

# 'Daydreamer'



Hello again, its that time of the month where with the continued help of this wonderful publication we are here to spread a bit of the creativity appearing all around Penge and Anerley, with over 220 artworks currently up for our still flourishing SprayExhibition20 community Street Art project. This month we are taking a look at a striking portrait focused work placed up by Bournemouth based artist Faye Rai who blessed the side of the Maple Tree in Padua Road with what is currently her first and only work in London - exclusive to SE20 and very lucky we are.

It is always astonishing for us to receive an ever increasing number of requests from artists based outside of London and in fact from all around the globe, asking to come and paint in Penge and Anerley, wishing to be part of what has been built here. It is also exciting to consistently be discovering new artists as a result. Such as Faye Rai who came up from Bournemouth to spend a few days painting this humble spot with brushes and acrylic in the temperamental Autumn weather.

This artist has only been producing her artworks in a public setting for a year and we for one can't wait to see where this journey takes her and certainly hope to have her return to SE20 to leave more exceptional talent for us to enjoy. This work depicts a striking soulful portrait set to a calm and sedate colour palette comprising a real classical fine art sensibility accompanied by a series of rather surreal butterflies reminiscent of the surrealism prevalent in the art of Salvador Dali. The piece alludes to how in the current age daydreaming has been replaced by endless scrolling of digital content and it is so easy to simultaneously lose yourself in this beautiful work.

We would love to say a massive thank you to Faye Rai for visiting SE20 and leaving such a striking and soulful artwork, as well as huge thanks to the wonderful team at the Maple Tree who generously donated their space to this community initiative and trusted us to do our thing for everyone to enjoy. As always if anyone wishes to participate and support the project further by offering up their public spaces, please email [callinglondoninfo@gmail.com](mailto:callinglondoninfo@gmail.com) or visit [www.pengestreetart.com](http://www.pengestreetart.com) where you can register your interest in donating a public space for us to paint and we will get back to you.