



GROUP EXHIBITION  
ART TRIO  
THE NIK BROTHERS



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## THREE HITS IN A ROW: The NIK Brothers

It is uncommon to come across siblings who are equally artistic and at the same time embarking on careers as fulltime visual artists. There are a few examples of siblings who were engaged in the visual arts with Marcel Duchamp (1887-1968) a key member and probably the most famous of the Dadaist, being one of them. His siblings Jacques, Raymond and Suzanne were also famous and decorated artists during their time though Marcel's name was better regarded due to his artistic innovations such as the use of readymades, kinetic works and his forays into music and performance art. Other notable examples in the contemporary art world today are the award winning Chapman Brothers, Jake and Dino. They collaborate and produce works which are known for their dark subject matter with grotesque and shocking sculptures, installations and images that challenge the received ideas of art and beauty while pushing the boundaries of decency. Locally, there was the Kedah born Ibrahim Abu Bakar (1925-1977) or better known as A B Ibrahim who was among the earlier generation of pre war artists that successfully made a name for himself with his water colour paintings of local sceneries and people in their daily activities. His brothers Hassan, Kechick, Ahmad and Yusuf too were noted for their paintings. And finally there was the Chew Brothers from Penang where Teng Beng (Dr), Kiat Seng and Kiat Lim was given double joint exhibitions before embarking on their personal careers abroad.

This exhibition, entitled 'Art Trio', features the three young Nik brothers together for the first time in a showcase of new paintings. Each of the brothers, Nik Mohd Hadzri (27), Nik Shazmie (24) and Nik Shahfiz (22) are confidently making their presence felt in the local art scene through participations in numerous group exhibitions and competitions. According to G13 Gallery director Kenny Teng who was excited when Nik Mohd Hadzri, the eldest of the three, proposed the idea of a joint exhibition with his two equally talented brothers, Nik Shazmie and Nik Shahfiz, all graduates from the UiTM's fine art program, "this exhibition will be an interesting debut show of sorts for the three siblings and as something seldom seen in the local art circuit". Kenny, who is always on the lookout for young and promising talents to support, explains that "I wanted to show them together as a way to celebrate their talents and to highlight how the brothers' artistic strengths, styles and approaches which complement each other to make this rare coincidence an interesting and memorable exhibition".

Indeed, from the works on exhibit, the three brothers show much promise with their skilfully rendered figurative paintings on themes ranging from the solemn, humorous to the strange. Each brother draws inspiration from different sources which interestingly reflect their personalities. Nik Mohd Hadzri cites the works of Austrian Helnwein Gottfried, known for his stark and shockingly powerful hyper realistic paintings and portraits of children who incidentally, are also known for his work with rock musicians. Another important influence cited by the painter is the great Indonesian artist, Affandi, especially the expressiveness of his portraits which captures the raw energies of his subjects. Nik Mohd Hadzri's own highly realistic rendering of the human form and faces with its subtle use of light to achieve a certain atmosphere of solemnity placed in carefully thought out positions conveys his thoughts and feelings on current issues and politics even, especially those currently besetting the country. In contrast to his elder brother, Nik Shazmie on the other hand is an embodiment of playful optimism. His slightly distorted figures in engaged in folly or in tragic-comedic settings underscore the ironic situations which we sometimes find ourselves in our daily lives. The solution seemingly proposed by Nik Shazmie through his paintings is to simply laugh it off while appreciating the simpler things in life... que sera sera. The young artist's wisdom of having a sense of humour or the ability to look at life's many unpredictable turns in a light hearted manner is reflected in his choice of artists, from the works of 19th century French caricaturist Honore Daumier together with contemporary Indonesian painter I Nyoman Masriadi. In total contrast to the more serious outlook of the eldest and the light hearted optimism of the second, Nik Shahfiz who is the youngest of the Nik siblings, employs a style which amplifies the strange tingling sensation of movements which is used to visually allude to the psychological disposition (or rather reflects the personality of the artist himself). The swirling patterns may denote a state of development or unfolding or even delirium in the case of Van Gogh who Nik Shahfiz cites as an influence though his current style is much closer to another of his favourite artist, contemporary Greek painter Nikos Gyftakis, especially his self portraits.

'Art Trio' is indeed a rare treat for art lovers as well as a promising showcase of three young artists-siblings whose potential for greater things is definitely expected with this strong debut show.

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**Independent Art Writer**



**Break The Silence** | 90 x 150cm  
Acrylic on canvas | 2015  
NIK MOHD SHAHFIZ BIN NIK SHAIROZI



**Uncommonly Gentleman** | 131 x 212cm  
Acrylic on canvas | 2015  
NIK MOHD SHAHFIZ BIN NIK SHAIROZI



**Still Remember** | 153 x 153cm  
Acrylic and Oil on jute | 2015  
NIK MOHD HAZRI BIN NIK SHAIROZI



**Mikkelsen in Blue** | 150 x 90cm  
Acrylic on canvas | 2015  
NIK MOHD SHAHFIZ BIN NIK SHAIROZI



**Waiting in the Sky I** | 153 x 153cm  
Acrylic and Oil on jute | 2015  
NIK MOHD HAZRI BIN NIK SHAIROZI



**Waiting in the Sky II** | 153 x 153cm  
Acrylic and Oil on jute | 2015  
NIK MOHD HAZRI BIN NIK SHAIROZI



**Angkasa Dewa Susu** | 150 x 150cm  
Acrylic on canvas | 2015  
NIK MOHD SHAZMIE BIN NIK SHAIROZI



**Sweet Couple** | 166 x 240cm  
Acrylic on canvas | 2015  
NIK MOHD SHAZMIE BIN NIK SHAIROZI



**Mother, are you okey?** | 180 x 240cm  
Acrylic on canvas | 2015  
NIK MOHD SHAHFIZ BIN NIK SHAIROZI



**My Little Sis Looking Out of the Window** | 244 x 183cm  
Acrylic and Oil on canvas | 2015  
NIK MOHD HAZRI BIN NIK SHAIROZI



**The Caretaker** | 150 x 120cm  
Acrylic on canvas | 2015  
NIK MOHD SHAHFIZ BIN NIK SHAIROZI



**Allergy** | 180 x 150cm  
Acrylic on canvas | 2015  
NIK MOHD SHAZMIE BIN NIK SHAIROZI



**Worse Case Scenario** | 150 x 150cm  
Acrylic on canvas | 2015  
NIK MOHD SHAZMIE BIN NIK SHAIROZI

**NIK MOHD SHAHFIZ BIN NIK SHAIROZI**

Born in 1993

**AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

- 2014 First Runner Up Winner, NANDO'S Perify Your Art - Alive
- 2012 Anugerah Mahasiswa Cemerlang, Fakulti Seni Lukis Seni Reka UiTM
- 2008 Naib Johan Pertandingan Melukis Poster Anti- Dadah Kelantan  
Naib Juara Pertandingan Melukis Poster Anti- Dadah Parlimen Kuala Krai

**SELECTED EXHIBITIONS**

- 2015 NANDO'S Art Group Exhibition
- 2014 Pameran Nando's Perify Your Art - Alive
- 2013 Pameran Akhir Diploma FSSR, UiTM Machang Kelantan

**NIK MOHD HAZRI BIN NIK SHAIROZI**

Born in 1988

**AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

- 2014 RECIPIENTS OF VICE CHANCELLOR'S AWARD ,Bachelor Degree Of Fine Arts (Hons) , UiTM Shah Alam, Selangor
- 2013 DEAN LIST AWARDS, semester 06, Bachelor Degree Of Fine Arts.UiTM Shah Alam, Selangor.
- 2012 DEAN LIST AWARDS, semester 04, Bachelor Degree Of Fine Arts.UiTM Shah Alam, Selangor.  
DEAN LIST AWARDS, semester 03 ,Bachelor Degree Of Fine Arts. UiTM Shah Alam, Selangor.
- 2011 Anugerah Mahasiswa Terbaik Akademik Diploma Seni Lukis & Seni Reka (Seni Halus).  
Best Graduate of Faculty Art & Design Uitm Machang, Kelantan  
DEAN LIST AWARDS, Semester 05 & 06, Diploma in Fine Arts, UiTM, Machang Kelantan.
- 2010 DEAN LIST AWARDS Diploma in Fine Arts, UiTM Machang,Kelantan .
- 2007 Johan Pertandingan Melukis Karnival Seni Pendidikan Pencegahan Dadah Peringkat Negeri Kelantan  
Best Student in Art Subject, Smk Kuala Krai,Kelantan.
- 2006 Johan Pertandingan Melukis Belia Di Parlimen Kuala Krai, Kelantan.  
Johan Pertandingan Melukis Di Karnival Seni Dan Cerna Bakat Pendidikan Pencegahan Dadah Peringkat PPD Kuala Krai Dan AADK .
- 2005 Best Student in Art Subject, Smk Kuala Krai,Kelantan  
Johan Pertandingan Melukis Karnival Seni Pendidikan Pencegahan Dadah Peringkat Negeri Kelantan.
- 2003 Johan Pertangan Melukis Poster Kemerdekaan Peringkat Daerah Kuala Krai Di Smk Teknik Kuala Krai Kelantan.
- 2002 Johan Pertandingan Melukis Poster Kemerdekaan Peringkat Sekolah Daerah Kuala Krai Kelantan.
- 2001 Johan Pertandingan Melukis Keindahan Alam Semulajadi Peringkat Daerah, KualaKrai Kelantan

**EXHIBITION**

- 2015 MERU Exhibition 2015, SEGARIS ART CENTRE
- 2014 ART FAIR SINGAPORE 2014, SUNTEC CONVENTION CENTRE  
ART EXPO MALAYSIA 2014 , MATRADE CONVENTION CENTRE  
99 NAMA ALLAH – CHANDAN GALLERY  
ConFiguraTion , CONTEMPORARY FIGURE EXHIBITION, G13 GALLERY, Kelana Square, KUALA LUMPUR
- 2013 DEGREE SHOW, TITIKITIK EXHIBITION, at UiTM SHAH ALAM.  
ART EXPO 2013, 26 NEGARA, MATRADE, KUALA LUMPUR  
CARBON , Group Exhibition by Intuitive Art Group, ARTEMIS ART GALLERY, KUALA LUMPUR.  
50 Shades of Malaysia, M50 Selamat Hari Malaysia project, Publika, Kuala Lumpur (organized by Artemis Art)  
PROLOGUE, Group Exhibition by Intuitive Art Group, ARTEMIS ART GALLERY, KUALALUMPUR  
TRAVELOG of ROYAL BELUM EXHIBITION, GALERI NUR ZAHIRAH , SHAH ALAM
- 2011 DIPLOMA SHOW AT UiTM KELANTAN
- 2010 SENI DAN WARISAN AT UNIVERSITI MALAYSIA KELANTAN.
- 2007 CITRA TERENGGANU AT MUZIUM TERENGGANU.

**NIK MOHD SHAZMIE BIN NIK SHAIROZI**

Born in 1991

**AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

- 2014 Grand Prize Winner, National Petron Art Competition ' Promise'  
Grand Prize Winner, NANDO'S Perify Your Art – Alive  
Gold Medal, IDEX Malaysia, UiTM Shah Alam, Malaysia  
Consolation, Black & White: Penang Open Show, Malaysia  
JPA Best Scholars Awards, JPA Malaysia  
UiTM Best Graduate Awards, UiTM Perak Malaysia  
Vice Chancellors Award, UiTM Perak, Malaysia
- 2013 Grand Prize, NANDO'S Perify Your Art – Diversity  
Gold Medal, 3rd National Invention Innovation Design, UiTM Perak  
3rd Prize, Pertandingan IMCAT – Tourism Malaysia (Futurism)  
Consolation Prize, Citra Terengganu – Potret Terengganu  
1st Prize, Pertandingan Melukis Poster Unit Kesihatan UiTM Perak
- 2012 Anugerah Naib Canselor, Diploma UiTM  
Anugerah Mahasiswa Terbaik Fakulti, Art and Design UiTM  
Anugerah Mahasiswa Terbaik Jabatan, Seni Halus UiTM  
Anugerah Mahasiswa Cemerlang, Malam Pra-Graduan UiTM  
Anugerah Mahasiswa Cemerlang, Fakulti Seni Lukis Seni Reka UiTM
- 2011 Anugerah Mahasiswa Cemerlang, Fakulti Seni Lukis Seni Reka UiTM
- 2008 Johan Pertandingan Melukis Poster Anti- Dadah Kelantan  
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- 2014 National Petron Art Exhibition, National Art Gallery, Kuala Lumpur  
Penang Open Show, Penang Malaysia
- 2013 M50 – Shades Of Malaysia, Artemis Gallery  
CARBON Group Exhibition, Artemis Art Publika  
Pameran Nando's Perify Your Art - Diversity  
Pameran Citra Terengganu (Karya Siap) Potret Terengganu  
Pameran IMCAT Tourism - Futurism  
Open Art Exhibition; 6' x 6' at MATIC, Kuala Lumpur  
Pameran Poster 'Drugs Awareness' UiTM Perak
- 2012 Pameran Bank Negara Malaysia  
Pameran Akhir Diploma FSSR, UiTM Machang Kelantan
- 2008 Pameran Citra Terengganu (Karya Siap)
- 2007 Pameran Citra Terengganu (Karya Spontan)

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