Diyan Achjadi Benefit Print Edition

The Richmond Art Gallery is delighted to announce that artist Diyan Achjadi has produced a limited edition print to benefit the Gallery. Achjadi's artwork will be exhibited in the exhibition *Diyan Achjadi and Shawn Hunt: Cultural Conflation*, from October 15 – December 31, 2016. The exhibition, organized by curator Nan Capogna, presents recent work by the artists that appropriates and combines imagery from different cultural traditions, investing them with new meanings.

Diyan Achjadi's work examines historical prints and surface ornamentation, tracing narratives of cross-cultural imaginings, influences and contaminations, retranslating and reinterpreting them through drawing, printmaking and animation. For *Betwixt and Between*, the artist sourced material from Dutch prints and objects depicting animals and landscapes from an imagined Java; European prints of rhinoceroses and their mythical counterpart, the unicorn; and Indonesian textile details, blending fine art and decorative art in a colourfully charged composition in which fantastic hybrid creatures cavort.

Born in Jakarta, Indonesia to a West-Javanese father and an English-Canadian mother, Achjadi grew up moving between Jakarta, Hong Kong, London, and Washington DC. Achjadi currently resides in Vancouver, BC where she is an Associate Professor of Visual Arts and Material Practice at the Emily Carr University of Art and Design. She has exhibited widely at galleries and film festivals across Canada and beyond, most recently at the Art Gallery of Mississauga, Open Studio (Toronto), Katherine Nash Gallery (Minneapolis, Minnesota) and the Bieniale Internationale d'Estampe Contemporaine de Trois-Riviéres (Québec), and has had solo presentations at Centre MAI (Montreal), Art Gallery of Greater Victoria (Victoria), Oboro (Montreal) and AIR Gallery (New York, NY), among others.

Diyan Achjadi
Betwixt and Between, 2016
lithography, silkscreen and letterpress on paper
11.25" x 15.25"
Limited edition of 20
Price: $300 unframed

Prints may be viewed and purchased at the Richmond Art Gallery. For more information, contact gallery@richmond.ca or 604-247-8363.