

Press Release

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**Gallery by the Harbour Presents**  
**“Ryuma Imai 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Solo Exhibition”**

Gallery by the Harbour is proud to present *Ryuma Imai 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Solo Exhibition*, the artist’s first solo show in Hong Kong, from 29<sup>th</sup> August to 15<sup>th</sup> September 2019. The exhibition features nearly 30 recent works from this up-and-coming artist, in which animals portrayed radiate vivid liveliness.

Ryuma Imai always impresses the audiences with a combination of enamel contours and unique colouration in his artworks. The artist ably captures the moments these animals start or stop moving, attributing an innate vitality to their eyes. Instead of “drawing” lines in an ordinary way, he drips enamel onto canvas or paper. He accepts the unpredictable and uncontrollable widths and curvatures of lines during the creative process. Life goes on with all sorts of unpredictability or even absurdity just as his paintings, and Ryuma Imai believes that he can always respond with a positive and open-minded attitude.

Selected Paintings

		
<p><b><i>Sloth</i></b> 2019 Enamel &amp; Acrylic on canvas 45cm x 53cm</p>	<p><b><i>Tiger</i></b> 2019 Enamel &amp; Acrylic on canvas 116cm x 91cm</p>	<p><b><i>Deer</i></b> 2019 Enamel &amp; Acrylic on canvas 53cm x 65cm</p>

## About Ryuma Imai



Ryuma Imai, born in Tokyo in 1976, was brought up by his father Toshimitsu Imai (1928-2002) who was also a painter. He received first-hand art education from his father, and also attended Academia de la Grande Chaumière in 1995 when his father was making artworks in Paris. He started his artist career in 2009.

Since his first participation in Tokyo Contemporary Art Fair in 2009, his artworks have been exhibited in many art fairs in Japan, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, Europe and USA, and are loved by art collectors all over the world. In 2014, he published his first art book *Creatures Living by Chance*. Menard Museum, a private museum in Aichi, Japan, started to collect his art pieces in 2014, and will exhibit them in a group exhibition to be held in October 2019.

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Date: 29<sup>th</sup> August – 15<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Time: 11:00am – 10:00pm

Venue: Gallery by the Harbour, Shop 207, Level 2, Ocean Centre, Harbour City, Tsim Sha Tsui

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