.

Fast-forward 20 years: she is still singing but her art has become more and more a channel for which she can best express herself.

Through ornate and delicate textures that are characteristic of her works, romanticism and music are some of the elements that are instantly recognizable. While music continues to be an important part of her life, it is visual art that has become a channel through which she best expresses her thoughts, emotions and experiences.

Lyia's relationship with her art is as fiery as the artist herself. She loves every moment spent in front of the canvas and the peace it brings when a piece nears completion.

"I am a self confessed romantic. I love to paint strong women, people that influence my life or emotions that hold sway over me. I never plan what I paint, preferring instead to allow the brush to take me where it will. I suppose that is why I paint feverishly and never stop to think where I am going...until I have reached my destination."

Selected Exhibition Experience

- 2014 - **Twitter Art Exhibition** – Orlando, Florida, USA
- 2013 - **Asia Hotel Art Fair (AHAF)** – Mandarin Oriental Hotel, Hong Kong (with Artemis Art)
- **International Women's Day exhibition: "My Day"**
Viva Home Exhibition Hall, Kuala Lumpur
- **50 Shades of Malaysia** – Publika Shopping Gallery, Kuala Lumpur (with Artemis Art)
- 2012 - **Emergence** - Artemis Art, Publika, Kuala Lumpur



Lyia Meta

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1 Dawn
Mixed media on canvas
24in X 18in



2 Minuet...(Truly Yours)
Mixed media on canvas
48in X 48in (diptych)



3 Devoted
Mixed media on canvas
40in X 30in



4 Incomplete
Mixed media on canvas
40in X 30in



5 Passion - 'An Awakening'
Mixed media on canvas
30in X 30in



6 Celestial Bond
Mixed media on canvas
48in X 36in



7 In the Chamber of Contentment
Mixed media on canvas
30in X 20in



8 Threshold
Mixed media on canvas
40in X 30in



9 Detachment
Mixed media on canvas
12in X 24in



10 My Father's Son
Mixed media on canvas
12in X 24in



11 Dream
Mixed media on canvas
30in X 40in



12 To Belong
Mixed media on canvas
48in X 24in



13 The Bloom and The Beyond
Mixed media on canvas
30in X 24in