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Cover Artwork

Flare Light, oil on canvass by Rosalie Lam

About the Work: In 1968, the artist was a 20-year-old living in Cholon, the Chinese quarter of Saigon, when the communist army invaded during the Tet festivities and briefly took over the city. In the ensuing weeks, Vietnamese soldiers aided by American Marines forcefully reclaimed the town. Since then, she has occasionally revisited moments of the Tet struggle in her memory. With the passing of time, some images have faded; but certain elements are etched in her mind. The rotor-thud of helicopters, a sound that is both sharp and dull, interrupting the silence of night. The brilliant flashes of flares, blanketing fields with ghostly orange illumination, transforming night into day.

In *Flare Light*, the artist conveys her visual memories of the brilliant flares illuminating the whole sky while choppers circle overhead. Below, under observation, anxious residents of the besieged city are dormant and insignificant inside their houses, awaiting the unpredictable outcome of the struggle.

About the Artist: Rosalie Lam: Rosalie Lam was born in Vietnam, in the ethnically Chinese city of Cholon. There she received eight years of training in classical French painting. She moved to Canada, graduated with a degree in Architecture from McGill (Montreal, Quebec, Canada), and has been involved in numerous community art groups. She has exhibited her work in Canada, China, and India, and her works are included in numerous private and public collections. Rosalie Lam lives and paints in Toronto, Canada.

Her work can be viewed on her website: www.rosalielam.ca.

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