

## THE PROPELLER GROUP

Formed in 2006  
Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2021 *Volatile Landscapes*, made in collaboration with MAG Vietnam, Sunset Spectacular, West Hollywood, CA
- 2018 *The Propeller Group*, Luckman Fine Arts Complex, California State University, Los Angeles, CA
- 2017 *New Pictures: The Propeller Group, Reincarnations*, Minneapolis Institute of Art, MN
- 2016 *The Propeller Group*, Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago, IL; traveled to the Phoenix Art Museum, AZ; Blaffer Museum of Art, Houston, TX and San Jose Museum of Art, CA
- The Living Need Light, The Dead Need Music*, James Cohan, New York, NY
- 2015 *The Propeller Group: Fusion (After a Universe of Collisions)*, Contemporary Art Museum, St. Louis, MO
- The Living Need Light, The Dead Need Music*, Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh, PA
- The Living Need Light, The Dead Need Music*, Ernest G. Welch School of Art & Design, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA
- A Universe of Collisions*, Grand Arts, Kansas City, MO
- 2013 *Lived, Lives, Will Live!*, Lombard Freid Gallery, New York, NY
- 2012 *The History of the Future*, 10 Chancery Lane, Hong Kong
- Static Friction*, Galerie Quynh, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
- Static Friction: Burning Rubber*, Sàn Art, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
- 2010 *Your Name Here*, Sàn Art @ L'Usine, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
- 2007 *Requiem for a Wall*, Galerie Quynh, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

## SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS / SCREENINGS / PERFORMANCES

- 2025 *13th Anniversary Show*, Fondazione Sandretto Re Rebaudengo, Turin, Italy (*forthcoming*)
- 2024 *Ecologies of Peace*, Centro de Creación Contemporánea de Andalucía C3A, Córdoba, Spain
- 2021 *People, Victory and Life after the War: A two-chapter exhibition from the Nguyen Art Foundation collection*, Nguyen Art Foundation, EMASI School Nam Long & Van Phuc Campuses, Vietnam
- ERRATA, COLLECTING ENTANGLEMENTS AND EMBODIED HISTORIES*, MAIIAM Contemporary Art Museum, Chiang Mai, Thailand
- 2020 *South East North West*, San José Museum of Art, San José, CA
- Things Entangling*, presented by the Museum of Contemporary Art Toyko and KADIST, Museum of Contemporary Art Tokyo, Japan
- 2019 *James Cohan: Twenty Years*, James Cohan, New York, NY

- Clear-Hold-Build*, curated by Shimrit Lee, Joshua Nierodzinski, and Nataša Prljević, 12 Gates Arts, Philadelphia, PA  
*Where The Sea Remembers*, The Mistake Room, Los Angeles, CA  
*Scripted Reality: The Life and Art of Television*, Museo Jumex, Mexico City, Mexico  
*Borders*, James Cohan, New York, NY
- 2018 *How to See [What Isn't There]*, curated by Gianni Jetzer, Langen Foundation, Neuss, Germany  
*The Street. Where the World Is Made*, Fondazione MAXXI, Rome, Italy  
*Divided We Stand*, Busan Biennale 2018, Busan, South Korea  
*In Search of Southeast Asia Through The M+ Collections*, M+ Pavilion, Hong Kong  
*Salt of the Jungle*, the Korea Foundation, Seoul, South Korea  
*Dismantling the Scaffold*, Tai Kwun Contemporary, Hong Kong  
*The House of Fame*, Nottingham Contemporary, Nottingham, UK  
*Line of Sight*, mudac, Lausanne, Switzerland; travelling to Forum Schlossplatz, Aarau, Switzerland  
*Dictionary of Evil*, Gangwon International Biennale, South Korea  
*Asia Pacific Breweries Foundation Signature Art Prize 2018* (finalist exhibition), Singapore Art Museum, Singapore
- 2017 Bi-City Biennale of Urbanism/Architecture, curated by Hou Hanru, Shenzhen, China  
*Cinerama: Art and the Moving Image in Southeast Asia*, Singapore Art Museum  
*After Darkness: Southeast Asian Art in the Wake of History*, Asia Society, New York, NY  
*Islands, Constellations, and Galapagos*, Yokohama Triennial, Japan  
*Propositions on Revolution (Slogans for a Future)*, Krannert Art Museum, Champaign, IL  
*Ruptures*, Des Moines Art Center, IA  
*SPIRITUALIZED: As Above, So Below (from Modernity to Now)*, Irish Museum of Modern Art, Dublin, Ireland
- 2016 35th International Uppsala Short Film Festival, Uppsala, Sweden  
*Design and Violence*, Science Gallery, Trinity College, Dublin, co-produced by MoMA New York  
*Antenna : : Signal*, Ace Hotel, New Orleans, LA  
*Homeland Security*, Fort Winfield Scott at Langdon Court, FOR SITE Foundation, San Francisco, CA  
38<sup>th</sup> Annual International Short Film Festival Clermont-Ferrand, France
- 2015 Göteborg International Biennial for Contemporary Art, Göteborg, Sweden  
*All The World's Futures*, 56th Venice Biennale, Venice, Italy  
*After Utopia*, Singapore Art Museum, Singapore  
*Fairy Tales*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Taipei, Taiwan  
44th International Film Festival Rotterdam  
*Sights and Sounds: Vietnam*, The Jewish Museum, New York, NY
- 2014 *Prospect New Orleans, Prospect.3: Notes for Now*, New Orleans, LA  
SeMA Biennale Mediacity Seoul 2014: *Ghosts, Spies, and Grandmothers*, Seoul Museum of Art, Seoul Korea  
*Unlearn, Tradition (un)Realized*, Arko Art Center, Seoul, Korea  
*Residual: Disrupted Choreographies*, Carre d'Art, Nimes, France  
*Transmission*, Jim Thompson Art Center, Bangkok, Thailand
- 2013 *In Between*, Beit HaGafen - Arab Jewish Culture Center, Haifa, Israel

- Home Away*, Armory Center for the Arts, Pasadena, CA  
*ASEAN Media Arts Festival*, traveling exhibition, Tokyo, Japan  
*Unknown Forces*, MSGSÜ Tophane-i Amire Culture and Arts Center, Istanbul, Turkey  
*Cities of Ancient Futures*, Changwon Asian Art Festival, Changwon, South Korea  
*No Country: Contemporary Art for South and Southeast Asia*, Guggenheim Museum, New York, NY  
 Yebisu International Festival for Art & Alternative Visions, National Museum of Photography, Tokyo, Japan
- 2012 *Impakt*, Utrecht, The Netherlands  
 7th Asia Pacific Triennial of Contemporary Art, Queensland Gallery of Modern Art, Brisbane, Australia  
*The Unseen*, Guangzhou Triennial, Guangdong Museum of Art, Guangzhou City, China  
*Six Lines Of Flight*, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art (SFMOMA), San Francisco, CA  
*Made In LA*, Los Angeles Biennial, Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA  
*The Ungovernables*, New Museum, New York, NY  
*Bangkok Experimental Film Festival*, Bangkok, Thailand.
- 2011 *Video, An Art, A History*, Singapore Art Museum, Singapore  
*Project 35*, Independent Curators International, Pratt Manhattan Gallery, New York, NY  
*Commercial Break*, Venice, Italy  
*Negotiating Home History And Nation*, Singapore Art Museum, Singapore  
 Singapore Biennale – Open House, Singapore Art Museum, Singapore
- 2010 *Night Festival*, National Museum of Singapore, Singapore  
*Art | Paris + Guests*, 10 Chancery Lane, Grand Palais, Paris, France  
*Projects 93*, Museum of Modern Art (MoMA), New York, NY  
*Against Easy Listening*, 1A Space, Hong Kong  
 8th Shanghai Biennale, in collaboration with Superflex, Shanghai Art Museum, Shanghai, China
- 2010 Kuandu Biennale, in collaboration with Superflex, Kuandu Museum of Fine Arts, Taipei, Taiwan  
*Porcelain / Mảnh Ghép Cuộc Đời*, in collaboration with Superflex, Sàn Art, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam  
*Your Name Here*, Sàn Art @ L'Usine, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam  
*Project 35*, Independent Curators International, New York, NY  
*FAX*, Para Site, Hong Kong
- 2009 *Lim Dim*. Curated by Tran Luong, Stenersenmuseet, Oslo, Norway  
*Palais Project*. Vienna, Austria  
 Oberhausen Film Festival, Germany  
*What's the Big Idea?*, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, San Francisco, CA
- 2008 *Guangzhou Triennial*, Guangdong Museum of Art, Guangzhou City, China  
*TransPOP*, Korea Vietnam Remix, Seoul, South Korea  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Singapore Biennale, Singapore  
 Gwangju Biennale, South Korea  
*The Farmers & the Helicopters*, Freer & Sackler, Smithsonian, Washington DC, USA
- 2007 *Requiem for a Wall*, Galerie Quynh, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

- Lyon Biennial, The History of a Decade That Has Not Yet Been Named,  
Lyon, France  
Vietnamese International Film Festival, Los Angeles, CA  
*Depiction Perversion Repulsion Obsession Subversion*, International Film Festival  
Rotterdam, Witte de Witte, Center for Contemporary Arts, Rotterdam,  
Netherlands  
2006 *Imaginary Country*, Shoshana Wayne Gallery, Santa Monica, CA  
*Diaspora*, Esplanade Concert Hall, Singapore

## COLLECTIONS

Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia  
Asian Art Museum of San Francisco, CA  
The Burger Collection, Hong Kong  
Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh, PA  
Centre Pompidou, Paris, France  
De Young Museum, Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, CA  
FOR-SITE Foundation, San Francisco, CA  
Kadist Art Foundation, San Francisco, CA  
Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA), Los Angeles, CA  
M+, West Kowloon, Hong Kong  
Minneapolis Institute of Art, MN  
Museum of Modern Art (MoMA), New York, NY  
New Orleans Museum of Art (NOMA), New Orleans, LA  
Queensland Gallery of Modern Art, Brisbane, Australia  
Redtory Museum of Contemporary Art, Guangzhou, China  
Science Gallery, Dublin, Ireland  
Singapore Art Museum, Singapore  
Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, NY  
Speed Museum, Louisville, Kentucky, USA

## AWARDS AND GRANTS

- 2018 Creative Impact Honoree, Cornerstone of the Arts Award, San Jose, CA  
2016 Grand Prix, International Competition at the 46th annual Tampere Film  
Festival, Tampere, Finland  
Winner of NexT10, Next Film Festival, Romania  
The Grand Prize, 19th Internationale Kurzfilmtage Winterthur, Switzerland  
2012 Creative Capital Award, New York, NY  
Muriel Pollia Foundation Award, Los Angeles, CA  
Center for Cultural Innovation – ARC grant, Los Angeles, CA

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- 2021 *Una Storia Per Il Futuro (A Story for the Future) / Dieci Anni Di Maxxi (Maxxi's  
First Decade)*, Italy: Quodlibet, 2021.

- 2018 *The Artists Who Will Change The World*, London, United Kingdom: Thames & Hudson, 2018.
- 2017 *Ruptures*, Des Moines, IA: Des Moines Art Center, 2017.  
*SPIRITUALIZED: As Above, So Below (from Modernity to Now)*, Dublin: Irisj Museum of Modern Art, 2017.
- 2016 *The Propeller Group*, Chicago, IL: Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago, 2016.
- 2013 *In Between*, Haifa, Israel: Beit HaGafen - Arab Jewish Culture Center, 2013.  
*Cities of Ancient Futures*, Changwon, South Korea: Changwon Asian Art Festival, 2013.  
*Yebisu International Festival For Art & Alternative Visions*, Tokyo, Japan: National Museum of Photography, 2013.
- 2012 *7<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Triennial of Contemporary Art*, Brisbane, Australia: Queensland Gallery of Modern Art, 2012.  
*The Unseen, Guangzhou Triennial*, Guangzhou, China: Guangdong Museum of Art, 2012.  
*Made In L.A.*, Los Angeles, California: Hammer Museum, 2012.  
*The Ungovernables*, New York, NY: New Museum, 2011.
- 2011 *Video, an art, a history : 1965-2010 : a selection from the Centre Pompidou and Singapore Art Museum collections*, Singapore: Singapore Art Museum, 2011.  
 Singapore Biennale (exhibition catalogue).  
*Negotiating Home History And Nation* (exhibition catalogue).
- 2010 *FAX: The Hong Kong Works*, Para Site, Hong Kong (illustrated catalogue)
- 2007 Lyon Biennial (exhibition catalogue).

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- 2018 Pizarro, Sal, “What San Jose Stage, Eastridge and Sophie Cruz have in common,” *The Mercury News*, October 11, 2018.  
 Goodykoontz, Emily, “UO kicks off fall artist lecture series,” *The Register-Guard*, October 4, 2018.  
 Lloyd-Smith, Harriet, “Artists bring nothingness into sharp relief at Langen Foundation,” *Wallpaper\**, September 23, 2018.  
 Rose, Frank, “Is it an Art Collective or a Vietnamese Advertising Agency? Yes and Yes,” *The New York Times*, February 23, 2018.  
 “After Darkness: Southeast Asian Art in the Wake of History,” *The New Yorker*, January 2018, print.
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 Farago, Jason, “Southeast Asia Stakes Its Claim in the Art World,” *The New York Times*, September 27, 2017  
 Lee, Elizabeth, “Vietnamese Artists Explore Impact of Politics, Ideologies on Life, Death,” *VOA News*, August 4, 2017.

- Regan, Sheila, "On Combing a Museum's Collection for Objects that Deal with Death," *Hyperallergic*, May 18, 2017.
- De Watcher, Ellen Mara, "Imagined Communities," *Frieze*, May 2017
- Kerr, Euan, "How a Funeral from Half Way Around the World Can Seem Familiar," *MPR News*, April 21, 2017.
- 2016 Vasvani, Bansie, "The Propeller Group," *Eyeline Magazine*, November 2016
- Praepipatmongkol, Chanon Kenji, "The Propeller Group," *Artforum*, October 2016. Print.
- MacMillan, Kyle, "Propeller Group at Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago," *Art in America*, October 2016. Print.
- Tran, Xuan Truong, "Exhibition Review: The Propeller Group," *Art Asia Pacific*, September 10, 2016. Print.
- Zarley, B. David, "A Vietnamese Art Collective Is Making Commercials for Communism," *The Creators Project*, June 30, 2016
- Norman, Lee Ann, "Guns, Guerrillas, Music Videos: The Propeller Group at the MCA Chicago and James Cohan," *artcritical*, June 24, 2016.
- Andries, Dan, "Relationship Today Between Vietnam, U.S. at Heart of Propeller Group Show," *Chicago Tonight*, June 22, 2016.
- "The Propeller Group," *art4d*, June 17, 2016.
- Crow, Kelly, "Vietnamese Artists Take an Edgy Approach," *The Wall Street Journal*, June 3, 2016.
- "The Propeller Group," *art4d*, May 27, 2016.
- Wei, Lilly, "Where the Dead Don't Stay Dead: The Propeller Group at James Cohan, New York," *ARTNews*, May 17, 2016.
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- Smith, Roberta, "The Lower East Side as Petri Dish," *The New York Times*, April 22, 2016.
- Rose, Frank, "The Propeller Group Brings a Phantasmagorical Vietnam to James Cohan," *The New York Times*, April 22, 2016.
- Quinton, Jared, "The Propeller Group's Gorgeous New Show Captures Beauty in Death and Ballistics," *Artsy*, April 12, 2016.
- Laster, Paul, "Weekend Edition: 11 Things to Do in New York's Art World Before April 11," *Observer*, April 8, 2016.
- Herbert, Martin, "Art Previewed," *Art Review*, April 2016.
- "The Propeller Group: The Living Need Light, The Dead Need Music," *Frieze.com*, March 22, 2016.
- Artsy Editorial, "The 50 Gallery Shows You Need to See This Spring" *Artsy*, March 15, 2016.
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- "*The AK-47 vs. the M16: The Propeller Group, All the World's Future – Arsenale*," *Canvas*, July 2015.
- "The Propeller Group's Bullets at the Biennale," *Anyarena*, June 9, 2015.
- Tsui, Denise. "Playing with Guns and Ballistics Gel: Interview with the Propeller Groups' Matt Lucero," *Art Asia Pacific*, June 5, 2015.
- Bui, Phong, "Publisher's Message," *The Brooklyn Rail*, June 3, 2015.
- Baumgardner, Julie, "5 Names You'll Know after the Venice Biennale," *Artsy*, May 7, 2015.
- Ghorashi, Hannah, "The Propeller Group Goes to James Cohan Gallery," *Artnews*, April 22, 2015.
- 2014 Burns, Charlotte, "Biennial hoping to heal New Orleans provides no easy answers," *The Art Newspaper*, December 2014.
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- D'Addario, John, "Top Five Prospect.3 moments," *The New Orleans Advocate*, November 12, 2014.
- Bush, Tori, "Prospect.3 New Orleans," *DAILY SERVING*, November 11, 2014.
- Indrisek, Scott, "Searching New Orleans During Prospect.3," *Blouin Artinfo*, October 27, 2014.
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- 2007 ArtAsiaPacific Almanac 2008, *ArtAsiaPacific*, Art Asia Pacific Publishing LLC, 2007.

## LECTURES / WORKSHOPS / PANELS

- 2014 Creative Time Summit, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2013 USC Roski School of Fine Arts, MFA Lecture Series, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA  
No Country: Regarding South and Southeast Asia, symposium, Guggenheim Museum, New York, NY
- 2012 Yebisu International Festival For Art & Alternative Visions, National Museum of Photography, Tokyo, Japan
- 2010 PUBLIC INTEREST: Projects & Prototypes, LACE and Otis College of Art & Design, Los Angeles, CA  
Art Matters, grantee panel discussion, Los Angeles, CA
- 2008 TransPop, Korea Vietnam Remix, panelist, Seoul, Korea
- 2007 UC Irvine, School of Art, Irvine, CA  
California Institute of the Arts, visiting artist, Valencia, CA
- 2006 GOMA, Queensland Art Gallery, guest speaker, "White Cube Black Box," Queensland, Australia

## COMMUNITY ART / ARTS EDUCATION

- 2009 – Present  
Sàn Art Board of Directors
- 2006 Sàn Art, cofounder, nonprofit artist run space, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

## WEBSITES

[www.The-Propeller-Group.com](http://www.The-Propeller-Group.com)  
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