## ARTIVIST, Artist Residency and Incubator Launches in Seoul, Korea, Featuring Artist Dustin Yellin

Seoul, Korea - September 1, 2023 - Artivist is pleased to announce the launch of a new Artist in Residency program and incubator in Seoul, Korea. The inaugural artist for this prestigious program is globally celebrated artist, Dustin Yellin.

The mission of the new residency is to foster artistic growth, innovation, and collaboration within the vibrant Seoul art community. Artists in residence will embark on a journey of cultural immersion, embracing the unique nuances and traditions that define their environment. This cultural orientation will serve as a foundation for their creative exploration. Fostering thoughtful interactions and dialogues with fellow artists and collectors is a key aspect of this experience, allowing artists to broaden their perspectives, challenge their ideas, and spark new inspiration, while reflecting diverse voices within the community. Moreover, artists in residence will have the opportunity to cultivate relationships with collectors. Through shared social interactions, they will be able to understand the motivations and tastes of those who appreciate and invest in their work. This engagement will create a mutual appreciation between the artist and collector, strengthening the bonds within the art community.

"Our goal is to create a hub for artistic inspiration and collaboration," shares Afrodet Zuri, Artivist's Curator in Residence and adds, "We believe Artivist and artists such as Dustin, will significantly contribute to the dynamic art culture in Seoul." Dustin Yellin, renowned for his unique artistic practice that blends drawing, painting and sculpture, was a natural choice to launch Artivist. As the founder and director of Pioneer Works, a multidisciplinary cultural center in Red Hook, Brooklyn, Yellin brings valuable experience and insight to Artivist's program. "We are very excited to welcome Dustin Yellin as our inaugural artist," says Amy Kim, founder of Artivist. "His innovative approach to art and commitment to community building align perfectly with our vision for this residency program and patrons group."

**Spooky Portal**, the inaugural Artivist exhibition is Yellin's first solo exhibition in Asia and features Yellin's latest series of works on canvas alongside works he is well known for, his intricate Psychogeography sculptures. His commitment to using unconventional materials and techniques is continued in this new series of works on canvas, utilizing a blend of acrylic and collage to create multidimensional paintings that leap off the canvas.

Yellin's art is characterized by its exploration of various themes such as human consciousness, societal structures, and our relationship with the natural world. Despite their visual complexity, his works often carry a clear and powerful message, reflecting his deep engagement with the world around him. They embody Yellin's ability to merge the real with the imagined, the tangible with the ephemeral, and the personal with the universal.

The opening reception celebrating the launch of Artivist and the opening of the exhibition, will take place September 4, 2023 at 5:00-7:30 PM, with the exhibition running from September 5, 2023 to October 21, 2023 at 27 Dosan-daero 67-gil, Gangnam-gu, Seoul, Republic of Korea.

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ARTIVIST is an arts and culture organization comprised of an artist residency program, an art collector and patrons club and exhibition program. Serving as an incubator for artistic inspiration and collaboration, Artivist provides a supportive environment where artists can cultivate new relationships and share their work to a wider audience. Its mission is to contribute positively to the cultural landscape by nurturing artistic talent and promoting thoughtful patronage. Please seewww.artivistglobal.com for more information.

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