

**PRESS RELEASE**

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ART EXHIBITION  
**THE RESONANCE OF REMEMBRANCE**  
 By DUONG SEN



To celebrate the Independence Day 30/4, VY Gallery would like to announce the exhibition of "**The Resonance of remembrance**" by painter Duong Sen, held at No. 20 Nguyen Van Thu, Da Kao Ward, District 1, from April 24, 2021, to May 15, 2021. The exhibition consists of 5 works, including 4 lacquer works and 1 oil painting for the purpose to convey to the public the spiritual, historical and artistic value of the national peace resistance.

**The Resonance of remembrance** is a flashback from echoes in the author about the anti-American past of our people and troops. At the same time, the exhibition is like a rhythmic gratitude song carrying the sense of teamwork, people together determined to maintain the revolutionary spirit, overcoming hardships to gain independence for the country.

In particular, out of 5 works by painter Duong Sen this time, the large abstract lacquer painting "Truong Son Legend" is the work that painter Duong Sen is most interested in, the painting is 180cm x 80cm, recreating the image of Truong Son with the mountain range.

In the silence, the operation team persisted in maintaining their faith. There are times when the artist has a fever, is so sick that he cannot stand up, but it is the call of the care of the mountains, of the team love. Every day, the soldier was filled with enthusiasm in harmony with the natural rhythm of life like telling his heart to be resilient, standing up, and continuing his journey to regain national independence.

Lacquer is a material that requires discipline and patience in the artist. Along with the depth of each traditional paint layer - distinct from modern lacquer, the fanciful sound of color, sparkling in gold-plated, silver-plated lacquer. And by an artist's soul, Duong Sen has always painted with his mind and person for painting, for this charming philosophical color. Perhaps that is why his paintings look very rustic at first sight. But contemplate, the more we feel the mixed thoughts of the times. And perhaps that has made Duong Sen successful with non-figurative art.



### **Truong Son Legend (2005)**

Traditional lacquer painting, 180cm x 80cm

The exhibition has brought the public closer to traditional lacquer and brought new experiences when exhibitors just need to use smartphones, scan the QR code next to the paintings. Thus, the audience had been guided into the world within the works of "The Resonance of remembrance" together quietly, listening to the artistic analysis explanations and stories of the inspiration behind them.

The exhibition is free to attend.

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#### **About Duong Sen artist**

Artist Duong Sen (b.1949) is famous for his traditional lacquer painting line. He pursued the abstract and semi-abstract schools. Duong Sen's paintings are rustic, but vivid and poetic. Most notably, his technique for handling the lacquer color arrays was very elaborate. His whole career is closely linked to traditional lacquer. It was not until 2014 that he tried his hand at oil painting to "change dishes", producing 45 landscape oil paintings for his 16th solo exhibition. His paintings are present in most Vietnamese museums, but also in the US, France, Germany, Japan, Korea, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Canada, Singapore, Australia, Thailand ...

#### **About VY Gallery**

In June 2018, VY Gallery opened its first gallery in District 2, Ho Chi Minh City. In the same year, VY Gallery co-organized a charity auction and successfully auctioned 27 paintings by 19 Vietnamese artists in 2018. In June 2020, the gallery moved to District 1 - ready for new, interesting projects.

VY Gallery is always looking for opportunities to support Vietnamese artists and help them bring their works to the public. By providing practical services and experiences, the gallery aims to thrive, becoming the connecting point for collectors, artists and art lovers in Ho Chi Minh City.

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#### **Exhibition information:**

Time of display: April 24, 2021 to May 15, 2021

Working hours: 10AM -8PM

Location: VY Gallery - 20 Nguyen Van Thu, Da Kao, District 1, HCMC

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**Some works presented at the exhibition "The Resonance of remembrance" by painter Duong Sen**



**South East guerrilla prepared against sweep (2002)**

Traditional lacquer painting, 240cm x 120cm



**Rung Sac Special Zone (2003)**

Traditional lacquer painting, 180cm x 120cm



**The rear affection (2002)**

Traditional lacquer painting, 120cm x 80cm



**Marching trail (1993)**

Oil painting, 130cm x 100cm