

AVENUE K GONE LUXE DE LUXE

ART ATTACKS SHOPPING COMPLEXES. WELL THAT'S WHAT IT SEEMS LIKE AT THE EXHIBITION IN AVENUE K CALLED LUXE DE LUXE.

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While there still are not that many shops open in Avenue K, that's certainly not preventing the shopping complex from being the location of cool things. The recent Malaysian International Fashion Awards and Christmas tree exhibitions were held here and now, running through the end of February, is Luxe De Luxe. The exhibition is put together by France based art collective Polyptyque for Avenue K and features some really quirky-yet-cool art installations. Here's a quick run through of some of the artists with works on display at the exhibition.

CARMEN MARISCAL

Carmen Mariscal's mixed media installation is called Innate Unborn and features six eggs with effigies of people inside. The effect is a showcase that is equally eerie and beautiful. France-based artist Carmen Mariscal has previously had her exhibits shown in the USA, Mexico, France, Spain, The Netherlands, Germany and Russia in public spaces and art galleries.

DIDIER LEGRAND-BENAINOUS

Another France-based person, this artist has had the unique privilege of being the only person able to dress the Venus de Milo at the Louvre museum in Paris in 2000. He's a prestigious fashion designer and has had his work worn by Laetitia Casta. His installation features some of his more intriguing clothing designs on display.

ERIK DIETMAN

This artist enjoys taking seeming unrelated items and putting them together to create a work that exudes plenty of mood and atmosphere. In his installation, Le Proverbe Turc, the man has 40 pairs of bronze shoes lined up with lit candles in each of them. The effect is a hypnotic installation that immediately catches the eyes.

GUILLAUME D'AMBROISE

This gang of artists did not release any real information about itself. All we got is that this bunch was born in outer space, works in Paris and has been to New York, Milan, Berlin, Monte-Carlo and Barcelona. Installation presented is called KL's Pressure which is a video installation that uses different images.

GUILLAUME GUERIN

This man incidentally is the new artistic director of Avenue K in charge of videos and audio selections. He's worked with some of the biggest names in France doing different kinds of videos. The work he has displayed is a video presentation called Vertu.

HAYATI MOKHTAR

This Malaysian-born artist's works often touch on memory and culturally specific objects to explore notions of time, place and human presence. In her installation titled Airing Out, she uses vintage and remade garments stained and printed with inks and natural dyes. A narrative subtly runs through what she has on display.

HELEN PYNOR

Helen Pynor has taught at Sydney College Of The Arts and has co-authored papers in national and international journals about visual arts. Her work is found in collections in France and Australia. Her installation, called Dust, is a really cool piece which consists of large garments woven together entirely from human hair.

