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**JACKIE LAM a.k.a. 009**

***Space Time of Love***

17 July – 22 August, 2021

Opening reception: 17 July, 5 – 8pm



*Two and a Half Galaxies*, 2021, Acrylic on canvas, 50 by 70 cm.  
Courtesy of the artist, JPS Gallery and How2work

JPS Gallery and How2work are delighted to jointly present *Space Time of Love*, a solo exhibition of Hong Kong artist Jackie Lam a.k.a. 009, on view at the gallery's Tokyo location. The exhibition marks 009's first-ever solo show in Japan, presenting a series of deeply intimate and emotionally charged new paintings and sculptures that were inspired by a recent personal incident.

Titled *Space Time of Love*, the exhibition presents a series of works which are a manifestation of the artist's changing preoccupation and the state of his mind. Featuring the artist's new character, astronaut Unio, 009 explores the philosophical doctrines of fatalism and the role of love in one's fate through a literal "out of this world" perspective. The series incorporates his signature vivid colors, expressive brushwork and painterly dynamics around light, evoking a sense of lyricism and sensuousness while showing the artist's belief in the transcendent power of love and how it possesses the ability to defy destiny.

The presented works are an intimate visual documentary of how the incident impacted the artist. It records his process of self-reflection and search for a resolution, resulting in one of the artist's most personal body of work to date. As by the artist's own account, "the exhibited works inherent part of my soul", one with deep emotions and thoughts he wishes to share with his audience.

### **About Jackie Lam a.k.a. 009**

009 engages in the dialogue between reality and fantasy in a distinct style, exploring philosophy and psychology topics while frequently making references to specific environments and locations.

The artist's love for comics is not only reflected in his endearingly eccentric works but also in his artist name 009, which is a homage to the manga series *Cyborg 009* by legendary manga artist Shotaro Ishinomori. He draws inspiration from Japanese manga, comics and European modernist movement, wielding these various methods to create emotionally saturated visuals that are manifested through his vivid and vibrant works. There is a unique warmth to his work that is endearing, relatable, yet reflective to many.

009 graduated from the First Institute of Art and Design in Hong Kong and worked as a toy designer and theme park architect before beginning his artistic journey as an illustrator and cartoonist. In 2009, he published his first illustration book *Drawin9 Life*. Besides painting, 009 also produces art toys, including his most recent character, astronaut Unio, that were met with immense popularity across Asia.

### **About JPS Gallery**

Established in 2014 in Hong Kong, JPS Gallery is an independent contemporary art gallery presenting works of emerging and established artists from around the world. The gallery is founded with a passionate spirit that dedicates to the new digital age and the exploration of the world of fine art and pop culture.

We aim to create an innovative environment for a new generation of artists and collectors, fostering a creative space for all. We focus on fun and playful works of the era that spans across different mediums and disciplines, showcasing a discerning selection of works that embody the aesthetics of today.

We are committed to supporting the culture and art scene in Hong Kong and Japan, creating a vibrant local art community. The gallery regularly presents works of emerging artists in our gallery spaces in Hong Kong and Tokyo as well as international art fairs, giving them a platform to gain global exposure, supporting young artists to launch their careers. JPS has also been an active contributor to society and the local art scene by sponsoring various charity events and auctions.

**Location**

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