

## Artist CV

Sabri Idrus (b. 1971)

Born in Kedah, Malaysia, earned his MFA in Creative Practice with Transart Institute, Plymouth University, United Kingdom, and three years of fine art studies at the *Universiti Institut Teknologi MARA*, Malaysia, Sabri is a visionary contemporary artist who is devoted to experimental approaches in painting, combining his training in graphic design and mastery of industrial materials to achieve a liberated socio-cultural dogma that seeks to create a new form of symbolism in art. Sabri's interest lies in his development of a body of works that unfold his critical notion towards the social condition and his rebellion against the institutions that secure the definition between painting and methodology. His belief in art making, especially with regards to painting, is that the process is inherently social in nature, submerging him in a dialogue of experimentation towards technical and material advancement. He has been exhibiting since early 1990's and his portfolio ranges not only from painting works, but also publication and graphic design, multimedia and video production, installation and sculpture.

### AWARDS:

2020	The UOB Painting of the Year Award (Malaysia).
2015-2017	The Transart Social Change Award. Transart Institute, Berlin /New York.
2014	Malaysia Open Show, Juror's Award, National Art Gallery, Malaysia.
2011	UOB Art Award – Special Mention.
2004	BMS04/The Young Contemporary Art Award (Painting), National Art Gallery, Malaysia.

### SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2018	<i>POWER: NOW AND THERE</i> , Gajah Gallery, Singapore
2017	<i>TRANSFORMATION AND DARKNESS</i> . E-Tay Gallery, New York, USA.
2015	<i>RECOVERY PLAN</i> . Gajah Gallery, Singapore
2012	<i>ANTARA</i> . Taksu Gallery, Singapore
2010	<i>MUFAKAT: SPACE FOR THE PUBLIC</i> . The Painting Garage, Bandung, Indonesia
2010	<i>MASA SERIES: A REDUCTION PROCESS</i> . Taksu Gallery, Kuala Lumpur. Malaysia
2009	<i>IN TRANSIT. MALAYSIA-POLAND</i> . Aula Gallery, University of Arts, Poznan, Poland
2006	<i>KERONCONG SERIES</i> , Wei-Ling Gallery, Kuala Lumpur
2004	<i>LOREK-LOREK</i> , The Townhouse Gallery, Kuala Lumpur
1999	<i>THE SEARCH OF THE UNCERTAINTIES</i> , The Painting Hall, Selangor, Malaysia

## SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2021 The Transart (notso) Short Fest, Ely Center of Contemporary Art, New Haven, CT, USA.
- 2020 A Transart (Not So) Short Fest, New York, and Berlin.  
SeSumpah, Fergana Art, Blackbox, Publika, Kuala Lumpur  
Genset, Gajah Gallery, Singapore
- 2019 Patterns of Making—Two man show with Andrew Cooks, E-Tay Gallery, New York  
Genset, Gajah Gallery Singapore and Tabularasa Studio, Malaysia  
Good Morning, Gyeongju! Gyeongju Art Center, Gyeongju, South Korea  
Monumenta, Gajah Gallery, Singapore
- 2018 Power, Plan and Perception, Gajah Gallery Singapore and Tabularasa Studio,  
Malaysia  
Di Antara Itu dan Ini, National Art Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  
Rupa-Rupa(Nya) Fergana Art, Whitebox, Publika, Kuala Lumpur
- 2017 The Unreal Deal: Six Decades Of Malaysian Abstract Art,  
Bank Negara Malaysia
- 2016 Bantul Art Summit, Gajah Gallery Yogyakarta, Indonesia
- 2015 Prudential Eye Zone, Art Science Museum, Marina Bay Sands, Singapore  
Loose Affairs, SomoS, Berlin, Germany
- 2014 Eye Zone (curated exhibition), Start Art Fair 2014, Saatchi Gallery, London, UK  
Malaysia-Australia Visual Arts Residency, Disruptive Nature: Sabri Idrus  
(Malaysia) + Habitat: Sean Cordeiro & Claire Healy (Australia),  
Rimbun Dahan, Malaysia
- 2013 UTP STANZA, University of Technology and Life Sciences , Bydgoszcz, Poland.
- 2012 DUA: Sabri Idrus & Tony Twigg, Taksu, Malaysia and Singapore.
- 2009 Malaysia-Poland Cultural & art exchange, Pyzdry and Lagow, Poland.

## SELECTED RESIDENCIES

- 2019 Gyeongju International Residency Art Festa, Gyeongju, South Korea
- 2015-2017 Transart Institute, Low Residencies, Berlin and New York.
- 2010 Artist In Residence, Hegarbudhi Community, Bandung, Indonesia
- 2013-2014 19th Rimbun Dahan, Malaysia –Australia Visual Arts Residency, Selangor,  
Malaysia.
- 2013 Artist in Residence: University of Technology and Life Sciences in  
Bydgoszcz, Poland.
- 2009 Artist In Residence Poland – University Of Arts, Poznan, Poland