

Curatorial Statement

Purple Planet

Cao Yawei (AA), 2023

Art is about seeing, seeing and observing each other.

With the arrival of the metaverse era, we will usher in a world of virtual and real coexistence that belongs to humans. In Beijing, artist Cao Yawei (also known as AA) has emerged, creating a brilliant, pure, and vibrant metaverse world for us - Purple Planet! Purple Planet is a parallel world to our real world that is touchable, perceptible, developable, and symbiotic.

In today's world, technology and nature coexist, globalization and nationalism coexist, and cultural art presents multidimensional development in this diverse background. The dreamy, soft, yet hard Purple Planet created by AA was born during the three-year global pandemic period, a historical stage full of uncertainty and challenges. From the mass dissemination of information to the information cocoon created by the internet, from globalization to deglobalization, openness and crisis provide a special soil for a new generation of artists, and technology, especially a series of tools dominated by digital technology, provides a more direct source of power for interdisciplinary thinking and creation, enriching the perspective of artistic creation. AA is a cross-disciplinary artist who comes with a mission and is gentle, pure, and powerful. With the support of a series of digital technology means, she juxtaposes the inorganic body represented by natural minerals with the organic body represented by wood and uses VR technology to create a strange creature symbiosis on Purple Planet.

"Purple Planet" will showcase the artist's virtual and real creative achievements, covering eight series around "symbiosis," "growth," "treasure-hunting elves," "nine tripods," "treasure mountain," "medals," "constellations," and "mirror platform," including sculptures, installations, and immersive VR digital world works. This exhibition will be the creation chapter of the "Purple Planet" and the prelude to the vast universe of aesthetics, philosophy, poetry, and literature constructed by AA. Let's close our eyes to the void and open them together, 1, 2, 3, and step into the magical Purple Planet!

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