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ROH presents *Unbearable Lightness*, a group exhibition that concentrates on paper as a medium.

Jakarta, January 2024 – ROH is pleased to share *Unbearable Lightness*, a group exhibition that concentrates on how artists have been applying paper as a medium to express their respective practices. The title refers to Milan Kundera's eponymous, *The Unbearable Lightness of Being*, in which the title itself encapsulates the existential philosophies explored in the book, that the notion of human existence is inherently "light", lacking inherent meaning or purpose. Kundera contrasts this view, alternatively, with the notion of "heaviness", where existence contains significant consequences as well as burdens of responsibility. The exhibition considers the way in which the relative lightness or heaviness of paper has been manifested in the works of the artists in this show—both in terms of its fundamental materiality, as well as its conceptual or narrative underpinnings—through varied approaches pertaining to the medium. How do artists add weight to / through something inherently so light?

Inside the world of paper that is both light and brittle, there lies a whole reality full of possibilities, as composed by Solaia Suherman in a poem written as a response to the show.

Unbearable Lightness is produced in collaboration with The Back Room (Malaysia), Sullivan + Strumpf (Singapore/Australia), Silverlens (Philippines), Kiang Malingue (Hong Kong), Whistle (South Korea), and Crève-cœur (France). The exhibition opens by invitation only on 27 January 2024 and to the public starting on 1 through 25 February 2024. Reach out to info@rohprojects.net for inquiries, visit and follow the gallery's official website www.rohprojects.net and Instagram account [@rohprojects](https://www.instagram.com/rohprojects) for further updates on operational hours and announcements of public programs.

Unbearable Lightness
Agung Kurniawan
Aurora Arazzi
Ayesha Sultana
Carmen Ceniga Prado
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Davy Linggar
Eko Nugroho
Ipeh Nur
Irfan Hendrian
Jiieh G. Hur
Julian Abraham "Togar"
Luqi Lukman
Maria Taniguchi
Reina Sugihara
Syaiful Aulia Garibaldi
Tiffany Chung
Wolfgang Matuschek

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ROH is a gallery initiated in 2014 that aims to serve the Indonesian art ecosystem by building a consistent local program, while simultaneously fostering a broader, borderless dialogue. ROH has played a more nomadic role in the past couple of years while building its new permanent space, exploring unconventional presentations for artists in dynamic temporal settings and situations. In 2022, ROH has moved into its new permanent space in Jalan Surabaya 66, Jakarta, carefully reconsidering a colonial mid-century house into a flexible space for contemporary art.

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For further information, please reach out to info@rohprojects.net.

Wednesday - Friday, 13:00 - 19:00

Saturday - Sunday, 11:00 - 19:00

Closed Monday, Tuesday and public holiday

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