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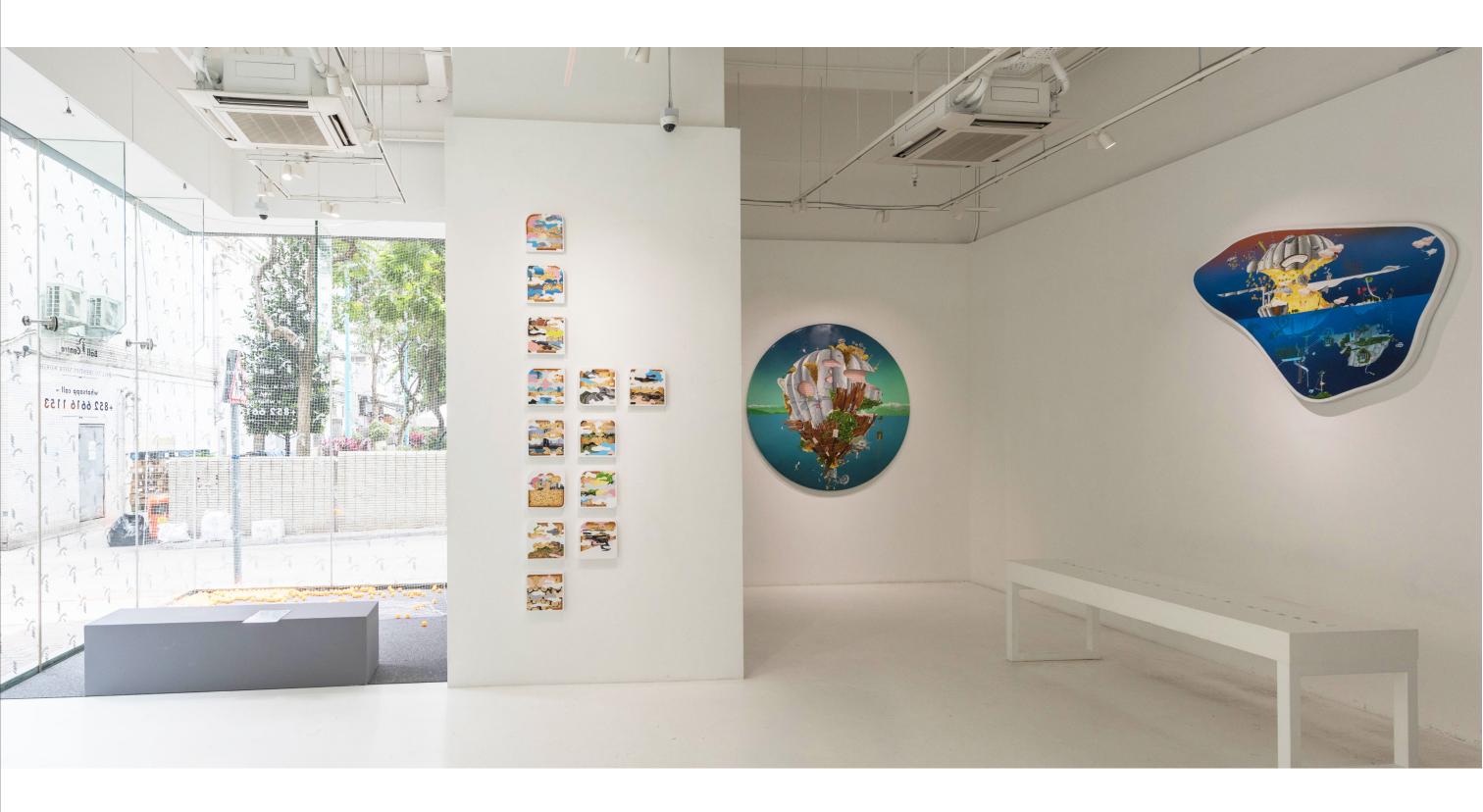


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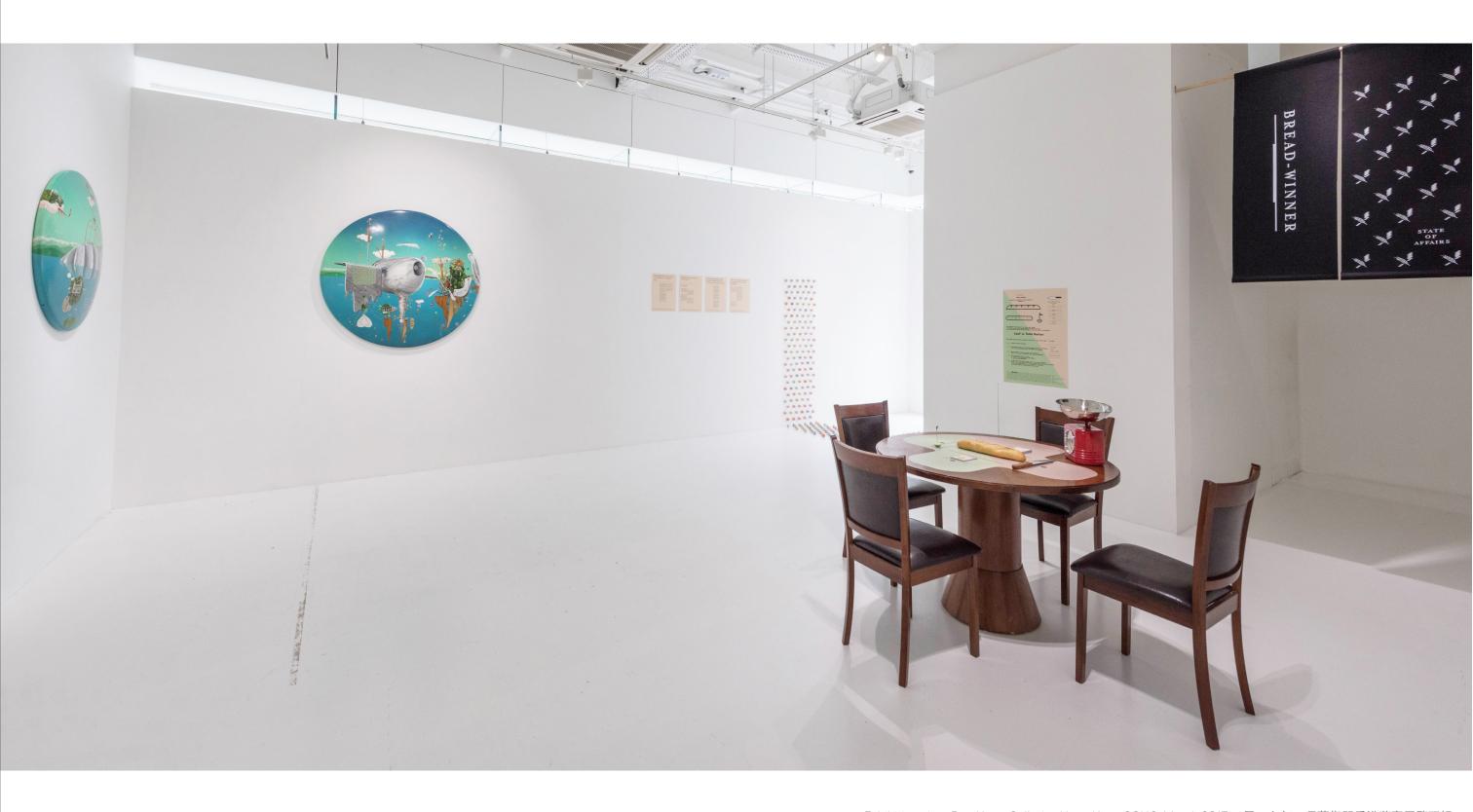
THUKRAL & TAGRA solo exhibition

"Bread and Circuses", aka "panem et circuses", refers to the Roman practice of providing free wheat to Roman citizens as well as spectacular games and other forms of entertainment as a strategy for sustaining the political power of the empire. Appropriating this logic to critique the new cultural economy, Thukral & Tagra probe the very authority that curates art in spectacular and repeated regular intervals, reviewing the profundity of the world in a discursive manner.

In this exhibition, Thukral & Tagra present a contradictory situation for us to reflect on politics through spectatorship and to contemplate the issue of survival in a cultural economy that is endowed with symbols, idioms, and ideas. Bread is a form of sustenance and in this context implies that the material culture of art is a way of surviving in the new economy. Circus alludes to the use of entertainment as a delay tactic for dealing with politics or initiating social changes. The artists claim: "The environment we live in distracts us by performing routines and we are very engrossed in these distractions. The more engrossed we get, the less we care about what the state does in our name." Applying this to the art world, the staging of spectacular exhibitions and events is intended to offer perpetual entertainment in order to satisfy our curiosity and consumerist desire. WiFi refers to a closed and ubiquitous network of people and relationships connected in a dematerialised manner; it also suggests a hierarchical relationship between content and object, and it holds the ideas of survival and the circus together. Using satire and self-mockery, Thukral & Tagra question the notion of survival and expose our ignorance with an authoritarian, knowledge-based economy. By showing a collection of paintings, performance, objects, and games as an installation, this exhibition not only simulates the logic of cultural production, but, more importantly, it engages the public with a performance to propose new alternatives through a diversion from the immediate.

Baker's Dozen showcases a series of paintings simulating slices of bread, each representing a phenomenon or object including luxury, masonry and stone mining, technology, fishing, power, transportation, lumber, and grain. Dominus Aeris is a series of paintings that presents a dystopian vision of a new native land as articulated by someone living in a diaspora. Ball Centre is a real-time performance whereby hundreds of ping-pong balls are fired by a table tennis cannon in a closed interior resembling an Indian call centre. Poking fun at the artists' identity as a service provider, a performer will be answering phone calls via WiFi from audiences, asking the audiences a series of questions related to the issues of hierarchy and power.

As an antidote to *Ball Centre*, *Out of Play* is a series of ball sculptures made with cement, resin, and grain that allude to solidarity. This artwork takes reference from the recent protest against the episode of demonetisation in India and explores how this has affected the livelihood of the subaltern class and their survival. This playful work subverts materiality and raises questions about daily survival in today's world, which is constantly changing. *Bread Winner* is an interactive board game with logical rules, which the audience can play. The game encourages people to question the forms of sustenance in their everyday lives and how these things connect every living thing in the universe.



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藝術項目的絕對權力,以散漫的態度探究世界的深度。 藉此批判當今的文化經濟生態,審視那些定期提供精彩但重複的作為延續政治權利的手段。圖格拉 & 塔格將這個邏輯加以運用,羅馬向人民提供免費小麥以及精彩的競技比賽或其他娛樂形式,麵包與馬戲團」拉丁文寫作「panem et circuses」,指古時

將此應用於藝術世界,各種展覽及活動只是旨在提供反複的娛 段。藝術家表示:「我們經常被生活環境中的常規表演分散注意 文化;「馬戲團」暗示以娛樂作為處理政治或引發社會變革的手 包」代表維生,在此意味著在新經濟中作為生存要素的藝術物質 的方式質疑生存的概念,並暴露人們對專制知識型經濟系統的無 樂,以滿足觀眾的好奇心及消費意慾; 觀角度反思政治以及在充斥符號的文化經濟中的生存問題。「麵 自覺地參與一場提出另一選擇的演出。 統的邏輯。更重要的是,展覽通過轉移及分散注意力 知。展覽以繪畫、表演、物件及互動遊戲裝置,模擬文化生產系 關係,並將生存和娛樂連繫起來。圖格拉 & 塔格以諷刺和自嘲 和無處不在的人際關係網絡,提出了娛樂內容和對象之間的階級 力。我們注意得越多,便越少關心國家在人民身上所做的事。」 在本次展覽中,圖格拉 & 塔格藉著提出矛盾狀況,讓觀眾以旁 「WiFi」則是指一個閉路 ,使觀眾不

中「服務提供者」的身份作出諷刺及自嘲。 《麵包師的十三件》為一系列問題。作品對藝術家本身作為藝術界的數百個乒乓球。表演者將通過 WiFi 接收來自人們的電話,詢別數百個乒乓球。表演者將通過 WiFi 接收來自人們的電話,詢別數百個乒乓球。表演者將通過 WiFi 接收來自人們的電話,詢別數百個乒乓球。表演者將通過 WiFi 接收來自人們的電話,詢問有關級階與權力的一系列問題。作品對藝術家本身作為藝術界門服務提供者」的身份作出諷刺及自嘲。

以及其與宇宙萬物的各種連接。 和穀物製成的球型雕塑。作品概念來自印度民眾抗議政府紙幣廢與《發球中心》的乒乓球相反,《死球》是一系列用水泥、樹脂與《發球中心》的乒乓球相反,《死球》是一系列用水泥、樹脂



Dominus Aeris-Panis Quotidie_1 空中之王-每天的麵包1, 2016 Oil on canvas 布面油畫 182.9 x 182.9 cm (72 x 72 in.)



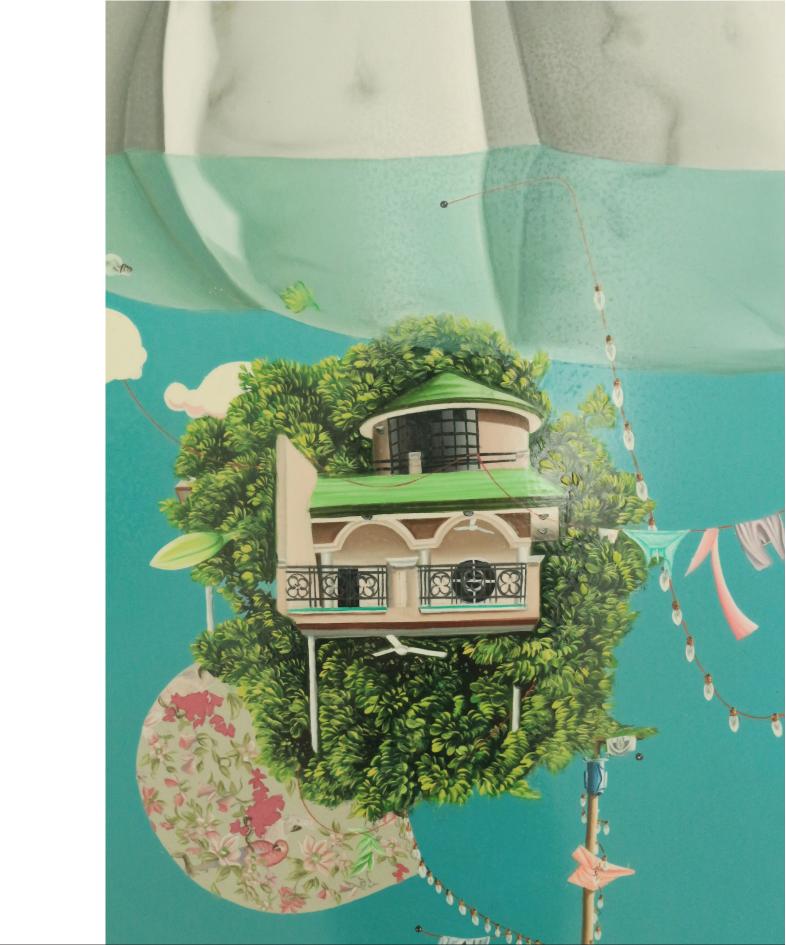
Dominus Aeris-PANEM 1 空中之王**-**耶和華 **1**, 2016, Oil on iron 油畫, 鐵, dia. 188 cm(74 in.)



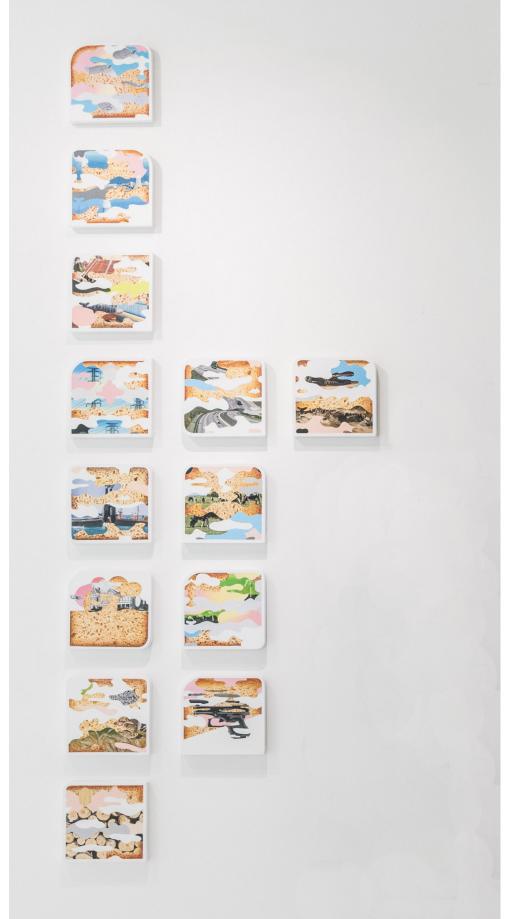
Dominus Aeris-PANEM 2 空中之王-耶和華2, 2016 Oil on iron 油畫, 鐵 dia. 124.5 cm (49 in.)



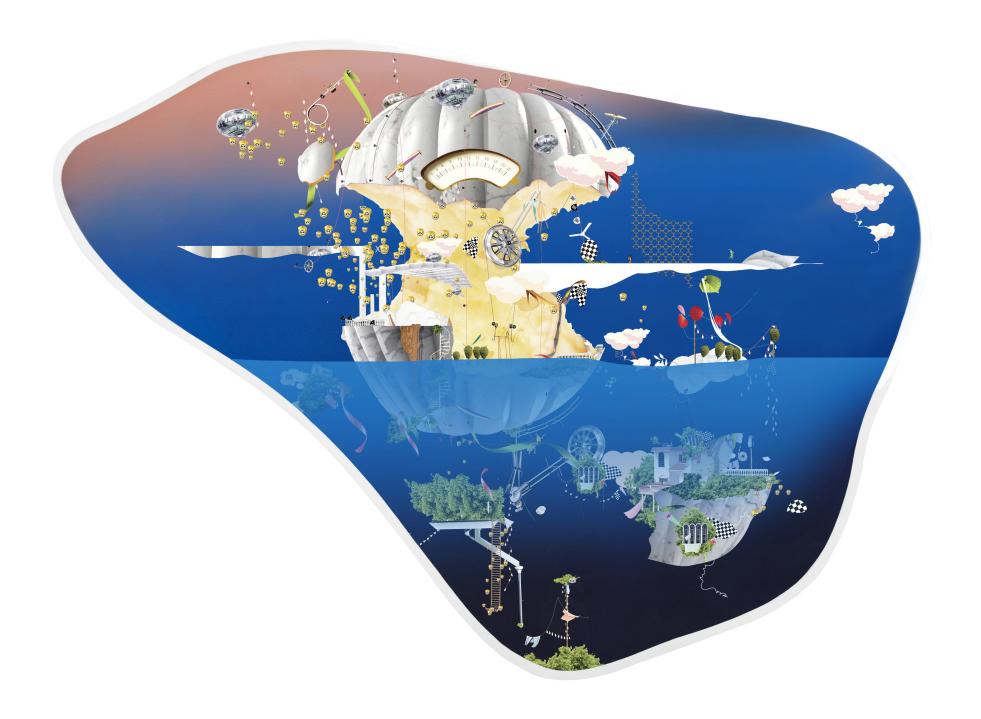
Dominus Aeris-PANEM 3 空中之王-耶和華3, 2016 Oil on iron 油畫, 鐵 dia. 94 cm (37 in.)



Baker's Dozen 麵包師的十三件, 2017. Oil on canvas 布面油畫, 25.4 x 25.4 cm x 13 pcs 件 (10 x 10 in. x 13 pcs 件)

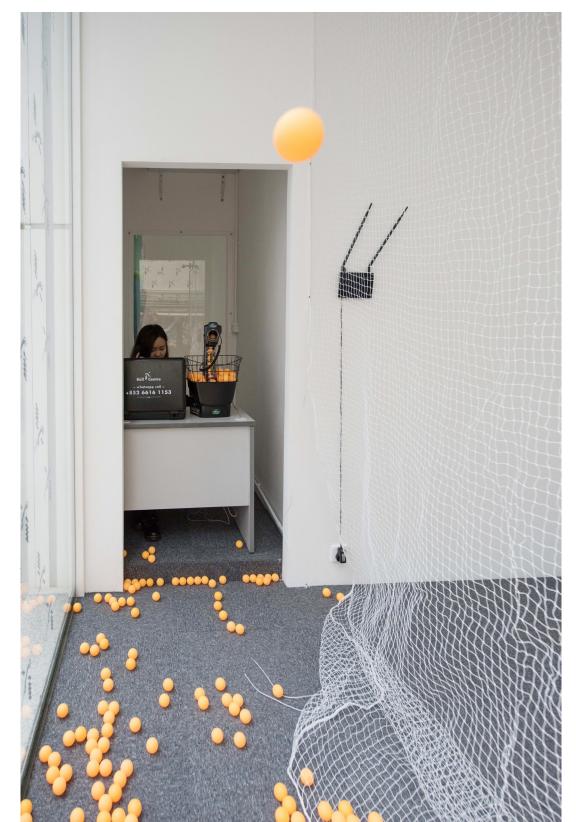




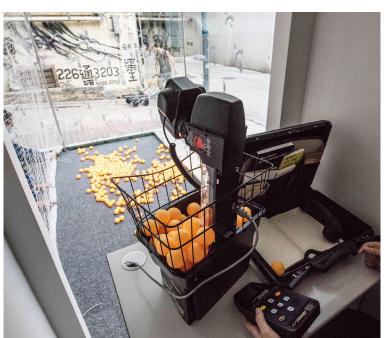


Per Diem-1 每天-1, 2017, Acrylic on canvas 布面丙烯, 119.4 x 157.5 cm (47 x 62 in.)

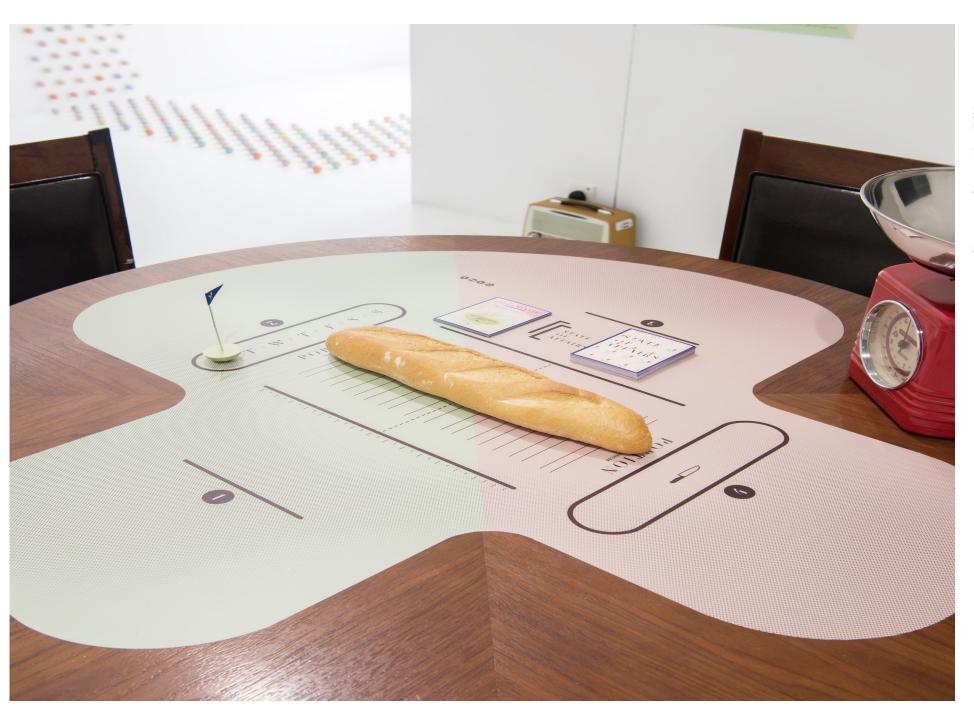
Ball Centre 發球中心, 2017, Participatory performance 參與式演出











Bread Winner 麵包贏家, 2017 (detail 局部)

BREAD WINNER Duration of the Game: 20 min (approx) Players: 4 PORTION RYE BARLEY WHEAT OATS MAIZE The objective of the game is to earn the bread and feed yourself for a week with slices from the loaf as an individual, while all the players collectively form a community. Loaf = Total Ration The single loaf of bread should be sufficient for the entire week - 7 rounds. — 4 players play the game. STATE The players choose a card that assigns them a profession, each of the professions are classified into grades. AFFAIRS Players draw a card on each turn (one day) and cut the slice according to the amount specified. BROADCAST There are two types of cards: a. cards that provide you with ration, b. government broadcast At the end of the game each player's bread is weighed. If the ration falls short, whichever player has the most bread loses. In the case that the ration was excess or sufficient, whichever player has the most bread wins. BREAD LOAF KNIFE CARDS - SITUATION, BROADCAST BUTTER PAPER RADIO REGHING SCALE WEIGHING SCALE TABLE WITH FOUR CHAIRS



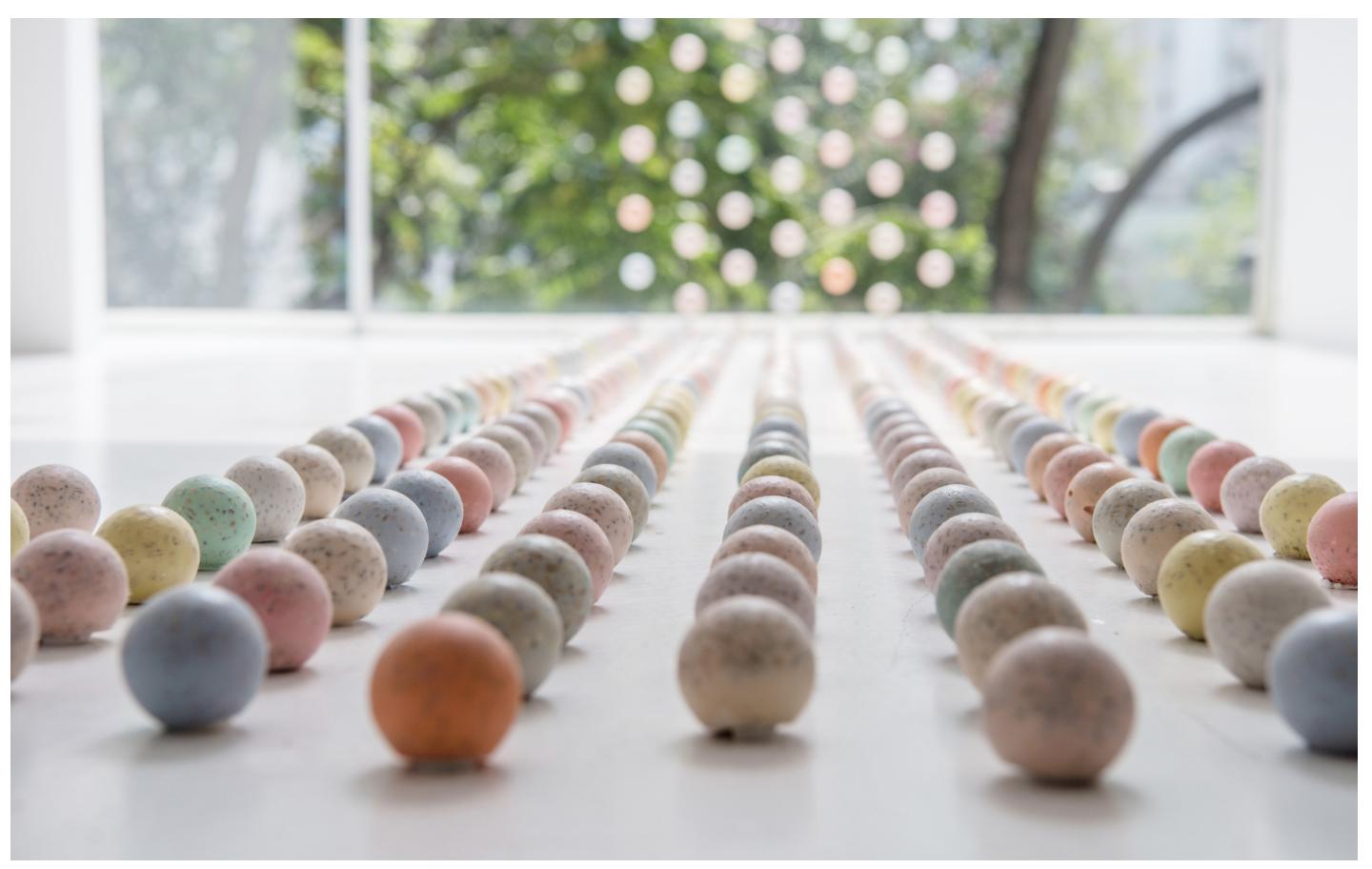
Out of Play 死球, 2017 Cement, resin, grain 水泥,樹脂,穀物 dia. 4 cm (15/8 in.) each 每個

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THUKRAL & TAGRA 圖格拉&塔格

Jiten Thukral (b. 1976, Jalandhar, Punjab, India) and Sumir Tagra (b. 1979, New Delhi, India) are based in Gurgaon, Haryana, a suburb of New Delhi. They work collaboratively in a wide variety of media including painting, sculpture, installation, film, and design.

Thukral & Tagra blur the lines between fine art and popular culture, product placement and exhibition design, as well as artistic inspiration and media hype. With playfulness and humour, their works comment on the globalisation of consumer culture and its repercussions, which are being experienced in India today. They pose thoughtful questions about the nature of Indian identity as articulated by Indians themselves and projected onto India by the rest of the world.

Thukral & Tagra have worked together since 2003 and have held solo exhibitions all over the world, including in Singapore, Japan, Korea, China, Italy, Germany, the United Kingdom, Austria, and more. Their works have been included in group exhibitions on multiple international platforms such as the Lyon Museum of Contemporary Art in France, Nature Morte in Germany, Helsinki Art Museum Tennis Palace in Finland, the Richmond Art Gallery in Canada, and the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts in the USA, among many others. Their numerous awards include Creative Minds of the Year, GQ Man of the Year, and 101 Emerging Designers of the World.

積登·圖格拉(1976年生於印度賈朗達爾)及蘇梅爾·塔格(1979年出生於印度新德里)合作創作各種媒介的藝術作品,包括繪畫、 雕塑、裝置藝術、電影和設計。藝術家現居於印度新德里市郊古爾岡。

圖格拉&塔格的作品模糊美術與流行文化之間的界線,跳躍於產品陳設與展覽設計、藝術靈感與媒體宣傳之間。二人的作品充滿玩味 和幽默感,主題圍繞消費文化全球化以及其在印度帶來的影響;藝術家由自身及世界的角度出發,就他們印度人的身分提出疑問。

圖格拉&塔格於2003年開始合作,曾於世界各地舉辦個展,包括印度、新加坡、日本、韓國和中國等亞洲地區,以及意大利、德國、英國、奧地利等歐洲國家。二人亦曾參與多個國際群展,展出之處包括法國里昂當代藝術館、德國Nature Morte、芬蘭赫爾辛基市立美術館網球宮、加拿大Richmond Art Gallery和美國芳草地藝術中心等。二人曾被選為Creative Minds of the Year、GQ Man of the Year以及101 Emerging Designers of the World,屡獲殊榮。

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JITEN THUKRAL

1976 Born in Jalandhar, Punjab, India

1998 Bachelor of Fine Arts, Chandigarh Art College, India 2000 Masters of Fine Arts, New Delhi College of Art, India

Present Lives and work in Gurgaon, India

SUMIR TAGRA

1979 Born in New Delhi, India

1999 Shankar's Academy of Arts, New Delhi, India

2002 Bachelor of Fine Arts, New Delhi College of Art, India

2006 Postgraduate Studies, National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad, India

Present Lives and work in Gurgaon, India

Selected Solo Exhibitions

2017 Bread, Circuses & WiFi, Pearl Lam Galleries SOHO, Hong Kong

Play Pray, Bikaner House, New Delhi, India

2016 Walk of Life, The Fed Galleries, KCAD, Grand Rapids, Michigan, USA

Memoir Bar, Chatterjee & Lai, Mumbai, India

2015 *Q: The Lighthouse*, Nature Morte, New Delhi, India

Games People Play, Bau Daji Lad Museum, Mumbai, India

Thukral & Tagra Foundation #letsdyetogether, Indian Design, New Delhi, India

2013 *Q: Famous Studios*, Nature Morte, Mumbai, India

Mirabilia Collection, Etro, London, UK

Longing for Tomorrow-II- Meissen Porcelain, Residence of German Ambassador to India, New Delhi, India

Windows of Opportunity, Art Plural, Singapore

2012 Longing for Tomorrow, Nature Morte, Berlin, Germany

Nosturistic, Hilger Contemporary, Vienna, Austria

2011 German Return, Nature Morte, Gurgaon, India

Put It On, Again!, Nature Morte, New Delhi, India

Thukral & Tagra Foundation, Project Booth, Art Summit, New Delhi, India

Science Mystery Magic, BTAP Gallery and Tokyo Art Fair, Tokyo, Japan

2010 *Middle Class Dreams*, Arario Gallery, Seoul, Korea

Low-Tech Family Vacations, Singapore Tyler Print Institute, Singapore

Match Fixed/Fixed Match, Ullens Center for Contemporary Art (UCCA), Beijing, China

Selected Group Exhibitions

2016

	Level 01, Khoj International Artists Association, New Delhi, India Outer Market—History to Motlon, TING Arts Centre, Paris, France Of Games Residencies III, Khoj International Artists, New Delhi, India
2015 2014	Sparsha—Touching the Senses. Ritual and Contemporary Indian Art, Kunstmuseum Bochum, Germany Ethereal, curated by Dr. Amin Jaffer, Leila Heller Gallery, New York, USA All Well & Good?!, Herbert Gerisch Stiftung, Neumunster, Germany Art Guild House, T&T sports, Phoenix Market city, Kurla Mumbai, India
2013	Island, Dairy Art Centre, London, UK Panoplism, Nature Morte, New Delhi, India
2012	Indian Highway, Ullens Center for Contemporary Art (UCCA), Beijing, China
2012	<i>India: Art Now</i> , Arken Museum of Modern Art, Copenhagen, Denmark <i>India—Lado a Lado</i> , SESC Belenzinho, Brazil
	The Matter Within, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, San Francisco, USA
2011	Indian Highway, Maxxi Museum, Rome, Italy
	Paris - Delhi - Bombay, Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris, France
	Asianart: Sustain, Nature Morte, Berlin, Germany
	Maximum India, Kennedy Center, Washington, D.C., USA
	Concurrent India, Helsinki Art Museum Tennis Palace, Helsinki, Finland
	Indian Highway IV, Lyon Museum of Contemporary Art, Lyon, France
	Avant Premiere, Art Plural Gallery, Singapore
	Future Pass, Venice Biennale, Venice, Italy; Wereld Museum, Rotterdam, Netherlands; National
2010	Taiwan Museum of Fine Arts, Taichung, Taiwan; Today Art Museum, Beijing, China
2010	Finding India, Museum of Contemporary Art, Taipei, Taiwan SAMDIGIT, Gallery 5, Kulturhuset, Stockholm, Sweden
	Bosedk Project, Richmond Art Gallery, Richmond, Canada
	Urban Matters 2, SESC Pompéia, Sao Paulo, Brazil
	In Context: public.art.ecology, Khoj Studios, New Delhi, India
	11th Hour, Tang Contemporary, Beijing, China
	Inside India, Palazzo Saluzzo di Paesana, Turin, Italy
	Commonwealth Games Exhibition, Lalit Kala Akademi, New Delhi, India
2009	Chalo! India: A New Era of Indian Art, National Museum of Contemporary Art, Seoul, Essl Museum, Vienna
2008	Chalo! India: A New Era of Indian Art, Mori Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan
	Make Art Stop AIDS, UCLA Fowler Museum, Los Angeles, CA, USA
2007	Animamix Biennial, Museum of Contemporary Art, Shanghai, China

Walk of Life (Water)—Climate Control, The Manchester Museum, Manchester, UK

Selected Grants and Awards

2014	Creative Minds of the Year, Hello! Hall of Fame, India
2006	101 Emerging Designers of the World, Wallpaper Magazine, Global Edit
2005	D & AD, London, UK
	One Show Interactive, New York, USA
2004	Limca Book of Records, India
	One Show, New York, USA
	One Show Design, New York, USA
2003	One Show, New York, USA
	One Show Design, New York, USA
	Red Hot Ogilvy
	Graphis International Awards, New York, USA
	London International Awards, UK
2002	OBIE Award, New York, USA

Selected Publications

2015	Bathtub, Birdgroup
2014	Longing for Tomorrow – ii, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, New Delhi, India
2013	Q – vol 1, Thukral and Tagra Studio
2009	Low Tech Family Vacations, STPI, Thukral and Tagra Studio
2007	Thukral and Tagra, Gallery Nature Morte, Thukral and Tagra Studio

Collections

Arken Museum of Modern Art, Copenhagen, Denmark Collection Credit Suisse
Dubai Design District, Dubai, UAE
DeKa Bank, Frankfurt am Main, Germany
Frank Cohen Collection, London, UK
Imperial College Healthcare Art Collection, London, UK
J.P. Morgan Chase Art Collection, New York, USA
New York Public Library, New York, USA
Piramal Art Foundation, India
Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane, Australia
Tiroche DeLeon Collection, Israel
Ullens Center for Contemporary Art (UCCA), Beijing, China
UBS Art Collection London, UK

積登·圖格拉&蘇梅爾·塔格

積登·圖格拉

1976 出生於印度賈朗達爾 1998 印度昌迪加爾藝術學院藝術學士畢業 2000 印度新德里藝術學院藝術碩士畢業 現今 生活和工作於印度古爾岡 蘇梅爾·塔格 1979 出生於印度新德里 1999 印度新德里Shankar's Academy of Arts畢業 2002 印度昌迪加爾藝術學院藝術學士 2006 印度National Institute of Design研究院課程畢業 現今 生活和工作於印度古爾岡 主要個展 2017 《麵包、馬戲團 & WiFi》,藝術門,香港蘇豪,中國香港 《Play Pray》, Bikaner House, 印度新德里 2016 《Walk of Life》,The Fed Galleries,肯德藝術與設計學院,美國 密芝根洲 《Memoir Bar》, Chatterjee & Lai, 印尼孟買 2015 《Q:The Lighthouse》, Nature Morte, 印度新德里 《Games People Play》, Bau Daji Lad Museum, 印度 孟買 《Thukral & Tagra Foundation》,#letsdyetogether - Indian Design,印度新德里 2013 《Q》, Famous Studios, Nature Morte, 印度 孟買 《Mirabilia Collection》, Etro, 英國 倫敦 «Longing for Tomorrow-II- Meissen porcelain》,Residence of the German Ambassador to India, Nature Morte,印度 新德里 《Windows of Opportunity》, Art Plural, 新加坡 2012 《Longing for Tomorrow》, Nature Morte, 德國 柏林 《Nosturistic》, Hilger Contemporary, 奧地利維也納 2011 《German Return》, Nature Morte, 印度 古爾岡 《Put It On, Again!》, Nature Morte, 印度新德里 《Thukral & Tagra Foundation》, Project Booth, Art Summit, 印度新德里 《Science Mystery Magic》, BTAP Gallery and Tokyo Art Fair, 日本東京 《Middle Class Dreams》, Arario Gallery, 韓國 首爾 2010 《Low-Tech Family Vacations》, Singapore Tyler Print Institute, 新加坡

《Match Fixed/Fixed Match》, Ullens Center for Contemporary Art, 中國北京

主要群展

2016	《Walk of Life (Water)—Climate Control》,曼徹斯特博物館, 英國 曼徹斯特 《LevelO1》,Khoj International Artists Association,印度 新德里
	《Out Market—History to Motlon》TING Arts Centre,法國 巴黎
2015	«Of Game Residencies III», Khoj International Artists
2014	《Sparsha—Touching the Senses. Ritual and Contemporary Indian Art》,Kunstmuseum Bochum, 德國波鴻
	《Ethereal》,Dr. Amin Jaffer策展,Leila Heller Gallery,美國 紐約
	《All Well & Good?!》,Herbert Gerisch Stiftung,德國 諾蒙斯特
	《Art Guild House》,T&T sports,Phoenix Market city,印度 孟買
2013	《Island》, Dairy Art Centre, 英國 倫敦
	《Panoplism》,Nature Morte,印度 新德里
2012	《Indian Highway》,尤倫斯當代藝術中心,中國 北京
	《India: Art Now》,Arken Museum of Modern Art,丹麥 哥本哈根
	《India—Lado a Lado》,SESC Belezinho,巴西
2011	《The Matter Within》,芳草地藝術中心,美國 三藩市
	《Indian Highway IV》,Maxxi Museum,意大利 羅馬
	《Paris - Delhi - Bombay》,Centre Georges Pompidou,法國 巴黎
	《Asianart: Sustain》,Nature Morte,德國 柏林
	《Maximum India》,Kennedy Center,美國 華盛頓
	《Concurrent India》,Helsinki Art Museum Tennis Palace,芬蘭 赫尔辛基
	《Indian Highway IV》,Lyon Museum of Contemporary Art,法國 里昂
	《Avant Premiere》,Art Plural Gallery,新加坡
	《Future Pass》,Venice Biennale and Wereld Museum,荷蘭 鹿特丹
2010	《Finding India》,Museum of Contemporary Art,台北
	《SAMDIGIT》,Gallery 5, Kulturhuset,瑞典 斯德哥爾摩
	《Bosedk Project》,Richmond Art Gallery,加拿大溫哥華
	《Urban Matters 2》,SESC Pompéia,巴西 聖保羅
	《In Context : public.art.ecology》,Khoj Studios,印度 新德里
	《11th Hour》,Tang Contemporary,中國 北京
	《Inside India》,Palazzo Saluzzo di Paesana,意大利 都靈
2000	Commonwealth Games Exhibition, Lalit Kala Akademi, 印度新德里
2009	《Chalo! India: A New Era of Indian Art》,國立現代美術館,韓國 首爾; Essl Museum,奧地利 維也納
2008	《Chalo! India: A New Era of Indian Art》,森美術館,日本 東京
	《Make Art Stop AIDS》,UCLA Fowler Museum,美國 洛杉磯
2007	動漫美學雙年展,上海當代藝術館,中國 上海

主要獎項

014 006	《Creative Minds of the Year》, Hello! Hall of Fame, 印度 101 Emerging Designers of the World》, Wallpaper Magazine, Global Edit
005	D&AD,英國倫敦 One Show Interactive,美國 紐約
004	Limca Book of Records,印度 One Show,美國 紐約 One Show Design,美國 紐約
003	One Show Design,美國 紐約 One Show Design,美國 紐約 Red Hot Ogilvy Graphis International Awards,美國 紐約 London International Awards,英國
002	OBIE Award,美國 紐約

主要出版

2014 《Longing for Tomorrow – ii》, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, 印度 2013 《Q – vol 1》, Thukral and Tagra Studio 2009 《Low Tech Family Vacations》, STPI, Thukral and Tagra Studio 2007 《Thukral and Tagra》, Gallery Nature Morte, Thukral and Tagra Studio
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主要收藏

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