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Singapore Comes to Chelsea

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Courtesy Tyler Rollins Fine Art

Singapore ambassador to the United Nations Vanu Gopala Menon with artist Jimmy Ong and gallery owner Tyler Rollins

NEW YORK—One charcoal drawing in **Jimmy Ong's** [show of new work](#) at [Tyler Rollins Fine Art](#) features a naked woman astride a bucking deer, another naked woman clutched firmly under her arm. His energetic, often erotic drawings are, in other words, anything but staid.

It was a charming surprise, then, to see that Singapore's ambassador to the United Nations, **Vanu Gopala Menon**, braved the winter cold on the evening of Jan. 14 to see his countryman's new exhibition. When was the last time one saw U.S. ambassador to the United Nations **Susan Rice** making her way to Chelsea to catch **Sterling Ruby's** [latest new show](#)?

Ong, who is considered one of Singapore's preeminent contemporary artists, has lined the walls of Tyler Rollins Fine Art with monumental drawings that show characters from India's ancient Ramayana epic joining in combat and caresses. The exhibition, titled "Sitayana," runs through Feb. 27.

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