

BUI SUOI HOA - THE BEAUTY OF LIFE

"I want to freeze moments of the beauty of life into one moment..."



Born in Hanoi in 1957 and graduating from the Fine Art University in Hanoi in 1975, Bui Suoi Hoa began her career as an art teacher at the Architecture University in Ho Chi Minh City.

Suoi Hoa's paintings are bold and colourful artistic creations. Her exuberant brush strokes are used to form full, sensual compositions that evoke her and Vietnam's past - village and ethnic scenes, rich land and sea-scapes, still life - flowers or pots, traditional 'Cheo' theatre scenes of dancing girls appearing to be in tumbling flight: subjects that are scrutinised minutely but rarely portrayed as they are in reality.

Her colour scheme is simple, consisting mostly of what are referred to in Vietnam as the 'five elemental colours'. But Suoi Hoa is able to push them to their limits with dashing, coarse brushstrokes that also (she not being content in merely dazzling with light) enhance the sense of touch, resulting as they do in minor mountains of thick colour on the canvas itself.

Suoi Hoa's paintings have a boundless vitality, a fierce, confident life of their own. She says, "I have witnessed much sorrow in my life, that's why in my paintings I want to create happiness." Painting everyday, she uses her art to describe emotions - sadness, happiness, joy, life itself.

A yearning for individual freedom, self-affirmation and personal discovery has characterised Vietnamese painting since Doi Moi (renovation), and in Suoi Hoa's paintings we can see not only hers, but a reflection of ours as well.

She has exhibited her work widely across Asia, including the ground breaking Uncorked Soul exhibition in Hong Kong 1991, in the USA as part of the Winding River travelling exhibition in Washington DC, and in Europe, where she has participated in exhibitions in Geneva and Paris. Her work is in the collection of the Ho Chi Minh Museum of fine art and in private collections worldwide.

Now Oc-Eo Art will be featuring her work at the London Red Dot Fair (October 16th-19th) and at their Asian Art in London exhibition, Colour : Emotion, which opens at Mall Galleries on October 28th and runs until November 9th. Private view on the 27th October.



Thinking, oil on canvas, 65x100cms, £2500



Abstract, oil on canvas, 40x50cms, £1150



Still Life, oil on canvas, 37x25cms, £550



Dancing, oil on canvas, 65x100cms, £2500



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For details of these and our other exhibitions and to see our collection, including more of Suoi Hoa's paintings, please visit www.oc-eo.co.uk. Or, if you'd like to arrange an appointment for a private view of any of the paintings in our collection at our new London exhibition space - Black Swan, 85 Canonbury Road, London N1 - please email us at info@oc-eo.co.uk.