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**PEARL RIVER MART GALLERY PRESENTS
'OUR ROOTS RUN DEEP: FINDING HOME IN CHINATOWN' BY WARREN KING**

Art exhibition features life-sized cardboard sculptures that pay homage to the artist's Chinese origins, NYC Chinatown, and its everyday people

NEW YORK, NY — Dec. 15, 2022 — The Pearl River Mart Gallery is proud to present “Our Roots Run Deep: Finding Home in Chinatown” by Chinese American artist Warren King. The exhibition features Mr. King’s latest series of distinctive life-sized sculptures, as well as smaller scale and wall-hanging pieces. Made only of cardboard and glue, the works depict residents of nearby Chinatown: women engaged in lively conversation, a hardworking fish vendor, players and spectators of an intense game of Chinese chess, and more. The series is a tribute to the people who anchor the community as well as a way for the artist to build a sense of connection with them.

“We’re so excited and honored to present Warren’s incredible work,” said Pearl River Mart President Joanne Kwong. “I couldn’t believe my eyes when I learned that his creations of fine art were made out of humble cardboard. Warren’s ability to see beauty in everyday people, coupled with his love for Chinatown and showstopping craftsmanship, has manifested into an exhibition that elevates our community and highlights the elegance and art all around us everyday.”

“I only recently started living within walking distance of New York’s Chinatown, but I’ve always had a fascination with the rich community there,” Mr. King said. “Growing up in Wisconsin without much of an Asian community left me with a perpetual feeling of disconnection, but when I go on my weekly trips to Chinatown, that feeling evaporates. In the past few years, I’ve been absorbing all the details of the people and places that I see, trying to build up my sense of familiarity with the shopkeepers, the vendors, the buildings, and the park. To make it feel like home. Making these sculptures is just part of that journey.”

“Our Roots Run Deep” is on view in the Pearl River Mart Gallery from Jan. 12 through April 23, 2023. Free and open to the public during business hours. An opening reception will be held on Jan. 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. Attendance is free but [registration is required](#).

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About the Artist

Born to Chinese immigrant parents, Warren King grew up in Wisconsin but now makes his home in New York City. With a Bachelor of Science in civil engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and a Master of Science in structural engineering from Stanford University, he worked as a structural engineer and in the software



industry before transitioning to art full-time in 2013. He has exhibited in many group and solo shows in galleries and museums all over the world. Learn more [at his website](#).

About Pearl River Mart

Celebrating its 51st anniversary, Pearl River Mart was founded as a “friendship store” in 1971. The iconic Asian emporium has locations in New York City’s SoHo district, the esteemed Museum of Chinese in America, and the popular Chelsea Market with both a retail outlet and Pearl River Mart Foods. From home furnishings to fashion to snacks and everything in between, the store features one-of-a-kind items imported from Asia, as well as innovative merchandise designed and created by Asian Americans. A beloved destination for people from all over the globe, Pearl River has become symbolic of the uniqueness, authenticity, and multiculturalism of New York City. Visit www.PearlRiver.com and follow on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) or [Twitter](#).

About the Pearl River Mart Gallery

The Pearl River Mart gallery features curated exhibitions with local artists from a variety of disciplines and backgrounds. Previous artists include: *New Yorker* magazine cartoonists Amy Hwang, Jeremy Nguyen, Suerynn Lee, Evan Hahn, and more; photographers Louis Chan, Hiroyuki Ito, and Corky Lee; painters Arlan Huang and Kam Mak; illustrators Nancy Pappas, Jerry Ma, Yumi Sakugawa, and Felicia Liang; and multimedia artists Wiena Lin, Ben Sloat, and Xin Song.

Recent exhibitions include “Drawn Together: Stories of Resilience and Renewal in NYC CHinatown”; “Soft Solidarity (SoS): Uniting to Protect, Empower, and Heal,” a group show of AAPI women artists; “Heartmind: Portraits from the Bob Eng Lee and Asian American Arts Centre Collections,” presented in collaboration with nonprofit arts organization Think!Chinatown; “Corky Lee on My Mind: A Photographic Tribute,” dedicated to the legendary photographer and activist Corky Lee (1947–2021).

