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THE RIVER THAT FLOWS: A MEETING PLACE

Imagined the region as a flowing river, absorbing everything and anything in its way. So vast its inhabitant is diverse, ecologically expanding, divided into several group. Alongside the river banks the soil is so fertile, a haven for plants and fruits, attracted many, near and far. The river keeps on flowing, bringing with it the seeds from far away that nourishes the soil. This happened for hundreds of years, and the landscape keep changing throughout. Southeast Asia, the place for more than 600,000,000 people (and counting) is one of the fastest growing population on earth. The region personified by the complexity of its political and cultural landscape, and the diversity of its ethnic and language as well as religion. It was the region that once gave birth to the great civilization. Once known as Suvarnabhumi or the Golden Land, the region flooded with people of all sorts. It became a meeting place, from the West to the East, the battleground for trading and military strategy.

The ancient kingdoms rise and fall, the conquerors come and go, the land destroyed and rebuild. Yet, the river still keeps on flowing, absorbing the remains of the forgotten past. The region offers so much than we can ever understand. Sometime illogical and absurd, irrational at best. The spirit that once proud and glorified turn into a ghost, it never really goes away, only half-remembered. This ghost systematically buried beneath the grandiosity of modern utopia. Now the river is changing its color. New borders are formed; new order is created. The question remains, how do we recognized ourselves within the regional history that was so rich, but at the same time decayed as a days passed by? Is it possible to revived this spirit of the 'flowing river' while negotiate with the new demand in contemporary life?

The flowing river is symbolic to the fluidity, of identity, place and ideology. It also personified the current state of the region being in flux. This exhibition does not seek to answer them, rather to look at the burgeoning sensibility from the current generation through a lens of five artists from three SEA countries; Malaysia, Indonesia and Thailand. Each of them offer different tastes of what is like being in this entanglement and tracing back the spirit of the 'river' in the consciousness while dealing with an external force that shape reality. This is the manifestation of being in the present – a new generation expressing their hope and concern. The exhibition takes multiple entry point, creating a space for contemplating and dialogue among them. Axis in Praxis continue it effort as a platform for young and emerging artist from SEA region. Most of the artist here seen as prospect to break the industry with plenty of potential in their abundance. Each of them present an individual narrative that can be trace back to their upbringing, environment and influence – be it in socio-politic, popular and consumerism culture, or interrogating identity and everydayness.

Malaysia artists, Ho Mei Kei and Nik Mohd Shazmie take on different aspect of social life where the entanglement with power relation is inevitable. Ho Mei Kei exploring the concept of play in her criticism towards the educational system. The painting divided into two parts, one side is full appropriation of exercise book cover complete with text and the school logo. There is a subtle political commentary while the overall painting presented in a playful manner. Sample of Malaysian bank note arrange in linear manner on the right side of the plane. The juxtaposition of the school book and money gives an impression of the artist' concern on the significant of political power towards the structure of educational system and the pressing issues surrounding the race, politic and meritocracy. While Nik Mohd Shazmie had looking into the history of the region where the concept of 'serumpun' (one root) often used as a tagline to foster regional unity between Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia. The artist asserting his own commentary on the issues with the three emblematic animal of each country - the Garuda, Lion and Malayan Tiger as a subject matter. There is the air of optimistic despite the complex relationship between the three nation where he deemed the situation as 'under construction'. His painting often invited us to explore the whole surface, where he reconstructing the whole picture from a disjointed image, as a way to build their synthetic relation. It is a paradox of the current relation between the SEA countries, while culturally connected there is always an underlying tension in its political current.

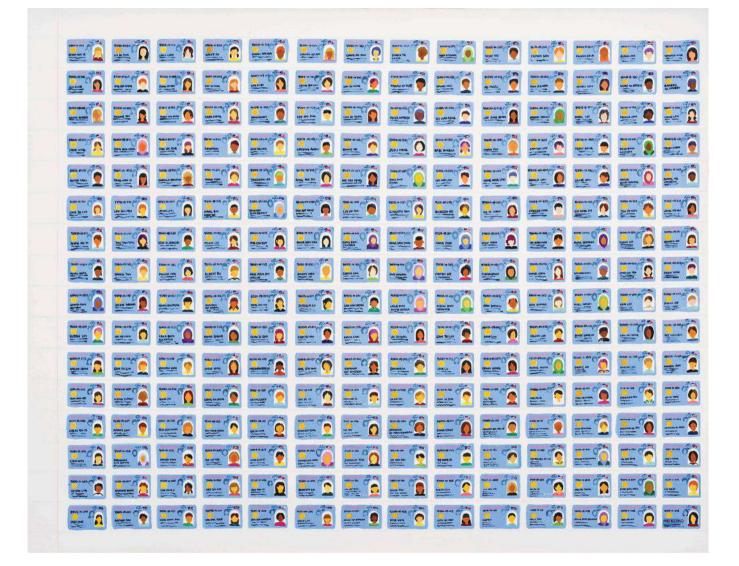
Both Thai artists, Anchalee Arayapongpanich and Kittisak Thapkoa, contrasting each other while interspersing the subjects of similar weight in current contemporary SEA society. The former looking into a film culture as a framework of feminine empowerment. The portraits featured women with the big eye, reminiscence the manga-esque approached while portraying each of them in their role for the film in a convincing posed. Arayapongpanich repurpose the power of media and consumerism to assert sensitivity of women's role in the society that is free from the limitation of ideas, expression and strength. Her meticulous painting stimulates the multi-layered dimension of feeling, ambience and lighting, inspired by the film photography. While Kittisak Thapkoa goes back to the tradition of Buddhist symbolism, confronting the reality of today's materialistic morality. The gruesome images of animals, bestial, human limbs, beak, carcass, bird wings and machinery entangled and merging with each other against the monotonous black background. The images relinquished uneasiness and discomfort, but at the same time alluding into beauty with his refined realistic imagery. This contrasting elements reflecting his iteration of good and evil, the Ying and Yang, the binary opposition take on the paradox of human as it is both savoring life as well as destructive.

Natisa Jones, Bali and Amsterdam based artist, explore the experience of everydayness and how to contemplate with it as a process. Driving from her individuality, the process also informed the gap between being a person and her experience accumulated into a data or memory. In this sense, human not only a vessel, but also a subject of our own interrogation within the limit of mind. Her works draw from her everyday experience, thus the used of texts as a journalistic approach, interrogating the idea of 'self' within a context of identity and place.

All five artists feature in this exhibition presenting a voice of new generation, whose concern reflecting in their artwork. Southeast Asia will continue to develop as one of the growing population, with an economic injection of foreign investment will rapidly transform the region into an industrial well. In the midst of urban growth, modernization and globalization, the cultural activities also thrive within the community as a resisting strategy towards the consequence of development. The river will always flow, although the landscape keeps on changing.













NIK M SHAZMIE



'Hari Makan Tahunan' 160 x 122 cm | Acrylic on Canvas | 2019



'Sedang dalam pembikinan' 160 x 122 cm | Acrylic on Canvas | 2019



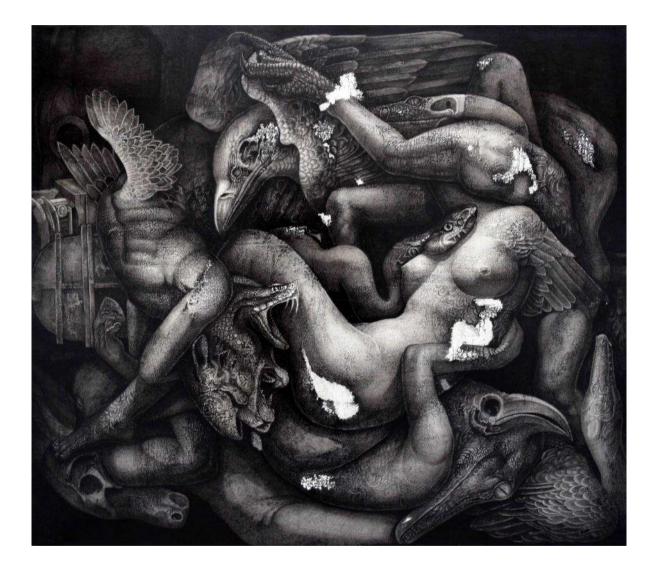






KITTISAK THAPKOA







MATISA JONES

"The Desk" series, is a body of work which treats various individual figures in a reoccurring position -however, each distinctive and isolated to its own momentum. "The Desk" explores the idea of routine: figures are sat upon what may be reminiscent of a table or a desk, with similarly monotone expressions, repeated within five different pieces.

Not unlike an office desk, the desk in this series is employed to symbolize the idea of the day-to-day which we all take part in. Although the motions repeat themselves and share familiar settings, and attempts to mimic what has been created before, – the result is never the same.

An action, taking place in various contexts will provide entirely independent experiences. A play on imagery with the infamous and cliché idea of a desk job. This personification aims to express this impossibility of exact repetition within time and art. As an artist's job is still not entirely dissimilar to any other form of work – there exists a routine, expectations, and uninspired moments of plateau. This imagery was employed to explore psychological and emotional spaces within the motion of repetition within daily life.

A somewhat cathartic creative process as a reminder that although we enter into something with the same set of habits, thoughts, rules, methods – it is actually an impossibility to relive a precise experience twice. The process of this series was a therapeutic act, to break the numbing, flat line of illusion, accumulated by the often tedious nature of daily routines.















HO MEI KEI

Born 1993, Malaysia **FDUCATION** Diploma in Fine Art, Dasein Academy of Art, Malaysia 2016 2013 Certificate in Art and Craft for Young Children, SEGI College, Kuala lumpur, Malaysia SOLO EXHIBITION 100markah = A+? Solo Exhibition by Taksu Gallery, Malaysia 2018 INTERNATIONAL SHOW/ART FAIRS KamiNaman Asian Art Exhibition by Art Anton, Manila, Philippines 2018 Sasaran International Art Festival, by Sasaran Art Association, Malaysia 2017 Yogyakarta International Art Festival by Jogja Gallery, Jakarta International Artswitch, Jogja Gallery, Yogyakarta 2016 Mosaic Art Project by HOM Art Trans, Art Expo Malaysia at MAR TRADE SELECTED EXHIBITIONS 2019 Axis by Praxis: The Meeting Place, G13 Gallery, Malaysia 2018 Merah Putih Biru Kuning, G13 gallery, Malaysia Meikei Ho: Pendidikan Malaysia/Lina Tan: Google Street View, Duo Exhibition, Titik Merah Gallery Pendidikan Malaysia, Duo Exhibition by Titikmerah, Malaysia Relationship, Group Art Exhibition, Segaris Gallery, Publika, Malaysia Rrrawrrr Maybank's Emerging Women Artist Show by Maybank, Malaysia 2017 Malaysia Art A New Perspective by Richard Koh Fine Art, Malaysia Bilateral Bonds by Taksu KL, Malaysia Platform 3, Galeri Chandan, Malaysia Sasaran International Art Festival, Galeri Seni Mutiara, Penang, Malaysia 101 Di Mana YOUng by Balai Seni Visual Negara, Malaysia Young & New 2017 by HOM Art Trans, Malaysia Mimpi Jadi Landskap by Taksu KL, Malaysia School of Thought by Segaris Art Centre, White Box, Publika, Malaysia Locals Only! Taksu KL, Malaysia Bakat Muda Sezaman Young Contemporaries, Balai Seni Visual Negara, Malaysia 2016 Catalysis at Art Expo, Contemporary Art by Dasein Graduates, Malaysia homeWORK, Dasein Academy of Art, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia Futurama by Dasein Academy of Art, DPAC, Petaling Jaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 2014 Watercolor Painting, Pangkor Art Festival, Pulau Pangkor, Malavsia AWARDS 2017 Jury's Award, Young Contemporaries BMS'16 2016 Shortlisted, Uob Painting of the Year Competition

Shortlisted, Uob Painting of the Year Competition
 1st Prize, Print Making Categories, Tanjung Heritage National Art
 Competition, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
 2015 2nd Prize, Watercolor Categories, Tanjung Heritage National Art

Competition, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

NIK M SHAZMIE

Born 1991, Malaysia

- EDUCATION
- 2014 Bachelor (Hons) in Fine Art, Faculty of Art & Design Universiti Teknologi MARA (Seri Iskandar), Perak, Malaysia
 2012 Diploma in Fine Art, Faculty of Art & Design Universiti Teknologi MARA (Machang), Kelantan, Malaysia
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- SOLO EXHIBITION
- 2018 Face Fiction with G13 gallery, Malaysia
- 2015 Home Sweet Home Exhibition, Nando's (Winner Solo Exhibition), Malaysia

INTERNATIONAL SHOW/ART FAIRS

- 2018 Art Taipei with G13 Gallery, Taipei Art Expo Malaysia Plus 2018 with G13 Gallery, Malaysia Hotel Art Fair Bangkok 2018 with G13 Gallery, Thailand Soliloquy with The Gallery, Shanghai, China
- 2017 Art Expo Malaysia Plus 2017 with G13 Gallery, Malaysia Tranquility in Clamour with The Gallery, Shanghai, China Singapore Contemporary with Artemis Art Gallery, Singapore

- 2016 Art Kaohsiung 2016 with G13 Gallery, Taiwan
- Art Expo Malaysia Plus 2016 with G13 Gallery, Malaysia 2015 Art Kaohsiung Fair with G13 Gallery, Taiwan
- Art Expo with G13 Gallery, Malaysia

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2019 Axis by Praxis: The Meeting Place, G13 Gallery, Malaysia 2018 Art Show Publika 2018 White Box Publika & The Boulevar
- 2018 Art Show Publika 2018, White Box Publika & The Boulevard Red Zone Publika Shopping Gallery, Malaysia Homecoming with Artemis Gallery, Publika, Malaysia
- 2017 Figure in a Room with The F Klub, Malaysia Bintang 5, Volume I with Segaris Art Centre, Malaysia Art Kaohsiung with G13 Gallery, Malaysia SENSATION with Segaris Art Centre, Malaysia Transit A1 with MARS, Malaysia Artemis Art's 5th Anniversary Exhibition with Artemis Gallery, Malaysia
- 2016 Presence with Artemis Gallery, Malaysia Processus, Galeri Chandan, Publika, Malaysia A2 Transit with Hom Art Trans, Malaysia Youngsters with Hom Art Trans, Malaysia #Wearegen-Y with G13 Gallery, Malaysia
- 2015 Configuration: The Celebration of Human with G13 Gallery, Malaysia Art Trio: The Nik Brothers with G13 Gallery, Malaysia MERU Art Exhibition with Seaaris Art Centre, Malaysia
- 2014 National Petron Art Exhibition with National Art Gallery, Malaysia
- Penang Open Show "Hitam Putih", Penang, Malaysia
 2013 M50 Shades Of Malaysia with Artemis Gallery, Malaysia
 CARBON Group Exhibition with Artemis Art Publika, Malaysia
 Pameran Nando's Perify Your Art Diversity, Malaysia
 Pameran Citra Terengganu (Karya Siap) Potret Terengganu,
 Malaysia
 Pameran 1MCAT Tourism Futurism, Malaysia

Open Art Exhibition; 5′ x 5′ at MATIC, Kuala Lumpur Pameran Poster 'Drugs Awareness' UiTM Perak

2012 Pameran Bank Negara Malaysia

AWARDS

- 2015 GOLD AWARD, UOB Painting of the Year 2015, CURATE, Malaysia
- 2014 Grand Prize Winner, National Petron Art Competition 'Proise' Grand Prize Winner, NANDO'S Perify Your Art – Alive Gold Medal, IIDEX 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 1MCAT – Tourism Malaysia (Futurism) Consolation Prize, Citra Terengganu – Potret Terengganu 1st Prize, Pertandingan Melukis Poster Unit Kesihatan UiTM Perak

ANCHALEE ARAYAPONGPANICH

Born 1985, Malaysia

EDUCATION

B.F.A. Painting (1st Hon.), The Faculty of Painting Sculpture and Graphic Arts, Silpakorn University, Bangkok, Thailand

M.F.A. (Visual Arts), The Faculty of Painting Sculpture and Graphic Arts, Silpakorn University, Bangkok,Thailand

solo exhibition

- 2017 Thriller & Horror, The Solo Art Exhibition, Ardel Gallery, Bangkok, Thailand
- 2014 Lady Image 2, The Solo Art Exhibition, Ardel Gallery, Bangkok, Thailand
- 2012 Lady Image", The Solo Art Exhibition, Ardel Gallery, Bangkok, Thailand

AWARDS

- 2013 1st Award Winner, The 15th Panasonic Contemporary Painting Exhibition
- 2012 1st Award Winner, The 14th Panasonic Contemporary Painting Exhibition

Excellent Prize, "The First White Elephant Art Award"

Creative arts supporting scholarship, Philanthropic foundation of General Prem Tinnasulanon Statesman, the Statesman.

2011 1st Award Winner, "23rd Toshiba: Brings Good Things to Life" Art Exhibition

INTERNATIONAL FAIR/ARTSHOWS

- Axis by Praxis: The Meeting Place with G13 Gallery, Malaysia 2019 "[Purple]: Women of Mankind" Exhibition with One East Asia, 2015 Sinaapore
- 2014 "Breaking and Reconstructing" Contemporary Art with Southeast Asia. Gallery 8 in London
- "No man's land" Exhibition with One East Asia, Singapore "Ties and Fragrant Lies" Exhibition with One East Asia, Singapore 2013
- SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS
- 2018 Color Me Bear Exhibition, Central World, Bangkok, Thailand Divas Art Exhibition, RCB Artery, River City Bangkok, Thailand Sensation - The aesthetic of dance and body in motion at Sathorn 11 art space, Banakok, Thailand
- 2016 "Double Great for Charity 3" by Daraadaily 2015
- "Double Great for Charity 2" by Daradaily The art exhibition "Flowers" at DOB Hualamphong Gallery (Rama IV Road)
- 2014 "Double Great for Charity" by Daradaily at Moca Bangkok, Thailand The exhibition "8 Years Young Artists Talent" at Ratchadamnoen

Contemporary Art Center, Bangkok The First Exhibition of Thai Contemporary Art at Grand Hall, River

City, Bangkok, Thailand

- "Flat World" Thesis Exhibition, by The Graduating Class of 2012 Painting 2011 Master's Degree, FPSG, Silpakorn University, Krungthai Art Gallery, Bangkok, Thailand The 3rd Young Artists Talent Art Exhibition, Los Angeles, USA The 3rd Young Artists Talent Art Exhibition, Bangkok Art and "The Art Thesis Exhibition", Silpakorn Gallery, Bangkok, Thailand
- 2010 The exhibition "Krob Khon Muang" at Teeoli-d' walks of art space 2009
- The exhibition "The 26th Contemporary Art of A Young Artist" 2008 The exhibition "Realization to Environmental Crisis Painting"
- 2007 The exhibition "Landscape Painting Exhibition 2007 - 2008
- The exhibition "Computer Art" at Psg Art Gallery, Faculty of 2006

Painting Sculpture and Graphic Arts.

KITTISAK THAPKOA

Born 1989, Thailand

EDUCATION

- 2007 Thanprasatpeatvitaya School
- 2012 BA in Fine Art, Silpakorn University, Thailand

SOLO EXHIBITION

2018	Kittisak Thapkoa @ Art Stage Singapore 2018 with
	Number1gallery, Marina Bay Sands, Singapore
	Kittisak Thapkoa @ Art Expo Malaysia 2018 with
	Number1gallery, Menara MATRADE, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

- 2017 Kittisak Thapkoa @ Art Stage Jakarta, Sheraton Grand Jakarta Gandaria City Hotel , Indonesia
- 2016 Kittisak Thapkoa @ Art Stage Singapore 2016, Marina Bay Sands, Sinaapore
- 2015 "Truth" with Number 1 Gallery, Silom 21, Bangkok, Thailand

INTERNATIONAL SHOW/ART FAIRS

- 2019 Axis by Praxis: The Meeting Place with G13 Gallery, Malaysia Art Fair Philippines with Galerie Stephanie, Makati City, 2018 Philippines
- 2013 The 4th Young Artists Talent at the Los Angeles, USA

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

2013 The 4th Young Artists Talent at the Contemporary Ratchadamnoen Klang Gallery Art Thesis" Exhibition 2012 by the Graduating Class of the Faculty

of Painting Sculpture and Graphic Arts, Silpakorn University, Thailand

- The Beat Art Thesis Exhibition at the Queen Gallery, Thailand Art Exhibition "Thai Art 36 Year" at the Queen's Gallery, Thailand 2012
- AWARDS
- 2014 SilpaBhirasri Silver Medal Award, the 31th Contemporary Art by Young Artists, Thailand
- 2013 Distinguished Prizes, the 3th Asia Plus "Globalization" Asia Plus

Painting Recruited To Study Art USA, Los Angeles the 4th Young Artists Talent Proiect

Bronze Medal. The 59th National Art 2013 First Prize UOB Gold Medal, The 6th UOB Painting Artists Consolation Prize Boon Rawd Brewery, Singha lookedpass arts, Art Competition Third Prize, The 5th Amata Art Award 2

- 2012 Co Exhibiting The 34thBuaLuang Painting Second Prize Support Award, Krung Thai Bank the 58th National Art SilpaBhirasri Silver Medal Award, the 29th Contemporary Art, Young Artists Distinguished Prizes, Young Thai Artists Award
- Grand Prize, The 5thBualuang Painting "The Star Bualuang" 2011 Co Exhibiting 23thToshiba,"Brings Good things to Life", Art Competition
- 2007 Distinguished Prizes 19thToshiba,"Brings Good things to Life", Art Competition
- Bronze Medal, The 2th Young Arts National Art Competition Special Award 17thToshiba, "Brings Good things to Life", Art 2005 Competition

NATISA JONES

Born 1989, Indonesia

EDUCATION

- Bachelor of Fine Arts Painting Royal Melbourne Institute of 2011 Technology (R.M.I.T) Melbourne, Australia
- International Baccalaureate Diploma (I.B) Prem Tinsulanonda 2008 International School (P.T.I.S.) Chiang Mai, Thailand

SOLO EXHIBITION

- 2018 Grotesk', Komunitas Salihara, Jakarta, Indonesia
- Tough Romance', RUCI Art Space, Jakarta, Indonesia 2016
- 2015 'Me/You: Yesterday/Tomorrow', Natisa Jones Studio, Bali Indonesia
- 'Are We There Yet?' 3 Monkeys Sanur, Bali, Indonesia 2013

INTERNATIONAL SHOW/ART FAIRS

- 2018 Art Jakarta 2018, Ruci Art Space, Jakarta, Indonesia
- 2017 Art Stage Jakarta, Ruci Art Space, Jakarta, Indonesia
- 'Beyond Baliseering', Fortyfive Downstairs Gallery, Melbourne, 2016 Australia

Bazaar Art Jakarta 2016, Represented by Artsphere Gallery, lakarta, Indonesia

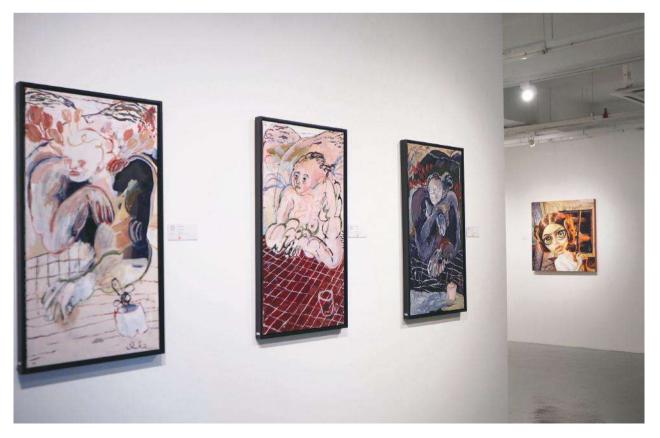
- 2014 , Rotating Print Project', Bali / Amsterdam / Auckland / Melbourne 'Are We There Yet? Part II', SoTo, Berlin, Germany
- 2013
- 2011 Graduate Exhibition, RMIT University, Melbourne, Australia

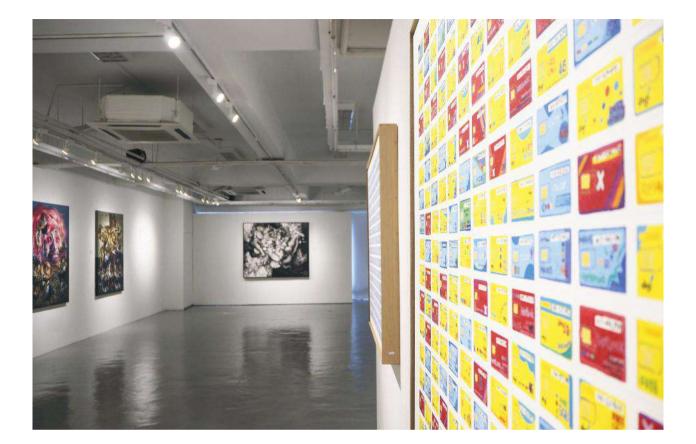
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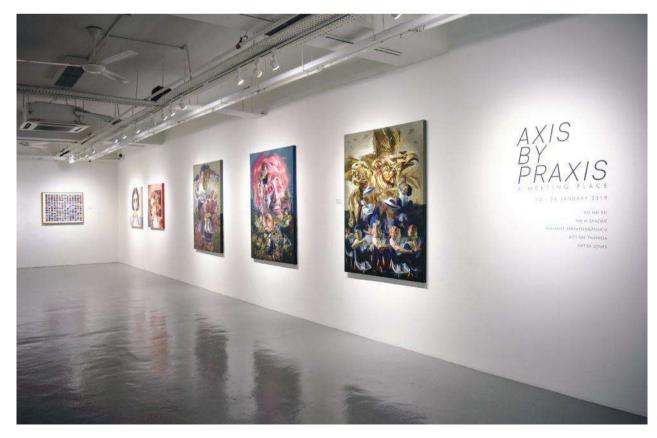
- 2019 Axis by Praxis: The Meeting Place with G13 Gallery, Malaysia
- 2018
- 'Got Paper?' Ruci Art Space, Jakarta, Indonesia 'Voyage to Indonesia', IMF World Bank, Jakarta, Indonesia
- 2017 'Self Explanitory', Dia.Lo.Gue Art Space, Jakarta, Indonesia 2016 'Contemporary Art from Bali', Langgeng Art Foundation,
- Jogjakarta, Indonesia UOB Painting Of the Year Indonesia 2016 Finalist, Ciputra Artpreneur Gallery, Jakarta, Indonesia 'Heritage Note', The Grand Bali Beach Hotel, Bali, Indonesia 'Mulat Sarira', NuArt Sculptural Park, Bandung, Indonesia
- 2015 Promemoria Collection' by ISA Art Advisory, Jakarta, Indonesia 'UNDER' Ghostbird + Swoon, Bali, Indonesia 'Illustration and Drawing II' Biasa Gallery, Bali, Indonesia Respublica', Galeri Nasional Indonesia (National Gallery of Indonesia), Jakarta, Indonesia
- 'My Exquisite Corpse', BIASA, Bali, Indonesia 2014 100% INDONESIA, Pondok Tingal Artspace, Jogjakarta, Indonesia 'Are We There Yet?' Tony Raka Gallery, Bali, Indonesia 'Portraits from The Stalk Room', Biasa Gallery, Bali, Indonesia 'Love Thy Neighbour', Swoon Gallery, Bali, Indonesia
- 2013 Treasure', Swoon Gallery, Bali, Indonesia
- SAMPAH, Swoon Gallery, Bali, Indonesia Pescatoria, Mantra, Bali, Indonesia 2012
- Man//Pria, Swoon Gallery, Bali, Indonesia Woman//Wanita, Swoon Gallery, Bali, Indonesia
- 2008 Art & Culinaire, The Laguna Nusa Dua Hotel, Bali, Indonesia

INSTALLATION VIEW









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