

**4A CENTRE FOR CONTEMPORARY ASIAN ART PRESENTS:**

***JAMES JIRAT PATRADOON: ULTRA***

**29 January - 28 February 2021**

**4A @World Square, Corner Goulburn and George Streets, Sydney**



Presented in partnership with World Square, 4A Centre for Contemporary Asian Art presents for Lunar New Year 2021 the 14th solo exhibition of Thai-Australian multidisciplinary artist **James Jirat Patradoon**.

Commissioned as part of Sydney Lunar Festival 2021, *ULTRA* reinterprets traditional and contemporary Chinese Zodiac iconography into an immersive installation experience. Curated by 4A's Con Gerakaris, and drawing upon Eastern and Western graphic concepts spanning manga, tattoo illustrations and product design, Patradoon's encompassing murals and installation work reframe the 2021 Zodiac symbol of the Metal Ox.

Reflecting upon the cycle of rebirth each new year, the artist has composed hypercoloured scenes of life and death as acts in a fictionalised Chinese opera. Featuring compositions of Yama, Buddhism's wrathful King of Hell, facing off against an anthropomorphised chrome-clad ox fan dancer, the scene also reveals an otherworldly beast and a bewitching leading lady in performance grandeur. These striking characters flank the centrepiece of *ULTRA*: a wicked, customised motorcycle assemblage adorned with an ox skull. Taking cues from his well-known illustrative practice, Patradoon's first sculptural work rides his signature line between realism and fantasy heightened by mesmeric lighting to challenge the viewer's experience of viewing art.

Patradoon says, "For the works in *ULTRA*, I imagined a cosmic Chinese opera with characters representing the Metal Ox and King Yama (Buddhist Deity of Death) in opposition: 2021 vs 2020. I see 2021 as a year of rebirth and recovery from the terror of 2020, a year of prosperity and success. I hope we can rise transformed, and dance once again."

*ULTRA* will be on view from **29 January - 28 February 2021** at 4A's offsite gallery at World Square. As part of the exhibition, 4A will host a panel talk with Patradoon on **Saturday 13 February**, followed by Patradoon's digital illustration workshop on **Saturday 27 February**.

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For more information and images, or to arrange interviews with the artist, please contact  
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**About the artist:**



**James Jirat Patradoon** (b. 1985, Thailand, lives and works in Bangkok, Thailand and Sydney, Australia) is a primarily illustrative artist working across installation, painting and graphic design. Patradoon's work is informed by a wealth of cultural references: from 80s aesthetics and 90s fashion, to comic books and tattoo design, he renders his ideas in flashes of neon and monochrome. Fusing Japanese anime with pop-horror and searing, luminous colours, his work is clean and graphic, exploring humanities depths and fractures and creating his own hyperreal infernal paradise.

Patradoon's recent solo exhibitions include *Inferno* (2019), Superchief Gallery, Los Angeles; *Death Metal Hands* (2018), Lamington Drive Gallery, Melbourne; *Fever* (2016) Superchief Gallery, New York City; and *Bodyache* (2016), Goodspace, Sydney. He has been included in several group exhibitions and festivals including Art Basel Miami (2019), Miami; *Violent By Design* (2017), Exhibit A Gallery, Los Angeles, MediaLive Festival (2017), Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art, Boulder, Colorado; *Pow Wow Hawaii* (2016), Honolulu; and *Hit The Bricks* (2014), Look Hear, Newcastle. His standalone style has led to work with high profile international clientele, including collaborations with the likes of Coca Cola, Facebook, HBO and Microsoft.

**James Jirat Patradoon: ULTRA**  
**4A @World Square**  
**644 George St Sydney**

**Exhibition period:**

29 January - 28 February 2021

**Hours:**

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 11:00 - 17:00

Thursday 11:00 - 20:00

Saturday - Sunday 11:00 - 16:00

**Live painting: Jirat Patradoon**

Tuesday 19 January - Friday 29 January 2021

Various times

**Panel talk with James Jirat Patradoon**

**+ more TBA**

Saturday 13 February, 2:00pm-3:30pm



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**Digital illustration demonstration**

**with James Jirat Patradoon**

Saturday 27 Feb 2021, 2:00pm-3:00pm

**Venue:**

4A @World Square,  
Corner Goulburn and George Streets, Sydney

**Info:**

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*All events and gallery visitation will be held in accordance with current NSW Health advice and our COVIDSafe plan, with masks required to be worn, and capacity limited. Pre-booking is encouraged ahead of your visit, with bookings required for panel and workshop events.*

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