

We Do Not Dream Alone, first instance of the Asia Society Triennial in NYC

The inaugural Asia Society Triennial is currently on view at Asia Society Museum and select locations in New York City through June 27, 2021. The first edition of the Asia Society Triennial, titled "We Do Not Dream Alone", is composed of a multi-venue exhibition, as well as online artist talks, forums, and performances.

The Asia Society Triennial is a festival of visual art, performance, and film that takes place once every three years. It brings some of the most exciting contemporary work from Asia and the global diaspora to New York, including American artists of Asian descent. It features more than forty artists from twenty countries.



screenshot from the virtual tour website

The title of this exhibition "We Do Not Dream Alone" was inspired by the Japanese American artist Yoko Ono, who wrote, "A dream you dream alone may be a dream, but a dream two people dream together is a reality." In this time of fractures along cultural, geographic, and political lines, the Triennial is meant to show that through the experience of viewing art, we can hopefully become a little closer to people who are our neighbors, as well as those living and working on the other side of the world.

As mentioned by Lisa Ying Zhang in a nice review for the Hyperallergic magazine, "We Do Not Dream Alone takes an expansive view of what "Asian"-ness is or can be. The presentation at the Asia Society Museum highlights plurality: its twenty-one-artist roster includes East Asians, South Asians, Southeast Asians, Pacific Islanders, and artists from the Arab world in solid numbers."

Virtual tour of the exhibition: <https://my.matterport.com/show/?m=KHDMYr8FFhu>

Website: <https://asiasociety.org/triennial>

Read the full review on Hyperallergic magazine: <https://hyperallergic.com/614473/asia-society-triennial-review-part-one/>