



FIGURES & GROUNDS





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Gallery Nucleus Presents

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September 13 - September 29, 2008

Opening Reception: Saturday September 13, 2008 (7 pm – 11 pm)

Admission is free. Refreshments and music provided.

Gallery Nucleus presents the “Figures & Grounds” exhibition from September 13 – September 29 with an opening reception Saturday evening, September 13 from 7 – 11:00 pm. The show will feature original paintings from nine-contemporary figurative artists. The works range in their elements of representation, abstraction, and various degrees of surrealism.

Sean Cheetham is undoubtedly one of today's most acclaimed young painters. As a highly accomplished draftsman, his painting approach is rooted to academic painting traditions. His urban realistic paintings and portraits are dark, direct and intense while also complex and contemplative. His work has been exhibited in galleries throughout Europe and the USA and has been featured in American Artist's Workshop magazine. He currently teaches at the Los Angeles Academy of Figurative Art (LAAFA).

Edwin Ushiro's work is a captivating mix of paint, ink, iron transfers, fabric and other materials which he incorporates to create a delicate and fluid combination of realism and imagination. He is in high demand as a production designer, art director, and storyboard artist for NBC Universal, Warner Bros., and Mitsubishi. Along with the many gallery shows lined up in the coming year, Ushiro is one of the most talked about artists in the new contemporary movement.

Mari Inukai born in Nagoya Japan is no stranger to Gallery Nucleus where she held two consecutive solo shows. She has shown with numerous galleries throughout the USA. Her paintings and portraits depicting those close to her are child-like yet assured. Small imaginative creatures often accompany her figures in a whimsical scene of bold strokes and colors. Besides exhibiting in galleries, Mari creates new animation work for clients like Nickelodeon, New York, Nylonmotion Inc, Los Angeles, and NGTV.

These artists will be joined by surrealist portrait painter **Christian Rex Van Minnen** who describes his works as “abstract figurative” and **Kevin Chen**, who like fellow LAAFA faculty member Sean Cheetham, is a top figurative artist and painter who has worked on numerous games, movies and television shows. Other artists include **Patrick Leger, Andrew Robinson, Chi-Kit Kwong, and John Watkiss.**

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Since October of 2004, Nucleus has strived to be a welcoming gathering place for the art loving community by offering quality art, art-related goods, and rarities. Focusing primarily on gallery exhibits, we have also had benefit auctions, product signings, music events, and artist lectures.

After three and a half years, we moved one block east to a much larger and more dynamic space. Still in the heart of quaint downtown Alhambra, we re-opened in March of 2008 with over 2000 square feet of open gallery space, 1000 square feet of shop/boutique, and over 3000 square feet of studio/production space.

Having exhibited both local artists and artists from abroad, and catering to an international customer base, we offer an extensive collection of original contemporary, illustrated, graphic, commercial, and narrative art. (All of which are carefully cataloged online in our website.)

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