Artist Statement II

শ্য-অত্যথন Kulha

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KULHA, 黃宗青 Vitality (2023) Acrylic paints on canvas, 30x40 cm Courtesy of the artist

This painting (here and on the cover) primarily portrays the hope that the *Lungta* (literally, wind horse) of Tibetan language—its vitality and power—will spread across the world. This is shown by a mother and her child offering *Lungta* prayer papers, marked with the letters of the Tibetan alphabet, upward to the planet Earth. Generally, *Lungta* are explained as *tendrel*, namely auspicious connections and fortunate conditions, in their signification of [and hope for] flourishing in various areas, such as prosperity and power. The Tibetan alphabet is painted in the six primary colors, from among the various ways of considering the root colors as fivefold, threefold, sixfold, and so forth. This shows how they are foundational and generative, since without the six root colors, it is impossible to create other colors. The scene of a mother bringing a child with her to offer the prayer papers signifies the existence of a place to which one can embrace faith and hope for the future. I have painted the mother's clothes in the light red color, symbolizing love and hope.