

STRAAT

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - 23 May, 2023

LAX / AMS - an international artistic convergence at STRAAT

The STRAAT Gallery at STRAAT Museum and Thinkspace Projects proudly announce their second collaborative endeavor, the highly anticipated exhibition LAX / AMS. This dynamic group show brings together over 80 artists from 20 countries across the globe, showcasing a diverse range of artistic backgrounds and career stages.

The visionary curation by Thinkspace Projects, based in Los Angeles, California, adds a distinct flavor to this international artistic convergence.

Set within the vibrant backdrop of Amsterdam's renowned STRAAT Museum, the LAX / AMS exhibition will captivate audiences from June 17th to July 30th, 2023. The public opening reception will take place on Saturday, June 17th, 2023, from 7:30 - 11 pm. As a special highlight, participating artists Super A and Collin van der Sluijs will create stunning mural-scale works to be added to the ever-evolving STRAAT main hall collection during the week leading up to the grand opening. People visiting STRAAT that week are invited to witness these two extraordinary artists in action as they paint live during regular museum hours.

STRAAT Gallery and Thinkspace Projects invite art enthusiasts, collectors, and the general public to immerse themselves in this extraordinary celebration of creativity and diversity. Don't miss the chance to witness the artistic synergy of LAX / AMS at STRAAT in Amsterdam.

STRAAT | NDSM Plein 1, 1033WC, Amsterdam, Netherlands
www.straatmuseum.com | [@straatmuseum](https://www.instagram.com/straatmuseum)

In addition to the awe-inspiring murals, the STRAAT Gallery will present an array of new works by a multitude of esteemed artists, including:

Ador, Kathy Ager, Antonio Ainscough, Julian Adon Alexander, Langston Allston, Jordi Alos, Fajar Amali, Blic, Philip Bosmans, Brek, Ezra Brown, Carl Cashman, Ikechukwu A. Christian, Cryptik, Preston Daniels, Delisha, Dredske, Leo Eguarte, Sofia Enriquez, Jordan Ferguson, Priscilla S. Flores, Jacub Gagnon, Genavee Gomez, GoopMassta, Daniela Garcia Hamilton, Ha Haengeun, Hendra "HeHe" Harsono, Anjastama Hp, Humbly, Cody Jimenez, Haylie Jimenez, Sydnie Jimenez, Oscar Joyo, Kapitan, David Kaye, Scott Listfield, Huntz Liu, Dan Lydersen, Sean Mahan, Al Marcano, Marie Claude Marquis, Danny Martinez (aka Van Dam One), Steve Martinez, Jay McKay, b. Robert Moore, Vanessa Morata, Kristy Moreno, Jesse Morsberger, Mr. B Baby, Nika Mtwana, Baby Mueller, Janina Myronova, Bell Nakai, Guillaume Ollivier, Chaz Outing, Perez Bros, Michael Polakowski, Gustavo Rimada, Roja, Mia Scarpa, Byun Sehee, Sheryo, Jeremy Shockley, Jack Shure, Collin van der Sluijs, Aof Smith, Anthony Solano, Stom500, Super A, Floyd Strickland, Rain Szeto, Yuta Tamura, TRAV MSK, Melly Trochez, Jocelyn Tsaih, Daisy Velasco, Wiley Wallace, Casey Weldon, Woes, Brad Woodfin, Yok, Manuel Zamudio, and Zeye Oner.

LAX / AMS promises to be a remarkable fusion of artistic expression, pushing boundaries and transcending borders. This exhibition will serve as a testament to the power of urban contemporary art in uniting diverse voices and perspectives from around the world.

For more information please contact:
Zoe@straatmuseum.com

thinkspace

LAX / AMS - FEATURED ARTIST: COLLIN VAN DER SLUIJS

Collin van der Sluijs, a highly acclaimed painter and illustrator based in Maastricht, The Netherlands, is deeply immersed in his artistic practice.

His creative journey began in his early youth, as he delved into the world of graffiti at the tender age of eleven. At the age of twelve, he embarked on his formal artistic education, enrolling at the professional painting college in Goes. Over the course of the next eight years, Collin dedicated himself to studying diverse artistic disciplines, attending notable institutions throughout the Netherlands. In 2004, he attained his Masters degree in fine art from the esteemed Academy of Art and Design St. Joost in Breda.

Collin's artistic repertoire encompasses murals that showcase captivating themes inspired by the natural world, featuring a multitude of wildlife portraits intertwined with a rich tapestry of flora. In his gallery-scale works, while the wildlife themes remain a prominent element, Collin ventures into the realm of the surreal, skillfully weaving anthropomorphic characters into his intricate narratives.

Collin's exceptional artistic vision has garnered widespread acclaim, with his works featured in prominent magazines, books, and esteemed galleries across the globe. His exhibitions have graced the art scenes of diverse countries, including The Netherlands, Germany, France, England, Belgium, Italy, United Kingdom, Spain, and the USA.

@collinvandersluijs



LAX / AMS - FEATURED ARTIST: SUPER A

Stefan Thelen, known by his antihero alter-ego Super A, is a Dutch artist renowned for his mastery of traditional painting techniques and his innate design sensibility.

Through his artistic prowess, he skillfully manipulates familiar iconography, transforming it into mind-bending and thought-provoking compositions. Super A serves as the conduit through which the life and observations of Stefan Thelen are distilled, ultimately becoming a wellspring of inspiration.

Every artwork created by Super A evolves from personal experiences or contemplations, blossoming into conceptual pieces that gracefully straddle the line between fiction and nonfiction.

Super A's enigmatic presence allows the art to speak for Stefan Thelen, leading viewers on a captivating journey through a wonderland akin to walking down a yellow brick road. Within this realm, Thelen's figurative and modern surrealist compositions serve as playful puzzles, inviting the audience to unravel their mysteries and decipher their hidden depths.

@mr_super_a



LAX / AMS - Thinkspace x STRAAT

Thinkspace Projects, founded in 2005, has established itself as a leading force in the New Contemporary Art Movement, with its gallery located in the thriving West Adams District of Los Angeles.

Renowned for its unwavering dedication to promoting and supporting artists, Thinkspace has earned an esteemed international reputation. Over the years, the gallery has continuously expanded its artist roster and embarked on diverse projects, fostering collaborations and forging connections with institutions worldwide.

From its inception, Thinkspace has been driven by a mission to champion young, emerging, and underrepresented talents, providing them with a platform for recognition and growth. Today, the gallery proudly represents a diverse array of artists from around the globe, encompassing emerging talents, mid-career artists, as well as established names.

Building upon their successful partnership, STRAAT museum and Thinkspace Projects are co-hosting their second collaborative exhibition, solidifying their commitment to showcasing exceptional art and fostering artistic exchange on an international scale.

This joint endeavor promises to bring together the dynamic visions and creative energies of both institutions, offering a compelling showcase of contemporary art that transcends boundaries and captivates audiences.

Learn more about Thinkspace:

www.thinkspaceprojects.com

@Thinkspace_art

