

by Krit Ngamsom

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Thavibu Gallery is pleased to present the art exhibition *Sparkle* with new three-dimensional works by emergent artist Krit Ngamsom. Marking his second solo exhibition, the whimsical installation features a specially produced series of illuminated polyester resin sculptures displayed within acrylic gift boxes and thematic containers.

Hailing from Phichit province in Thailand's north, Krit is one of several Thai artists to explore themes associated with rural to urban migration. Known for creating playful kinetic artworks that combine everyday objects, Krit explores the novelty and superficiality experienced by outsiders upon encountering the vapidity and excesses of urbanites in Bangkok. In *Sparkle* he focuses upon the empty ritualism of extravagant gift giving by wealthy Bangkokians during traditional holidays.

Having previously customised household electrical appliances such as fans,

telephones, and lamps, for Sparkle Krit creates an ambient light and sculpture installation glowing with uncomplicated innocence. On a deeper level, his ironic artworks are an implication toward the economic, social, cultural, and growing political disparages between Thailand's rural masses and the metropolitan elite.

Krit graduated with a BA in Visual Arts from Bangkok University in 2005. Still only 27-years old, he has since been an assistant to several of Thailand's most progressive artists, as well as participating in the group exhibitions *Bangkok Bananas* at Central World (2009), *Bangkok 226* and *Traces of Siamese Smile* at the Bangkok Art & Culture Centre (both 2008).





A Gift of Prosperity (25 x 25 x 31 cm)



A Gift of Love (25 x 25 x 42 cm)



A Gift of Freedom (18.5 x 26 x 18.5 cm)

All works: Acrylic box, LED lighting, transparent polyester resin, MDF wood



A Gift of Time (25 x 25 x 42 cm)



Sparkle is the second exhibition

in the year-long 3D project, @ Thavibu, highlighting threedimensional art in Suite 307 of Thavibu Gallery. Curated by Steven Pettifor, 3D @ Thavibu presents a series of exhibitions featuring established and emergent Thai and international artists.



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