



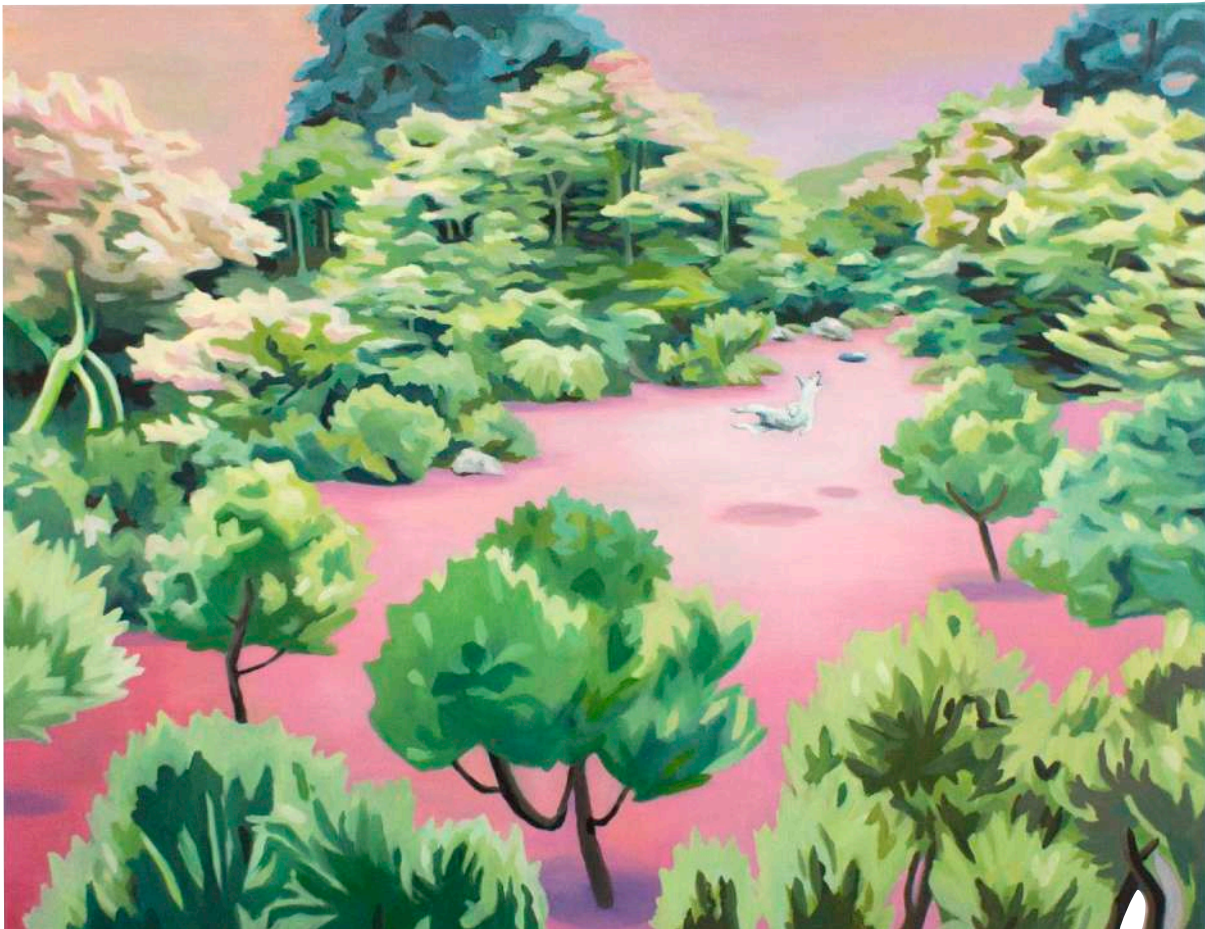
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## **Lokz Phoenix**

### ***L'échappée***

17 November - 16 December, 2023

Opening Reception: Thursday, 16 November 2023, 6 - 9 pm (Artist will be present)



*Until the end of the world*, 2023, 116 by 89 cm.  
Courtesy of the artist and JPS Gallery.

“Nature is not at our service, it exists very well without us.” — Cédric Sapin-Defour, *Son odeur après la pluie*.

Hong Kong artist Lokz Phoenix, currently based in Paris, is a rising star in the contemporary art scene and set to unveil her new solo exhibition alongside a specially curated installation at our gallery space in Paris. Her mesmerising series of enchanting forest paintings featuring a curious dog gracefully journeying through will transport viewers to a utopian world where they can reconnect with their inner selves and indulge in quiet introspection.



Lokz's use of wondrous colours suggests a departure from reality and the entering into a realm of imagination and symbolism. The fantastical hues enhance the otherworldly nature of this setting, creating a sense of wonder and intrigue that invites contemplation on the nature of our existence. Whilst the adventuresome dog serves as a metaphor for all natural beings who find contentment and pleasure in ways that are free from human influence. Portrayed as small and seemingly lost in a vast space, it evokes a sense of isolation and introspection that prompts viewers to question the impact of human interference on nature whilst offering them a moment of solitude that is increasingly rare in today's fast-paced society.

In addition to conveying the beauty of the natural world and human experience, a more profound implication lies beneath the surface of these enchanting forests. Lokz intentionally kept her paintings devoid of human presence to spark conversations about our relationship with animals and the potential unnaturalness of our actions, such as having them as pets. In the basement of the gallery is a replica of Lokz's room, the place where she shared her most precious moments with her dog. His bowl, his leash, and his toys are transformed into handmade ceramics whilst the hairs he once left on her clothes and the memories they shared are forever immortalised into timeless paintings.

Lokz's exquisite brushstrokes and attention to detail masterfully captures the essence of solitude in a romanticised lens like no other. The various landscapes found in her paintings also hold great emotional value and treasured memories as it was inspired by the photographs she took during her hikes in France and Asia. This exhibition provides viewers with a safe space to contemplate upon the multi-faceted and long-standing prejudices humans have towards other living beings that are often overlooked in the vastness of the world.

### **About Lokz Phoenix**

Born and raised in Hong Kong, Lokz Phoenix is a painter and ceramicist whose artistic career began when she moved to Paris in 2016. Her artistic practice started with romanticised representations of the female body, and her most recent works centre around utopian depictions of forests with a haunting and magical quality that reflects her ever-evolving imagination and ability to present paintings with a continual cascade of form and meaning.

The female body inspired her earlier works as it is part of her identity and a visual language that best represents her. It offers an intimate view into the emotion, power and sensitivity within them. By exaggerating the movement of her characters and striking their faces, viewers can attain a deeper understanding of relationships and emotions through their body language. The sense of femininity instilled within her ceramics and oil paintings reveals Lokz's intention to provide viewers with an opportunity to appreciate the beauty of the female body through different mediums.



Lokz studied graphic design and then worked in a fashion company for six years before beginning her career as an illustrator in 2013. Her artistic career only began in 2016 when she decided to take a leap of faith by moving to Paris, the capital of art. Since then, she has become one of the emerging stars in both Paris and Hong Kong art scenes, presenting solo exhibitions in both cities and exhibiting her works alongside an exciting roster of artists in group shows over the years. Lokz currently works and lives in Paris.

### **About JPS Gallery**

Established in Hong Kong in 2014 and later in Tokyo, 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 as well as international art fairs, giving them a platform to gain global exposure, supporting young artists to launch their careers. JPS Gallery 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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### **Media Enquiry**

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***Naraka***

2023  
Oil on canvas  
116 by 89 cm



***La sieste dans la barbe à papa***

2023  
Oil on canvas  
60 by 73 cm



**Bowl**

2023  
Ceramic  
14.5 by 21 cm



***Limace\_F0403\_9***

2023  
Ceramic  
9 by 1.8 cm



***Limace\_F0701\_12***

2023  
Ceramic  
12 by 4 cm



***Limace\_F0504\_9.5***

2023  
Ceramic  
9.5 by 7 cm



***Limace\_F1101***

2023  
Ceramic  
13.5 by 9 cm