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Minnie Mouse-Inspired Artwork to Debut at 'Mickey: The True Original Exhibition'

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As part of the ongoing celebration of Mickey Mouse and Minnie Mouse's 90th Anniversary, a new art piece inspired by Minnie Mouse will be unveiled at the 'Mickey: The True Original Exhibition' in New York City.



Alake Shilling's Minnie Mouse-Inspired Artwork on January 4, 2019 in Los Angeles, California.

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The installation will take place on National Polka Dot Day (January 22). Each year on this date Disney encourages fans to wear their dots and celebrate Minnie Mouse.

'Mickey: The True Original Exhibition' is an immersive, pop-up art exhibition inspired by Mickey's status as a 'true original' and his global impact on popular culture and art over the past 90 years. Curated by Los Angeles-based designer Darren Romanelli, the exhibition features exclusive original artwork from contemporary artists including Kenny Scharf, Katherine Bernhardt, Amanda Ross-Ho, Shinique Smith and many more.

Artist Alake Shilling, a Los Angeles-based painter and ceramicist, created the Minnie-inspired piece exclusively for the Exhibition, where it will be integrated into the "Burst into Color" room. Known for her heavily textured works that borrow elements of nature and memories to produce psychedelic fable worlds, Alake said on her inspiration behind the piece of art: "My inspiration for my Minnie Mouse painting is my love for Disney's Silly Symphony. I wanted to create a painting with Minnie Mouse as the focus, but I wanted the painting to have the same up-beat energy as a Silly Symphony animation."



Fans will have the chance to see Alake's new piece and meet the artist at a special event at 'Mickey: The True Original Exhibition' on National Polka Dot Day, January 22. Guests who attend the evening are encouraged to share their dots in true #MinnieStyle. A limited number of tickets – 90 – are available now at <https://www.showclix.com/event/mickey-true-originalUsQzQMo>.

'Mickey: The True Original Exhibition' is open Tuesday-Sunday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at 60 10th Avenue, New York. Tickets are \$38 per person and are available at Disney.com/MickeyTrueOriginal.

The exhibition runs until February 10, 2019.