



CHOY CHUN WEI (B. 1973)

Choy Chun Wei has established himself as one of the most interesting and exciting mixed-media artists working in Malaysia today. His multi-layered collages draw constant inspiration from his environment; from the repetitive facades of suburban Malaysia, to the vast abundance of the countryside. Chun Wei is an artist whose predilections and ideals of art are based predominantly on design language. His immersion in graphic design studies provides design-oriented conceptual readings and contextual imagination into his chosen practice in fine art. This confluence of design and contemporary art-making is germane to an exciting development of his journey, clearly distinguishing Chun Wei from his contemporaries.

In 2014, he was the only Malaysian artist to present a solo booth at *'Insights'*, the curated section of Art Basel Hong Kong. For this project, the artist used the large number of visitors to ABHK as his source of inspiration, hoping to embark on an art-making process that involves collecting visitor's personal information and representing it as art. With the advent of the world we live in today - gadgets, computers, brands, smartphones – the presence and essence of each individual human being is often overlooked, replaced instead by material goods, and this is where the seed of *The Human Landscape* was conceived. The result: one gargantuan painting on canvas, which required human interaction in order for it to be completed.

His most recent exhibition, *'Tectonic Traces'* at Wei-Ling Contemporary in 2017, marked a progression from his previous works, notably through the process of assembling more reliefs and adding more layers to his collages. Pushing boundaries through the use of tectonic materials, the works in the series accentuate the complexities and contradictions inherent in life's fragments. Dealing with information and facts, at the same time interrogating our current state of mind, Chun Wei observes how our identity is transforming into numbers and codes.

As a prominent figure on the contemporary art scene Malaysia, Chun Wei's works can be seen in the collections of both Malaysian as well as international collectors. His works have been exhibited internationally across China, Hong Kong, the United States, Pakistan, Singapore and the U.K.



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EDUCATION

- 2016 Master of Arts (Visual Art), University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
1998 BA (Hons) Graphic Design, School of Art & Design, Central Saint Martins, London, England

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2017 Tectonic Traces, Wei-Ling Contemporary, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
2016 Investigating Materiality Through Art-Based Research, Piyadasa Gallery, Cultural Centre, University Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
2015 Unknown Landscape, Art Stage Singapore, Marina Bay Sands, Singapore
2014 The Human Landscape, Art Basel Hong Kong, Hong Kong Convention Centre, Hong Kong
2011 Here and Now, Wei-Ling Contemporary, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
2008 Trails, Red Mill Gallery, Vermont, United States
2007 Kaleidoscopic Landscapes, Wei-Ling Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2019 18@8 Turning Points, Wei-Ling Contemporary, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Art Jakarta 2019, Jakarta Convention Center (JCC) Senayan, Jakarta, Indonesia
2018 Patriots: By Malaysians for Malaysians, Wei-Ling Contemporary, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Teh Tarik with The Flag, curated by Wei-Ling Gallery, in association with The National Visual Arts Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Art Stage Singapore, Marina Bay Sands, Singapore
2017 18@8 RIGHT HERE! RIGHT NOW!, Wei-Ling Contemporary, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
2016 Art Stage Singapore, Marina Bay Sands, Singapore
The Past Is Never Where You Think You Left It, Wei-Ling Contemporary, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
2015 Prudential Eye-Zone, Art Science Museum, Singapore
18@8 Heirlooms, Wei-Ling Contemporary, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
2014 The Space Between, Wei-Ling Contemporary, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
The PEAK Group Show- HO MIA, Wei-Ling Contemporary, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
2013 18@8 Mirror, Mirror on the wall, Wei-Ling Contemporary, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
2012 18@8: KUL-SIN, ION Art, Singapore
18@8: KUL-SIN, Wei-Ling Contemporary, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Timeless, Wei-Ling Contemporary, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Snapshots, WWF Art for Nature, Rimbun Dahan, Seangor, Malaysia
2011 Art Stage Singapore, Marina Bay Sands, Singapore
2010 Negaraku: Nationalism and Patriotism in Malaysian Contemporary Art, The Aliya and Farouk Khan Collection, Galeria Sri Perdana, Kuala Lumpur
Survival, WWF Art for Nature, Rimbun Dahan, Selangor, Malaysia
Absolut 18@8, Wei-Ling Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
2009 Iskandar Malaysia Contemporary Art Show (IMCAS), Danga Bay City Mall,



- Johor, Malaysia
- 2008 Tanah Air, WWF Art for Nature, Rimbun Dahan, Selangor, Malaysia
Shifting Boundaries, WWF Art for Nature, Rimbun Dahan, Selangor, Malaysia
18@8 Vice & Virtue, Wei-Ling Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- Tukar Ganti: New Malaysian Paintings, Valentine Willie Fine Art Singapore,
HT Contemporary Space, Singapore
La Galleria, Pall Mall, London, United Kingdom
China International Gallery Exposition (CIGE), China World Trade Center,
Beijing, China
- 2007 Force of Nature, Pace Gallery, Malaysia
00:15 Sperstar, WWF Art for Nature, Rimbun Dahan, Selangor, Malaysia
Artriangle: Malaysia Philippines Indonesia, Soko Gakkai Malaysia, Kuala
Lumpur, Malaysia
- 2006 Between Generations: 50 Years Across Modern Art in Malaysia, Asian Art
Museum, University of Malaya, Selangor, Malaysia & Muzium dan Galeri
Tuanku Fauziah, Universiti Sains Malaysia, Penang, Malaysia
Rimbun Dahan Artist in Residency Show, Rimbun Dahan, Selangor, Malaysia
Signed and Dated, Valentine Willie Fine Art 10th Anniversary, Valentine Willie
Fine Art, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Feed Me! An Exploration of Appetities, WWF Art for Nature, Rimbun Dahan,
Selangor, Malaysia
- 2005 18@8 KUL-KARACHI, Pakistan Show, Amin Gulgee Gallery, Karachi, Pakistan
Rooster Mania, Townhouse Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
The Power of Dreaming: Taman Sari, The Garden of Delight and Identity,
WWF Art for Nature, Rimbun Dahan, Selangor, Malaysia
18@8, Wei-Ling Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Art Below 1000, Valentine Willie Fine Art, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Free Show, Reka Art Space, Selangor, Malaysia
- 2004 Young Contemporary Finalist Exhibition, National Visual Arts Gallery, Kuala
Lumpur, Malaysia
Paradise Lost/Paradise Found, WWF Art for Nature, Rimbun Dahan,
Selangor, Malaysia
Home Improvement, Two-person Show, Reka Art Space, Malaysia
Semangat: Artists for Theater, Fundraising Exhibition for 5 Arts Centre,
Valentine Willie Fine Art, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Art Below 1000, Valentine Willie Fine Art, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Fifteen, Darling Muse Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Free Show, Reka Art Space, Malaysia
- 2003 Philip Morris Art Exhibition, National Visual Arts Gallery, Kuala Lumpur,
Malaysia
Games We Play, WWF Art for Nature, Rimbun Dahan, Singapore, Malaysia
Art Below 1000, Valentine Willie Fine Art, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 2002 Touch, WWF Art for Nature, Rimbun Dahan, Malaysia
Works on Paper, Valentine Willie Fine Art, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 2001 Open Show, National Art Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Inhabitant: Two Person Show, Valentine Willie Fine Art, Kuala Lumpur,
Malaysia
Exhibit A: Malaysian Still life, Valentine Willie Fine Art, Kuala Lumpur,



- Malaysia
- 2000 Art Below 1000, Valentine Willie Fine Art, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
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- 1998 Aku: Portret Diri 99, Petronas Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 1998 Mental Saint Tart Tins, Degree Show, Long Acre, London, United Kingdom
- 1997 Young Designers, Malaysian Design Council, Menara Tan & Tan, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 1996 WaterWorld, Bank Negara, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 1995 Dialogue, Maybank Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

AWARDS

- 2007/ 2008 Vermont Studio Center Asian Artist Fellowship, Vermont Studio Center, United States
- 2005 Artist in Residence, Rimbun Dahan, Malaysia
- 2004 Juror's Choice Award (2D category), Bakat Muda Sezaman (Malaysian Young Contemporary)
- 2003 Honourable Mention, Philip Morris Malaysia / Asean Art Awards
- 1997 The London Institute (University of Arts, London) Full Scholarship
- 1995 Higher National Diploma (HND) Teo Soo Ching Full Scholarship

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

- National Visual Arts Gallery, Malaysia
- Bank Negara Malaysia
- Hijas Kasturi Association / Rimbun Dahan, Malaysia
- Aliya and Farouk Khan collection
- Architron Design Consultants
- Veritas Design Group, Malaysia
- Australian International School, Malaysia
- Zain& Co. Advocates and Solicitors
- Edward Soo & Co. Advocates and Solicitors
- Seksan Design
- CWL Design, Malaysia
- Amerada Hess, Malaysia
- Big Dutchman Asia

