

# Those Who Dream by Day



"Those who dream by day  
are cognizant of many things  
which escape those who  
dream only by night."

-Edgar Allan Poe



"Those who dream by day", opening doors on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March at Strychnin Gallery, celebrates the imagination and oeuvres of the great Edgar Allan Poe.

The mysterious man, whose life was short and filled with tragedy, left behind one of the most admired, questioned and influential literary body of works.

While alive, his writings were ostracized and put under heavy scrutiny; many denied reading his publications. However, the public did yet not realize that Poe was profoundly ahead of his time. A pioneer of the gothic, macabre and thriller genre, he paved way for many detective-story authors to come.

Poe's popularity soared after his seemingly suicidal death on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October, 1849, especially through French avant-garde writers and artists in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. Finally, many came to understand and appreciate the psychological depth he sought to convey through his emphasis and curiosity of the dark, imaginative and "strange". Multitudes were not only intrigued by his ingenious mind, but desired to understand his source of inspirations and meaning of his work.

Thus, over the course of time, more and more distinguished artists have hoped to be associated with and emulate his writings through the visual medium.

Strychnin Gallery wants to re-establish this admiration for Poe and thus was "Those Who Dream by Day" born. A handful of international artists were gathered and given a short story by Poe to take inspiration from. The pieces displayed will transcend only the personal connection and interpretation that each artist has to their given story. Making the gallery walls into a visual library of Edgar Allan Poe's legacy.

The artists involved will be; David Hochbaum, Kathryn Carr, Daniel Van Nes, Luisa Catucci, Bethany Marchman, Eliza Bolli, Joey Remmers, Yann Gobart, Akiza, Virginia Mori, Loredana Catania, Saturno Butto, Hara Katsiki, Danny van Ryswyk, Ufocinque, Lola, Leila Ataya, Robert Tirado, Nom Kinnear King, Nick Sheehy, Mandy Tsung, Saiko Kato and Chris Collins.

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