

PRESS RELEASE

Thaweesak Srithongdee: *LOOP*

Saturday, 5 March – Sunday, 17 April 2011

Yavuz Fine Art is pleased to present *LOOP*, by Thai artist, Thaweesak Srithongdee (Lolay).

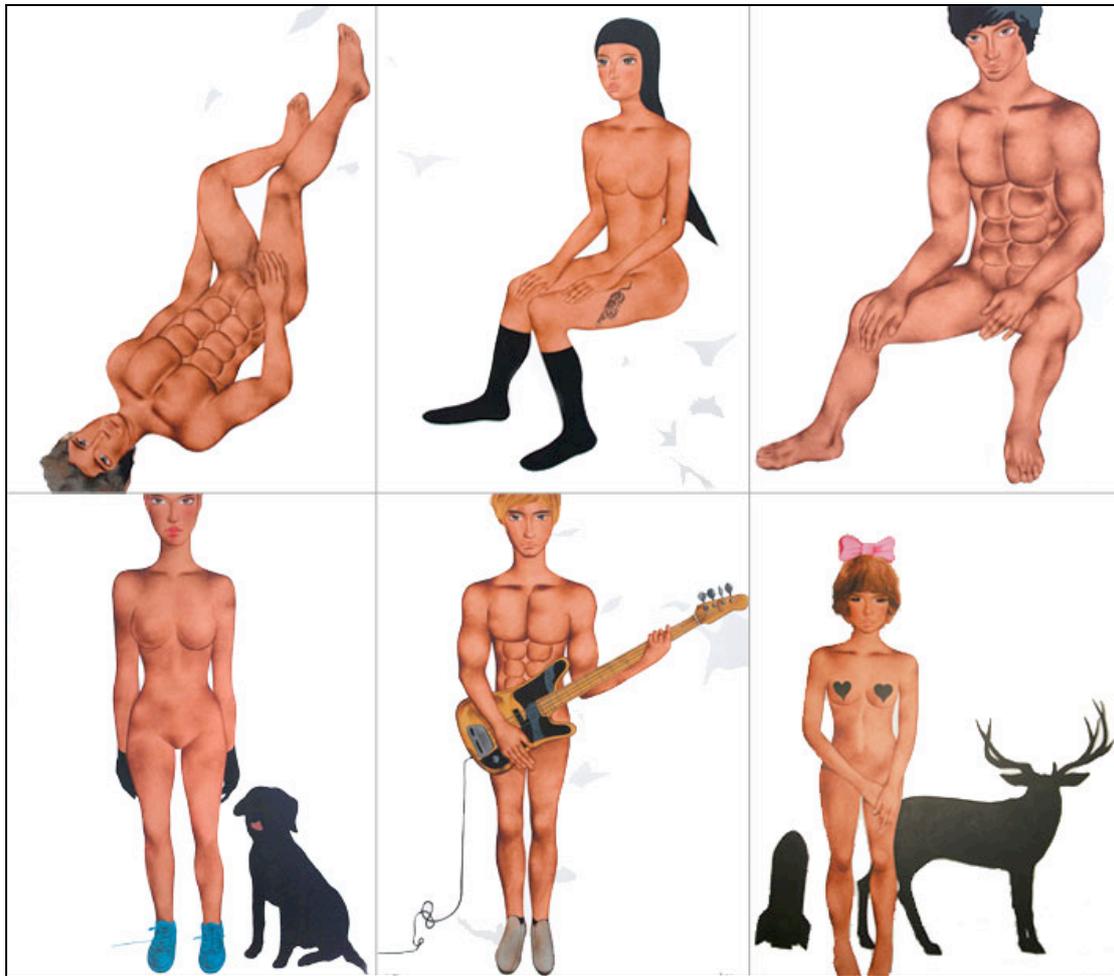
The theme of a loop is evident routinely in our lives - in music, fashion trends and history. It makes us contemplate our existence, question the possibility of recurring patterns and recurring lives. Often, we come across a person who reminds us of someone else we know of, someone who's mannerism and lifestyle may mimic that of another person in history. Can someone's life - ideas, character and emotions be looped over and over again, manifesting in different people, in different times?

With *LOOP*, Lolay displays a gathering of influential and historical icons – Che Guevara, James Dean, Marie Antoinette, Miyamoto Musashi, Andy Warhol, Marilyn Monroe, Juliet, Genghis Khan, Tarzan, Kurt Cobain, John Lennon, June Miller and Anais Nin. All of these heroes are dressed in skin-tight suits in deliberate tones of nude, similar to different skin colours that human beings have. He portrays them freed from stereotypical associations and strips them of their clothes and accessories.

Lolay loves playing music and loves listening to it. He is captivated by the recurring rhythms within songs. With *LOOP* he wants to entertain these spirits from the past. He wants his heroes to come to life and to watch him perform with his band *HappyBand*. He wants to tempt them with his music and loop them back into our lifetime to watch us repeating the scenes and mistakes from the past.

Lolay was born in 1970 and graduated with a Masters in Fine Art from Silpakorn University, Bangkok, Thailand. His style echoes the influence of Surrealism and Pop Art. Lolay has previously exhibited in Thailand, Singapore, Korea, Japan, The Netherlands, Germany and England. He has participated in numerous Biennials, including Busan 2010, Jakarta Biennale 2009 and Fukuoka Asian Art Triennale 2005. His works are collected in Fukuoka Asian Art Museum in Japan, and Singapore Art Museum in Singapore.

The opening reception for *LOOP* in the presence of the artist will be held on Friday, 4 March 2011 from 7 – 9pm at 51 Waterloo Street, #03-01. There will be a performance by the artist and his band, *HappyBand*, during the reception.



Top L-R: James Dean (2010); Juliet (2010); Che Guevera (2010)
Bottom L-R: Marie Antoinette (2010); Andy Warhol (2010); Marilyn (2011)
Each 200 x 150 cm, acrylic on canvas

For inquiries please contact Stella Chang at stella@yavuzfineart.com or at (65) 6338 7900.