

# 39+ ART SPACE

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### **Anna Valdez: *Nature Portals* Opens at 39+ Art Space**

*26 April - 30 June 2024*



## ANNA VALDEZ: NATURE PORTALS

On view from  
26 April 2024

**Singapore, 20 April 2023** — 39+ Art Space is pleased to announce the unveiling of *Nature Portals*, a captivating solo exhibition by American artist Anna Valdez (b. 1985, USA). Available to view now at the gallery, this exhibition marks Valdez's first showcase in Singapore, inviting viewers into her world of art history, life's interconnectedness, and the depths of human experience.

*Nature Portals* delves into Valdez's exploration of classical antiquities and folk-art traditions, juxtaposed with contemporary reinterpretations that defy conventional standards. The exhibition showcases a series of maximalist still-life paintings and ceramic works meticulously composed to engage viewers in a rich dialogue of visual abundance.



Installation view, Anna Valdez: Nature Portals, at 39+ Art Space Singapore, 2024

Drawing from the concept of the cabinet of curiosities (Wunderkammer), Valdez's paintings present a modern twist on historical collections, featuring carefully selected objects and playful arrangements. Taxidermy birds, symbolizing human figures, add metaphorical depth, bridging connections between nature and the human condition with a touch of humour.

The artist weaves together diverse cultural influences, connecting past and present in a vibrant dialogue. The integration of ceramics, textiles, and other art forms serves as a visual testament to the enduring power of artistic heritage. Valdez's fascination with 17th-century Dutch still-life paintings is evident in her vibrant depictions of seasonal flower bouquets and thriving houseplants, imbued with contemporary sentimentality on symbolic wealth. The exhibition reflects on the convergence of cultures in a globalised world.

*"In my art, I strive to create a rich tapestry of meaning that connects the past and present, engages viewers, and fosters a contemplative encounter. By integrating classical influences with contemporary perspectives and infusing my work with folk art motifs, I offer a unique lens through which to view the world."* says Anna Valdez,

*"Through repetition, symbolism, and a maximalist approach, I invite viewers to embark on a journey of discovery, to immerse themselves in the layers of meaning hidden within each moment spent with my paintings. "*

**Anna Valdez (b. 1985, USA)** is a multi-disciplinary artist who examines the relationship between objects, cultural formation, and collective consciousness. Her still life pictures carefully composed by her surroundings, are heightened by saturated hues and surprising scale, offering viewers a respite into a joyful inner world.

The exhibition is available on view now at 39+ Art Space.



Left: Anna Valdez, *Green Parakeet with Bird of Paradise Flower*, 2024, 101.6 x 88.9 cm  
Right: Anna Valdez, *Birds of Paradise Bouquet with Shells and Stones*, 2024, 203.2 x 177.8 cm



Installation view, Anna Valdez: *Nature Portals*, at 39+ Art Space Singapore, 2024

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## About the Gallery

39+ Art Space is a Singapore-based art gallery that focuses on showcasing internationally-established and emerging contemporary artworks and collections.

“We see 39+ Art Space as a nouveau platform to introduce and promote international artists across Asia, and to springboard Asian artists to the global stage - as well as to be a player in the secondary art market. We are delighted to collaborate with these artists to feature contemporary art pieces, as part of the opening premiere to new possibilities and engagement in art in Singapore from 39+Art Space.”

- Liu Ying Mei, Founder and Director of 39+ Art Space.

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