

Calling Home: an artist's sketch book

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A book of 160 pages, takes us on a journey around Laos, as we follow in the footsteps of the artists Kong Lee & Bounkhong Onsiyom with poetry by Catherine O'Brien.

***"The familiar, the unfamiliar; the new not new, experience Laos through the artist's eyes,
as every sketch tells a story, every painting reflecting the places visited,
every photograph a memory"***

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Bounkhong Onsiyom and **Kong Lee** set off on their Yamaha Spark & Honda motorbikes in 2021. Graduating from the National Institute of Fine Art in Vientiane, in 2020, they set about planning a trip through the provinces of Laos; on their motorbikes, with sketch books & pencils. Kong Lee had the idea for this trip a few years before graduating. He asked friends if anyone was interested in joining him. It was Bounkhong who said, "yes!". So began their preparations. Working on the logistics of budgets for food and accommodation, gasoline costs, a tent and most important art supplies. They studied maps, secured supply boxes to the back of their bikes, packed their art supplies and set up hand phones for recording.

On the road

Kong Lee and Bounkhong left Vientiane on 7 January, 2021 and returned on 27 March. In three months they covered these provinces: Champasak, Attapeu, Sekong, Salavan, Savannakhet, Khammoun, Bolikhamsai, Xaisomboun Province, Xiangkhouang, Houaphanh, Oudomxay, Phōngsali, Luang Prabung, Bokeo, Sainyabuli, Vientiane Province,

During the trip they filled their sketch books with over hundreds drawings each.

They returned to Vientiane & spent one year painting their reflections of the journey.

The "*Calling Home*" Exhibition with the artists paintings & sketches were exhibited @ i:cat gallery, Vientiane 2022.