

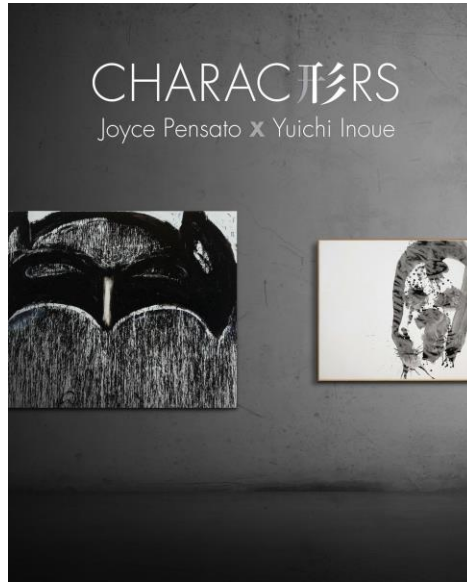
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Christie's to Present Virtual Private Selling Exhibition

CHARACTERS – JOYCE PENSATO X YUICHI INOUE

Reimagining Forms and Meanings of Visual Symbols



Hong Kong – Christie's Modern & Contemporary Art Department is excited to announce a virtual private selling exhibition this May, showcasing an intriguing visual relationship between the creative outputs of **Joyce Pensato** (USA, 1941-2019) and **Yuichi Inoue** (Japan, 1916-1985).



Inoue Yuichi in his studio
Photo: Courtesy of
UNAC Tokyo

Despite the two artists having lived and worked in different times and places, both created striking, graphic works that challenge the way we perceive familiar characters and symbols. Influences in their work range from pictographic characters and pop symbols, calligraphy and Abstract Expressionism, contemporary visual culture and historic tradition.

During the 1950s, Inoue revolutionized the traditional art of Japanese calligraphy by creating single character brushworks bursting with movement and energy to channel the spirit of Abstract Expressionism. Four decades later, Pensato used expressive black enamel to depict pop culture icons on large canvases, forcing viewers to reevaluate the complexity and darkness present in familiar images.

Joyce Pensato in her studio
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This virtual exhibition prompts viewers to consider how separate histories and artists might be connected in unexpected ways, while exploring the visual relationship between the creative output of these two important artists.

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