



Christine Nguyen, *Where the Sea and the Cosmos Meet*, 2014, archival pigment ink print, 193 x 572.5 cm

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Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam – Galerie Quynh is pleased to present “The Cosmos and The Sea” – a solo exhibition by Los Angeles-based artist Christine Nguyen. A noted artist known for works that draw upon the imageries of science and nature, Christine Nguyen will present a collection of new and recent photo-based work ranging from intimate c-prints to ambitious mural-size work.

Combining drawing with photographic techniques, Christine Nguyen has developed a pioneering practice centered on the manipulation and layering of negatives. Her work revolves around the imaginings of an organic prism, a dream-like world where oceans merge with outer space. Her works depict ferocious ocean currents, meandering creatures, iridescent flora, spiny strata of rocks and other fantastical imagery, each performing a distinctive act in the collective formulation of a mysterious ecosphere. As our vision fluctuates between the micro- and macroscopic, shifting between the primordial organisms dwelling at the bottom of the sea and the gossamer beings floating in the midst of the universe, the complex multilayered works speak volumes about our infinitesimal juxtapositions vis-à-vis the natural world.

Nguyen relentlessly explores the frontier of her materials. Through the development of a personal cosmology where “commonalities among species, forms, and environments become visible and expressive,” she creates works that defy the conventional conceptions of time and space. The quintessential concoction of a mystical bionetwork beyond earthly limits is a suggestion of both past narratives and future possibilities.

The phantasmagorical sensations brought about by her works are sprinkles of stardust into the imaginary world inside our head, a soothing call for the resurgence of our quiet inner child.

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ABOUT CHRISTINE NGUYEN

Christine Nguyen received her B.F.A. from California State University, Long Beach and M.F.A. from University of California, Irvine. Solo exhibitions of her work have been featured at Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA; Huntington Beach Art Center, Huntington Beach, CA; Michael Kohn Gallery, Los Angeles, CA; Crisp-Ellert Art Museum, St. Augustine, FL; and 10 Chancery Lane Gallery, Hong Kong. Group exhibitions featuring Nguyen's work have been presented at Laguna Beach Art Museum, Laguna Beach, CA; Pasadena Museum of California Art, Pasadena, CA; LeRoy Neiman Gallery, Columbia University School of the Arts, New York; Churner and Churner, New York; San Art, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam; Dancing Elephants Project, Bogota, Columbia; Kunsthalle zu Kiel, Kiel, Germany; and Sprueth Magers Projekte, Munich, Germany.

Christine Nguyen currently lives and works in Long Beach, California.

ABOUT GALERIE QUYNH

Established in December 2003, Galerie Quynh is the leading contemporary art gallery in Vietnam. Working with a select group of emerging, mid-career and established Vietnamese artists, the gallery also exhibits the work of distinguished artists from around the world with diverse art practices. In keeping with its mission to support education and develop an infrastructure for the arts in Vietnam, the gallery regularly collaborates with artists, curators and art spaces locally and internationally to organize talks and lectures as well as to produce publications in English and Vietnamese. In May 2014, the gallery launched Sao La – a non-profit educational initiative at the HCMC Fine Art Museum. The project space serves as a platform for exhibitions, film/video screenings, workshops and lectures as well as an informal space for young Vietnamese artists to experiment, challenge and develop their creative practices. www.galeriequynh.com

Artist:	Christine Nguyen
Exhibition Title:	The Cosmos and The Sea
Exhibition Dates:	December 4, 2014 – January 10, 2015 (Main Gallery) December 4, 2014 – January 17, 2015 (Downtown Gallery)
Opening Reception:	Thursday, the 4 th of December from 6 to 9 pm at BOTH gallery spaces
Venue:	Galerie Quynh



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Hours: Main Gallery – 10am to 6pm, Tuesday – Saturday and by appointment
Downtown Gallery – 10am to 7pm, Tuesday – Saturday and by appointment

Note: Christine Nguyen will be giving an artist talk on Tuesday, the 9th of December 2014 at the Goethe-Institut in Hanoi. Please contact the gallery for details.

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