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NYOMAN SUJANA KENYEM

EXTROSPECTION

(Extrospection: The consideration and observation of things external to the self)

by **TS Hung**

There is an unabashed appreciation and joyful feeling for nature's vast wonders and abundance in the paintings of Kenyem. This he has successfully elucidated through his creative compositions and clever interplay or overlapping of stylized motifs namely leafs, bamboos and flowers, interspersed to various scenic views especially mountains and valleys. Though Kenyem's paintings are unapologetically decorative and colourful, they are sophisticated projections of his inner pleasures and joie de vivre inspired by the beauty of his surrounding environment.

The simplicity of forms and uniformity of composition in his paintings deceptively downplays the considerable amount of forethought involved in its construction. There are generally two to three layers of images which convey specific meanings that overlap and complement each other. The background, valleys or mountains are painted in gestural manner to produce an 'abstract' effect. This is done to highlight the organic and primordial energy that is rooted in nature. The second layer which is consist of the above mentioned motifs are at times structured in a stencil cut out-like pattern or presented in symmetrical manner without the terseness or geometric precision of arabesque art. To contrast the background with this more uniformed and sometimes playful arrangement suggests that in its uncultivated state, nature possesses an innate order at its core in the midst of its seemingly chaotic manifestations. It follows a universal rhythm discernable as the shifting from day to night or the transition of seasons. It is to this rhythm that Kenyem has his stylized miniature figures moving in steps harmoniously to its natural beats.

The miniature figures which are presented mostly as common villagers and peasants, carries and conveys the artist's exuberant feelings through their outrageous choreographed movements and poses. Their formations in large groups or in small numbers, sometimes in rows on top of mountains or the gorges underscore the gaiety and ecstatic feeling which the painter wish to capture as exemplify in that expression 'on top of the world'. Finally, to call attention to the interconnectedness shared by all in nature, primordial symbols namely the spiral and circle are strategically positioned in his paintings to serve as subtle testaments.

In Kenyem's paintings, we have an intelligent combination of the elemental and the symmetrical in multi coloured gestural strokes and stylish patterns that serves as both backdrop and essential supporting components to the troupe of dancers, who are in actuality, the manifestations of the self celebrating the spiritual renewal and the abundance of Mother Nature.

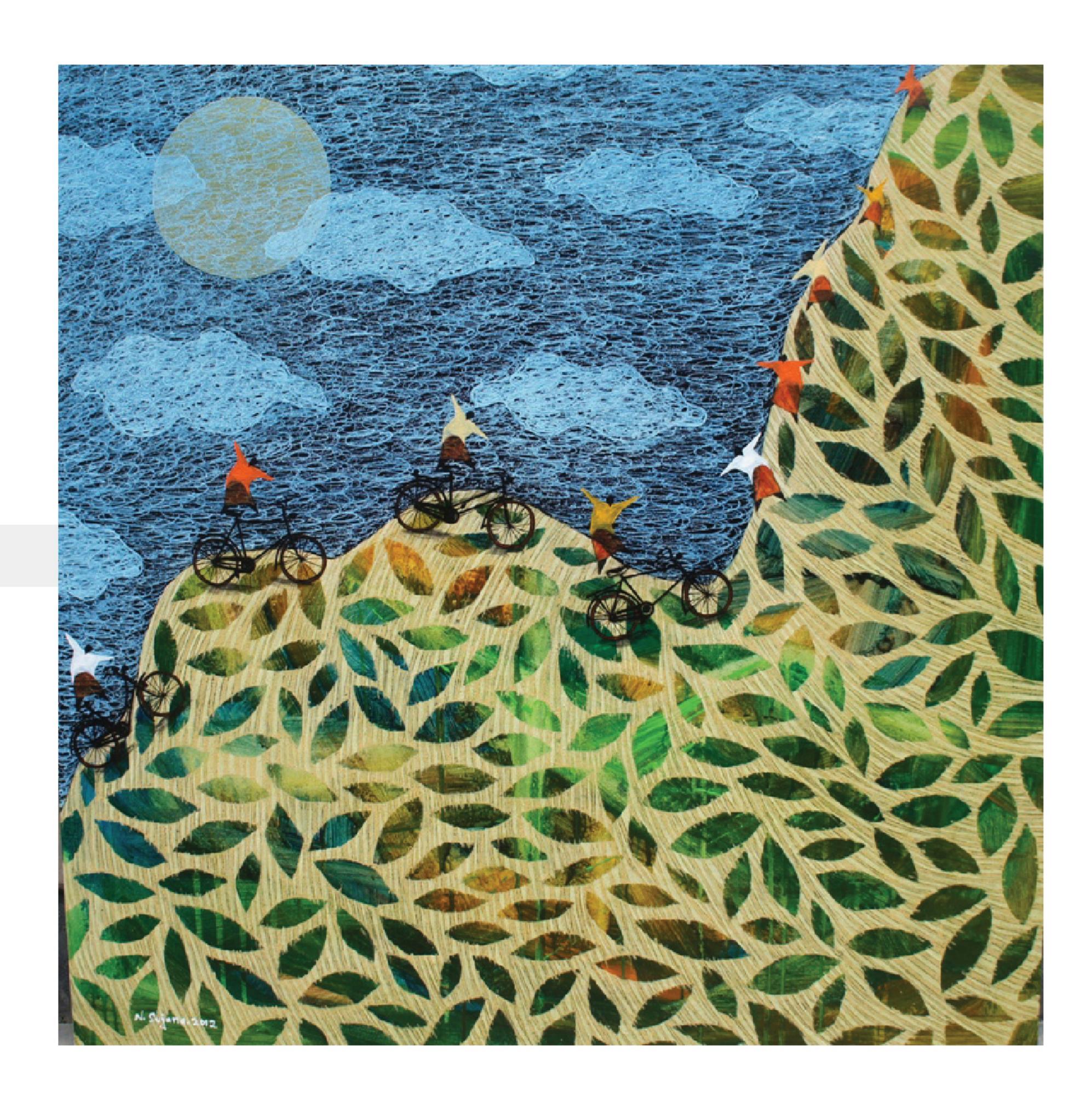
With joy as fuel to inspire one's soul, who could resist dancing along with the figures in Kenyem's paintings to the rhythms of the universe?

"We rarely hear the inward music, but we're all dancing to it nevertheless." - Rumi





Di Puncak Keindahan Mixed Media on Canvas 100cmx 100cm | 2012



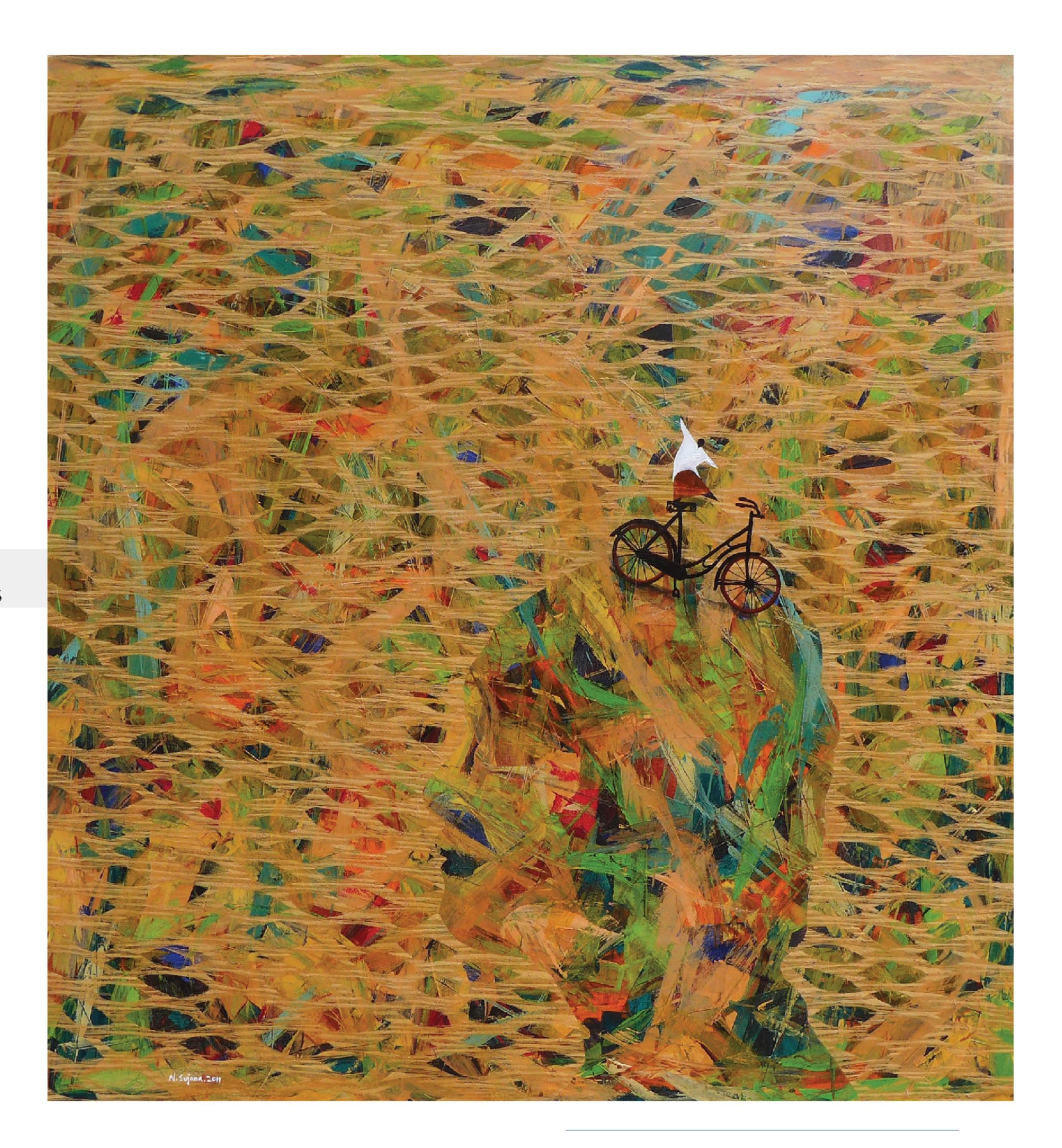
Menggapai Harapan Mixed Media on Canvas 100cm x 100cm | 2012

Rumah Pohon Mixed Media on Canvas 300cmx 200cm | 2012





Pusaran Alam Mixed Media on Canvas 200cmx 200cm | 2012



Selalu Kupikirkan Mixed Media on Canvas 145cm x 135cm | 2010

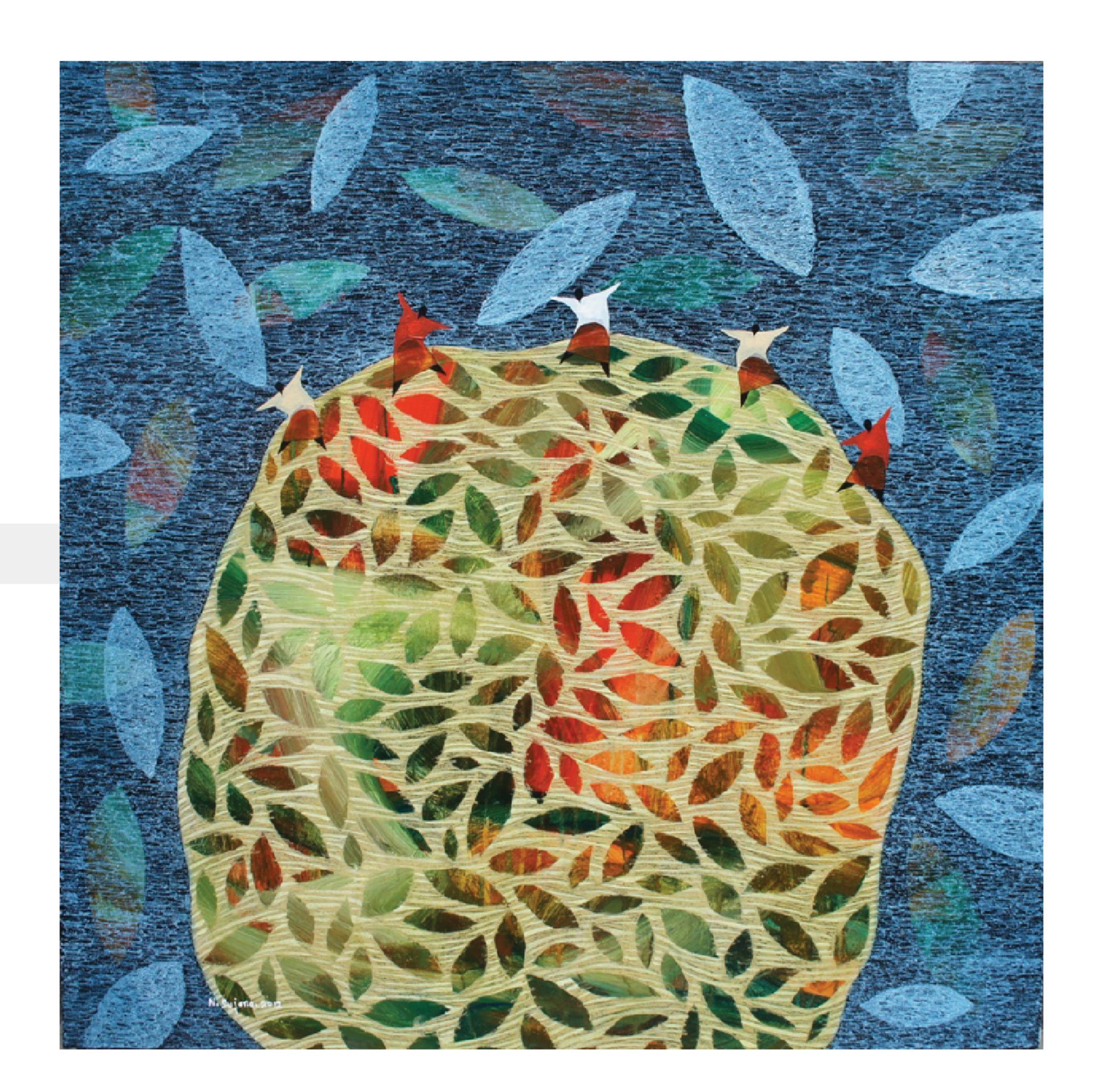




Meraih Mimpi Mixed Media on Canvas 120cmx 150cm | 2012



Irama Alam 1 Mixed Media on Canvas 100cm x 100cm | 2012



Di Ujung Batu Mixed Media on Canvas 100cm x 100cm | 2012



Di Ujung Batu 2 Mixed Media on Canvas 100cm x 100cm | 2012

Puisi Alam Mixed Media on Canvas 80cmx 150cm | 2012



NYOMAN SUJANA KENYEM

Born 9 September 1972 in Sayan, Ubud, Gianyar Bali Studied at STSI Denpasar (1998)

Solo Exhibitions

2012:

The Bicycle Diaries, Komaneka Art Gallery, Ubud, Bali

2010:

Embracing Nature's Poem, Ganesha Gallery, Four Seasons Resort Bali at Jimbaran Bay

2009:

The Bridges of Nature, D'Peak Art Space, Singapore

2008:

Symphony of Life, Kemang Village, Jakarta

2007:

Fulmoon in Bali, Sawah Art Gallery, Singapore

2006:

Heading for the Heart's Way, Gaya Fusion of Senses, Ubud, Bali The Art of Nyoman Sujana 'Kenyem', Montiq Art Gallery, Jakarta

2005:

Dance of Life, Conrad Bali Resort & Spa, Nusa Dua, Bali The Abstraction of Leaves, Jenggala Gallery, Jimbaran Bali

2004:

Leafscape, Danes Art Veranda, Denpasar, Bali Moving with in the Shadow, Ganesha Gallery, Four Seasons Resort Bali at Jimbaran Bay

1996:

Galeri Nakita Stockholm, Swedia

Group Exhibitions

2012

MahaArt Gallery, Denpasar Gallery 7Adam, Singapore

Bersyukur Kita Tunggal Ika, Hadiprana Gallery, Jakarta

Sudamala: An Artistic Journey, Sudakara ArtSpace, Sudamala Suies & Villas, Sanur, Bali

Artists Museum Weeks, BatuBelah Art Space, Klungkung

On Going Echoes#3, Myanmar-Indonesia Art Exchange, Cemara 6 Gallery, Jakarta

Dialogue II, Gaya Art Space, Ubud, Bali

2011:

JakartaBienalle, Jakarta

Dialogue, G13 Gallery, Kelana Jaya, Selangor, Malaysia

Bertiga, Ambiente, Jakarta

Abstract Moment, Galeri Elcanna, Jakarta

On Going Echoes#2, Myanmar-Indonesia Art Exchange, Tanah

Tho Gallery, Ubud, Bali

Bali Making Choices, Mondecor, Jakarta

Nusantara di Atas Kanvas, Bank Mandiri Denpasar & Jakarta

2010:

Solitude of the Earth II, Bentara Budaya Bali

MindScape, Galeri Nasional Indonesia, Jakarta

Solitude of the Earth, Bentara Budaya Yogyakarta

Beijing International Art Biennale, Beijing, China

Integritas Jiwa Tampak, Bentara Budaya Bali

On Going Echoes#1, Myanmar-Indonesia Art Exchange, New

Zero Art Space, Yangon, Myanmar

Return to the Abstraction, Toniraka Art Gallery, Ubud Bali

2009:

Apa Ini Apa Itu, Djagad Art House, Lepang, Klungkung, Bali

Ar(t)iculations, Hanna Art Space, Ubud, Bali

Bentara Budaya Bali

Gallery M, Daegu, Korea

Sampoerna Strategic Square, Jakarta

Borderless World, Srisasanti Gallery, Yogyakarta

2008:

Silent Celebration, Toniraka Gallery, Ubud, Bali

Ahimsa, Bentara Budaya Jakarta

Bali Art Now, Jogja Gallery, Yogyakarta

Pada Sebuah Pesta, V-Gallery, Yogyakarta

Entitas Nurani, Art Center, Denpasar, Bali

Green, Sanur Village Festival, Denpasar, Bali

2007:

Ar[t]mosphere, Sanur Village Festival, Denpasar, Bali Global Warming Kunstkamera, GWK, Jimbaran, Bali

2006:

Reconsculture, ARMA Museum, Ubud, Bali

Change Seasons, Komaneka Art Gallery, Ubud, Bali

2005:

Pre-Bali Biennale, Raka Gallery, Ubud, Bali

Bali Biennale, Danes Art Veranda, Denpasar, Bali

Art Singapore 2005

2004:

Tree of Life, Sembilan Gallery, Ubud, Bali Dasa Muka, ARMA Museum, Ubud, Bali

2003:

TAI-Black, STSI Denpasar Canna Gallery, Jakarta

2002:

Puri Lukisan Museum, Ubud, Bali

2001:

Kuta News, Titik Dua Building, Denpasar, Bali Jenggala Ceramic, Jimbaran, Bali Sembilan Gallery, Ubud, Bali Bali Art Contemporary, Bentara Budaya, Jakarta

2000:

Plawa Bali Resto, Sanur Face from the Mount, Sidik Jari Museum, Denpasar Reflection II, Darga Gallery, Sanur, Bali Five Painters, Ina Gallery, Jakarta

1999:

Tiga Nam Gallery, Ubud, Bali Mandala of Life III, Purnabudaya, Yogyakarta 7 Painters Bali, Cipta II Gallery, TIM, Jakarta Three Painters, Komaneka Gallery, Ubud, Bali

1998:

Canbera, Australia Duo Sujana, Novotel, Tanjung Benoa, Bali Bali Hyatt, Sanur, Bali Mandala of Life II, Art Centre, Denpasar, Bali Abstract Festival, Duta Fine Art, Jakarta Reflection I, Darga Gallery, Sanur, Bali

1997:

Bali Art Festival XIX, Bali Art Centre, Denpasar, Bali

1996:

Mandala of Life I, Sika Art Gallery, Ubud, Bali Three City, Monas, Jakarta

1995:

Expo 95, Jakarta Nyoman Gunarsa Fine Art Museum, Klungkung, Bali TATA Ubud, Bali Peksiminas III, Jakarta

1994:

Sidik Jari Museum, Denpasar, Bali Bali Art Festival XVI, Bali Art Centre, Denpasar, Bali

1993:

STSI Denpasar Peksiminas II, STSI Denpasar, Bali

1992:

Art Centre, Denpasar, Bali

Awards

1998:

The Best Artwork Tugas Akhir STSI Denpasar **1996:**

The Best Painting Kamasra Prize, STSI Denpasar











Since G13's inception, the gallery has achieved much support and encouragement from the art fraternity and public. We analyzed our shortcomings as well as our strength. We studied and discussed recommendations put forth by many veterans and well wishers in and out the art circle.

We see a certain need to introduce and entice more relevant works and showcases not so much confined to the sale factor but more importantly for the pursuit of

new grounds that can be transported to another paradigm. As Asia establishes itself to be the new international destination for major art shows, G13 Gallery sees strong opportunities to embark on this platform with well placed machinery and processes to meet this challenge.

The gallery's approach is to allow both established and new artists to engage in a comfortable collaboration with the emphasis on depth and delivery. The artists seem to respond positively to the various platforms and showcases that the gallery is planning.

The need and basis to expand the gallery's premise is due to the positive responses from the events held. The decision taken is due to the passionate participation in the showcases held by the gallery and future exhibitions certainly deserve more space and prominence. As our stable of artists are ever so keen to commit to future events, it is only appropriate to reciprocate with spacious conduciveness to allow a gratifying sense of achievement for everyone in attendance. The gallery will be investing and preparing several directions and exercises crucial to its realization to be a crucial component to the promotion of art in the country and region.

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Hamdan Shaarani Solo Exhibition

Director's Foreword

Greetings and Happy Chinese New Year! May this Year of the Snake bring you much joy, good health and great prosperity!

At G13 Gallery, we look forward to continue to bring you some of the best upcoming and mid career contemporary artists this country and around the region have to offer. To kick start this year's Lunar New Year, in a move that is probably unprecedented in the local art scene, I am pleased to present two solo exhibitions that will run concurrently at G13's two exhibition space. Featuring the latest works by local veteran painter Hamdan Sharaani and his Indonesian counterpart Nyoman Sujana Kenyem, these two solo exhibitions will showcase on the themes and subject matter specialized by both painters namely, Mother Nature.

I have always wanted to host either one of their solo exhibitions at G13 as I enjoy their works immensely, not just in terms of the formalistic and creative aspects, but the intangible aspects as well. Hamdan's works are able to convey the profound without being inaccessible while Kenyem's approach can be playfully uplifting without being comical. Over the years of professional dealings with them, first through Art Village and now G13, I believe I have understood and grown more appreciative of their efforts. In short, I believe in their artistry. Therefore, I am thrilled that both are ready to show and share with us their latest labour of love at this point of time.

As one is based in Malaysia while the other in Indonesia, this itself presents another opportunity for G13 to continue its previous initiative under the banner of 'Dialogue', which brought artists from both countries together for art exchanges or exhibitions as a small effort to further strengthen our bilateral ties.

The idea to have both their solos at the same time instead of a convenient two man show boils down to simple considerations, that their individually unique approaches and artistic visions requires separate spaces to maximized their aesthetic impact. Hamdan's photorealist depictions of reflections on streams and rivers have an effect which is both soothing and meditative while Kenyem's semi abstract stylization in loud colours produces a more lively effect. To put them together side by side indiscriminately would seem odd or jarring, which would have lessen the distinctiveness of their oeuvre in this circumstance. Aside from their forte in this area which is widely acknowledged, their inimitable ability to present its many facets in both naturalistic and stylized way to express their personal dispositions is what sets them apart from many of the other painters working in the same genre. With that in mind, Hamdan's show is entitled as 'Introspection' and Kenyem's as 'Extrospection' to denote the psychological dimensions present in their use of nature as vehicle to artistically express their inner temperaments.

I sincerely hope that you will enjoy this latest exposition by G13 and take away with you more than just admiration for the painters' technical abilities, appreciation for their unique artistic approaches or even a greater awareness about the beauty and fragility of our natural surroundings, but something more personal, namely a deeper understanding of our spiritual connections to Mother Nature.

Thank You.

Kenny Teng

Feb 2013

HAMDAN SHAARANI

INTROSPECTION

(Introspection: The examination or observation of one's own mental and emotional processes)

by TS Hung

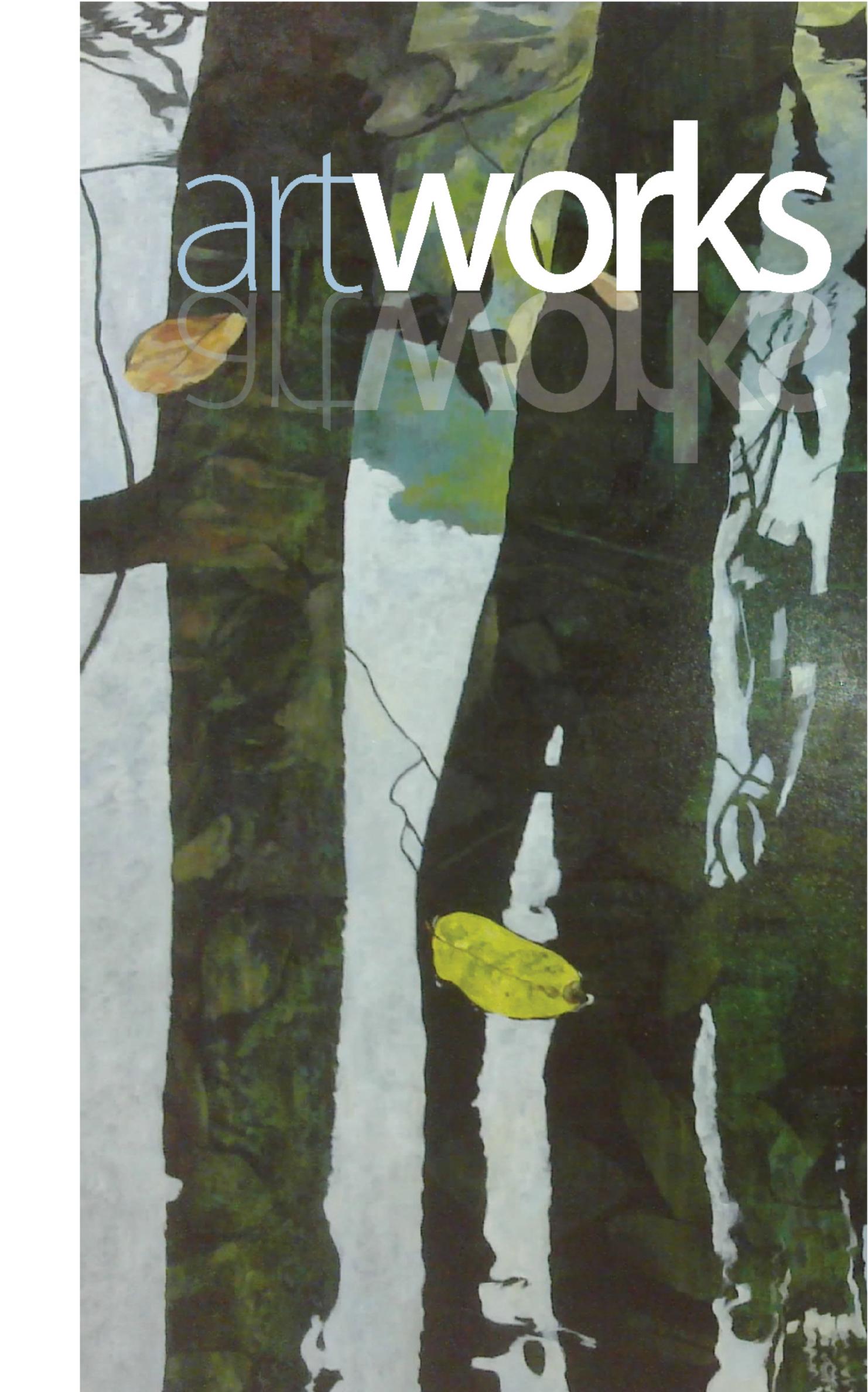
It is interesting to note that Hamdan Sharaani's approach in his works somehow alludes to aspects of introspection, especially his series of paintings of close up views of water reflections on shallow streams, with partly submerged moss covered rocks in hues of brown and green coalesced with leaves as well as other low lying foliages, all taken from angles looking downward. Whatever the intentions of the painter may be, whether consciously or unconsciously, it is clear that his paintings, soothing and meditative, are more than just random visual snapshots of the more unassuming parts of nature.

To observe the fallen leaves being carried away gently by slow moving currents is to be reminded of the transitory nature of existence. One could even hear the faint sounds of flowing water, rustling of leaves, birds chirping or insects from a distance, all innate rhythms of nature that contributes to the quiet pleasures of witnessing the leisurely movement of change that takes place away from our everyday hustle and bustle and provides us with that much needed moment of respite. An ode to nature or to its Creator, the tranquil beauty captured through the painter's mind's eye is both unassumingly arresting. He presents to us a sense of wonderment that can only come from a child's innocent wide eyed gazes or the amused glances of a contented old soul who realizes the futility or rather the folly of going against life's natural flow when the most effortless (and sensible!) thing to do would be to partake in its journey to wherever.

Hamdan's previous works, though different in terms of subject matter, shares a common underlying theme that expresses sentimental appreciation for the passing of a time when life was simpler and its pace was much slower and humane. Besides the appeal to the nostalgic, it must be obvious his somewhat refreshing way of framing his sentiments with aesthetically dynamic compositions and a keen eye for the profound are both unique and insightful. The element of water and the reflection on its surfaces as mentioned hints at introspection, with the presence of the 'self' lost in contemplation is implicit in these paintings. However, one could add the aspects of spirituality as water is symbolic of the soul, the mysterious and of purifying qualities. Water plays much part in religious rituals or rites, spiritual practices and signifies as the unconscious self in dream psychology.

Hamdan is a painter of the mundane and unostentatious who offers much food for philosophical, spiritual thought as well as sentimental musings. Akin to the adage 'a man does not step into the same river twice' his paintings are also about the inevitability of change and all that it entails as part of the natural cycle of this great adventure and mystery we called 'life'.

Living Life Tomorrow's fate, though thou be wise, Thou canst not tell nor yet surmise; Pass, therefore, not today in vain, For it will never come again. - Omar Khayyam





Refleksi Jernih 1 Oil on Canvas 153cm x 153cm | 2012



Refleksi Jernih 2 Oil on Canvas 152cm x 152cm | 2012



Refleksi Jernih 3 Oil on Canvas 152cmx 153cm | 2012



Refleksi Jernih 4 Oil on Canvas 152cm x 152cm | 2012



Refleksi Jernih 5 Mix Media on Canvas 306cm x 152cm | 2012



Refleksi Jernih 6 Oil on Canvas 182cm x 151cm | 2012

Refleksi Jernih 7 Oil on Canvas 182cmx 151cm | 2012



Refleksi Jernih 8

Acrylic on Canvas

242cm x 152cm | **2012**





Refleksi Tenang 4 Oil on Canvas 132cm x 133cm | 2012

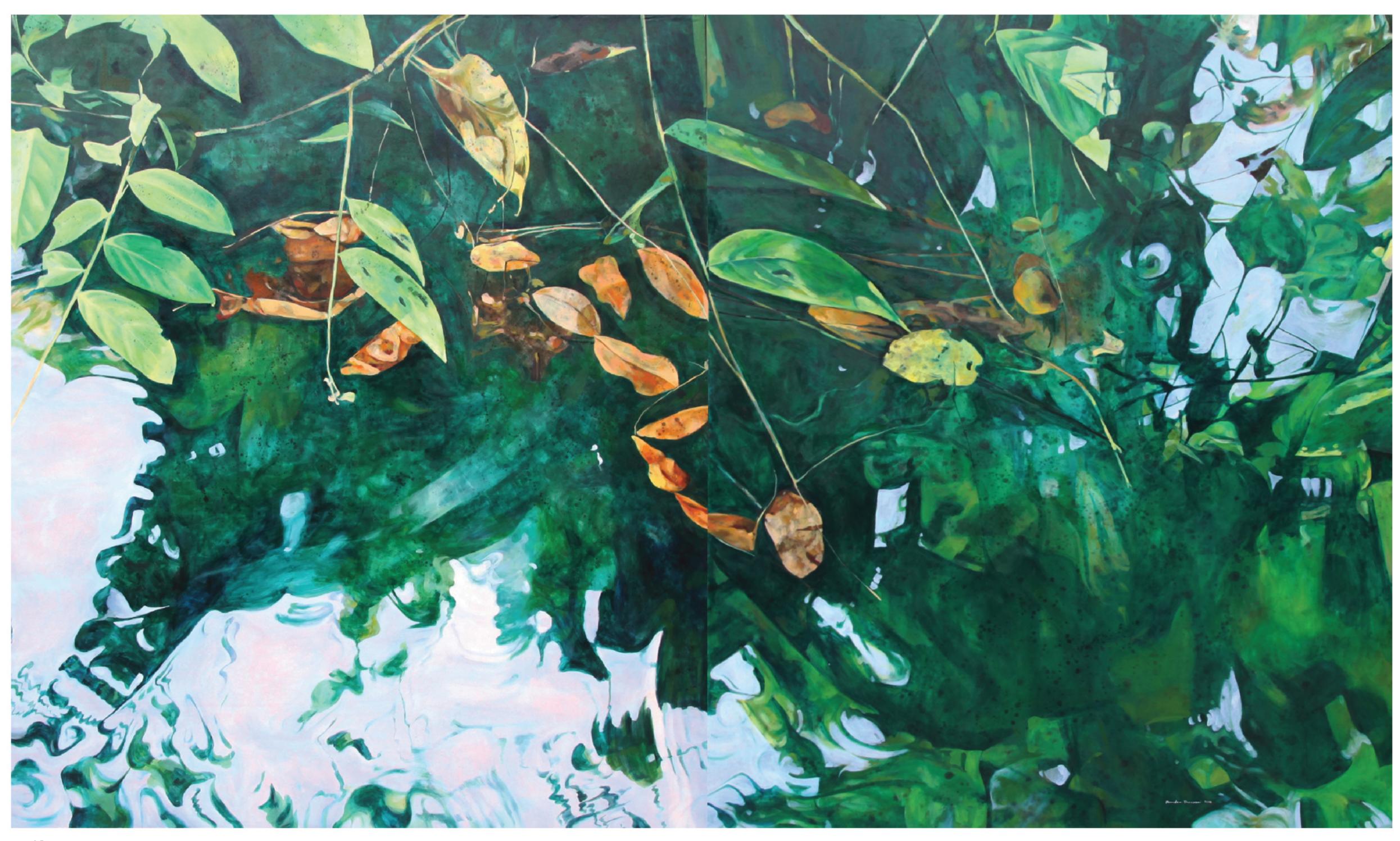


Refleksi Daun 13 Oil on Canvas 151cm x 152cm | 2012

Refleksi Alun 8

Oil on Canvas

266cm x 160cm | **2012**



HAMDAN BIN SHAARANI

EDUCATION : BACHELOR IN FINE ART ITM SHAH ALAM

: BACHELOR IN FINE ART (hons) UITM SHAH

ALAM

SELECTED EXHIBITION

2012 : Open Show G13 Gallery, Kelana Jaya , KL

: 'Transit A4' MARS Art Exhibition, KL

: 'Sabung Santai' Pelita Hati Gallery, KL

: 'EARTH' Puncak Art gallery

: 'SEKAKI' Segaris Gallery, KL

2011 : Solo Show 'Refleksi' Pelita Hati Gallery, KL

: 'Hijau 2' Art Village Gallery , Kelana Jaya , KL

2010 : 'ARTRIANGLE' Malaysia, Philippines, Indonesia,

Singapore, BSLN.K.L

: 'KEPADAMU KEKASIH' BSLN.K.L

2009 : 'PALESTIN' Pameran Amal 2009 BSLN

: 'ILHAM' MIDF gallery KL

2008 : 'Vibrant Age' The Gallery @ Star Hill

: 'Palatte' The Gallery @ Star Hill

: 'ARTRIANGLE' Malaysia, Philippines, Indonesia,

Singapore

: 'Serangkai Rupa' Tuanku Nur Zahirah, S.Alam UiTM

2007 : Across The Border' The Gallery @ Star Hill

: 'Kami' Pulau Pinang Art gallery

: 'Expedisi Royal Belum' Pulau Pinang Art Gallery

2006 : 'Malaysian-Poland International Painting Workshop-Mppaints'

: 'Biru Hijaunya Belum' National Art Gallery

2005 : 'Malaysia Japan Art Changes' UiTM Perak Gallery2004 : 'Ilham Inspiration From Nature' UiTM Shah Alam

Gallery

: 'Danau Hati' YKP Ipoh Perak

: 'Kami 2' Shah Alam Gallery

: 'Imejan'Badan Warisan Malaysia KL

2003 : 'Kami' Foyer FSSR UiTM Perak

2000 : Festival Pekan Seni IpohV.

: The Young Contemporary Competation, National Art Gallery

1999 : Pameran Kenyir Eco-Fest 99, Terengganu

: 'Seni dan Budaya Pada Alaf Baru',Festival Pekan Seni

Ipoh IV

1998 : 'Sentuhan Perak' Yayasan Kesenian Perak and Maybank

Gallery

: Philip Morris Group of Companies, ASEAN art Award, Nasional Art Gallery

1997 : 'Oasis in Storm', Petronas Gallery

: 'Elok Bestari Santapan di Mata Nyata Pasti

Tertusuk di Jiwa

: Alunan Seni Mahligai di Kalbu····················organised by Pelita Hati Gallery and Petronas Gallery

: 'Warna dan Gerakrasa ',Maybank Gallery

: 'Malaysia Images' The Mines Resort City

1996 : 'Inspiration-1' Metro Art and Isetan Gallery

: Pekan Seni Ipoh,YKP,Dewan Bandaraya Ipoh

: 'To Draw' ITM Gallery

1995 : 'Lembaran' 1995,PPM, Petronas Gallery

: Lanskap dan Seni Bina Indah Selangor,Shah Alam Gallery

: 'The Young Ones' Nanyang Art Gallery

: An 6 Art Exhibition-Legend Hotel KL

: 'Sehalus Budi', Shah Alam Gallery

: 'On Our Own,tradition & Changes',llham 95, ITM and Petronas Gallery

1994: Diploma Show 1994, Shah Alam Gallery

: 'Culture in Context' Australia High Commission, Kl

: Eco Fest 94, Astaka Perasmian, Pengkalan Gawi Terengganu

: Young Contemporary Artist, National Art Gallery

: 'Pemandangan Malaysia 94' National Art Gallery

1993 : Cetusan Rasa ,'Amal Bosnia-Somalia dan Kanak-Kanak Cacat Selangor' , Shah Alam Gallery

> : 'Rural Malaysia' 1993, Kontena National , Shah Alam Gallery

: Kedah Open Show,Kedah Art Fallery

1992 : 'Man and His Environment, Open Show National Gallery

: Young Contemporary Artis , National Art Gallery

: 'Penghijau Dunia', Shah Alam Gallery

: Koleksi 1992, PPM and National Gallery, Kompleks Dayabumi

1991 : 'Estetika 1991', Kedah Open Show, Kedah Gallery

: Natural Malaysia, Hong Kong Bank & Gallery

AWARDS

2000 : Consolation Prize, 'Formula Malaysia Contest', Public Level

1999 : First Prize,' Kenyir Eco-Fest 99', Art Competition Terengganu

1998 : Honourable Mention, The Philip Morris Group Companies, ASEAN art Award, National Gallery

1996 : Consolation Prize, Water Colour Competition, 'Lanskap dan Senibina Indah Selangor', Shah Alam Gallery

1995 : Major Award, Drawing Competition, 'Lanskap dan Senibina Indah Selangor', Shah Alam Gallery

1994 : Consolation Prize, Painting & Photography Competition Kenyir Eco-Fest

: Dean's Award, Fine Art , ITM, Shah Alam

: Special Award, 'Pemandangan Malaysia 94' Nasional Gallery

1993 : 4 Place & Consolation Prize, 'Perak's History Place' Competition

: 2 Prize, 'Cactus Drawing' Competition, Taman Pertanian Malaysia, Shah Alam

: Two Special Awards, Water Colour Competition, 'Rural Malaysia' Shah Alam Gallery

1992 : Consolation Prize, 'Image of KL', Card Design Competition

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