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## **Okokume**

# Origen

3 March - 2 April, 2023

Opening Reception: Thursday, 2 March 2023, 6 - 9 pm



**Enredos**, 2022, Acrylic on canvas, 114 by 146 cm Courtesy of the artist and JPS Gallery.

Okokume's first solo exhibition in Paris, presented at JPS Gallery will pull back the curtain on her public persona by delving into the darkest corners of Okokume's mind. Origen will feature a collection of intricately painted ceramic vases and vibrant creations in conjunction with a specially curated installation for viewers seeking an aesthetic experience like no other.

Okokume is famously known as the creator of her iconic character Cosmic Girl, yet the story behind the famed artist remains a mystery until now. The exhibition space will be transformed into an immersive sensory adventure where viewers are encouraged to lose themselves in the labyrinth of the artist's mind. With a new untold confession to be revealed at every turn, viewers are provoked to reflect upon their own origin and existence. Manifested in her works is a web of



complex narratives and grains of wisdom derived from her personal experience, further elaborated and transformed into vibrant creations.

Okokume's pursuit of knowledge on an emotional, social, and ethical level continues to deepen the value and meaning of her works. Presenting a collection of some of the most personal and vulnerable works the world has yet to have seen, Origen invites viewers to embark on an intimate journey where they can explore the complexities of Okokume's identity.

#### **About Okokume**

Okokume, also known as Laura Mas Hernandez, is best known for her iconic character Cosmic Girl. The pink-haired spirit with turquoise skin is the universe's messenger who emphasises the importance of protecting the environment. She travels in space and tends to planets in need by restoring them to their former glory.

Her Lowbrow inspired style of painting reflects the influence of Japanese manga, American cartoons and street culture. Her gleeful and colourful works transport the audience into the universe of Cosmic Girl and her companions, spreading positive messages they believe in. Okokume's cheerful and positive style is met with much popularity, making her one of the fastest growing contemporary artists.

Okokume was born in 1985 in Barcelona. She graduated from Barcelona's renowned Llotja Advanced School of Art and Design. Her works have been widely exhibited in galleries and art fairs around the world, including Hong Kong, Tokyo, Taipei, Seoul, Los Angeles and Berlin etc.

# **About JPS Gallery**

Established in Hong Kong in 2014 and later in Japan, Paris and Barcelona, 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 Asia and Europe, creating a vibrant local art community. The gallery regularly presents works of emerging artists in our gallery spaces in Tokyo, Hong Kong, Paris 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

12 rue Notre Dame de Nazareth, 75003 Paris

## **Media Enquiry**

For media enquires and press preview, please contact Mika Chen | mika@jpsgallery.com

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# **Growing at the same time**, 2022 Acrylic and watercolour pencils on canvas 73 by 92 cm





**Sanctuary**, 2022 Acrylic and watercolour pencils on canvas 46 by 55 cm









**Vase 2**, 2022 Acrylic and watercolour pencils on ceramic H75 by W25 by D25 cm





**Vase 4**, 2022 Acrylic and watercolour pencils on ceramic H55 by W35 by D35 cm