

# PYO GALLERY LA

1100 S. HOPE STREET SUITE 105 LOS ANGELES, CA 90015

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CONFIDENTIAL CUSTOM, 2014, 128X386CM, PENCIL, GOLD COLOR PEN ON PAPER CONFIDENTIAL CUSTOM, 2014, 36X55CM

CONFIDENTIAL CUSTOM: CHA YOUNG SEOK

DECEMBER 11 – JANUARY 3, 2015

GALLERY HOURS: TUESDAY - SATURDAY, 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

OPENING RECEPTION: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 6:00 TO 9:00 PM

Los Angeles, CA: PYO Gallery LA presents Cha Young Seok / *Confidential Custom*, an inaugural exhibition featuring hand painted works that depict a range of trinkets, tchotchkes and bric-a-brac items. These collected objects which are gathered from other people's stuff and personal means, illustrate a wide assortment of specimens: plants, pots, porcelains, matryoshka nesting dolls, insects, and vigilant owls. Through a cast of quirky characters Cha animates an intimate tale. Like an anthropologist, a curator, and a grandmother madly devoted to her spoon collection, His cabinets burst with treasures.

The artist elaborates, "Objects jumbled roughly together: that is the landscape I've seen throughout my life. These images are stored and reorganized in my head, and then they are moved onto the paper where they seem harmonious, natural and calm."

Cha's technical dedication to these curios is painstakingly apparent. Working in graphite he marks the surface with crosshatch gestures the size of hair follicles that collectively vibrate with energy. To stimulate movement in the composition, Cha punctuates certain forms with gold, copper and black paint. Without the traditional horizon lines, Cha's landscapes float and the various shapes appear anchored only by the orchestrated manner with which they celebrate the countless reasons for collecting: spiritual, health, decorative and nostalgia.

Cha Young Seok was born in 1976 and currently works and lives in Seoul, South Korea. Cha's work has been exhibited in numerous galleries as well as museums such as the Keumho Museum of Art, SOMA Museum of Art, and the National Museum of Contemporary Art. His work has received awards and grants for emerging artists from the Arts Council in South Korea.

The exhibition will be on view from December 11 through January 3, 2015.

An opening reception will be held on Thursday, December 11, 6:00 – 9:00 pm.

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CONFIDENTIAL CUSTOM, 2014, 131X162CM,PENCIL, GOLD COLOR PEN ON PAPER



CONFIDENTIAL CUSTOM, 2013, 74X200CM,PENCIL, GOLD COLOR PEN ON PAPER (DETAIL)