



YAU BEE LING (B. 1972)

Yau Bee Ling is a Malaysian artist, who graduated from the Malaysian Institute of Art in 1995. Regarded as one of the most powerful contemporary painters in Malaysia today, Bee Ling's artistic practice centers around themes of identity and womanhood. Within her work, she employs the autobiographical themes of family and tradition, ranging from her first year of motherhood, the tragic loss of her sister, in which her works served as a spiritual healing, to the rediscovery of her femininity. These subjects are occasionally set against the familiar motifs of home, precious heirlooms, and food, imbuing her work with a sense of intimacy.

Her artistic style is instantly recognizable, with layers upon layers of lines and colours, which symbolise her ever evolving identity and role as a woman in society. Yau Bee Ling's works have been exhibited in China, Japan, Singapore, Hong Kong, Sweden, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Indonesia and Malaysia. She represented Malaysia at the 9th Asian Art Biennial in Dhaka, Bangladesh in 1999. Her works were also included in the 2nd Fukuoka Triennale in 2002, and later exhibited at the Fukuoka Asian Art Museum, Japan. In 2004, she was part of the Hokkaido Museum of Contemporary Art as part of the "Soul of Asia: Fukuoka Asian Art Museum Collection" exhibition and in 2005, she was awarded the Rimbun Dahan Artist-in-Residence programme. Bee Ling was part of a collective exhibition, titled '18@8 RIGHT HERE! RIGHT NOW!' at Wei-Ling Contemporary, Kuala Lumpur. Her works have been collected by Mulpha, Maxis Berhad, Fukuoka Asian Art Museum, Galeri Petronas, among others.



EDUCATION

- 1995 Diploma in Fine Art (Major in Painting), School of Art & Design, Malaysian Institute of Art (MIA), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2016 By Hands, Wei-Ling Contemporary, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
2013 The Women, Wei-Ling Contemporary, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
2008 Portraits of Paradox, Wei-Ling Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2017 18@8 RIGHT HERE! RIGHT NOW!, Wei-Ling Contemporary, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
2016 Art Stage Jakarta 2016, Sheraton Grand Jakarta Gandaria City Hotel, Jakarta, Indonesia
Art Stage Singapore 2016, Marina Bay Sands, Singapore
2015 18@8 Heirlooms, Wei-Ling Contemporary, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
The Space Between, curated by Anurendra Jegadeva & Rahel Joseph, Wei-Ling Contemporary, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
2014 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
2010 Absolut 18@8, Wei-Ling Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
2009 18@8 - 1 Malaysia : Beyond The Canvas, Wei-Ling Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
2008 18@8: Vice & Virtue, Wei-Ling Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Tukar Ganti: New Malaysian Paintings, Valentine Willie Fine Art, Singapore, HT Contemporary Space, Singapore
Semesta, La Galleria Pall Mall Art Gallery, London, UK
Shifting Boundaries: WWF Art For Nature, Rimbun Dahan, Kuang, Malaysia
China International Gallery Exposition (CIGE), China World Trade Centre, Beijing, China
Out Of The Mould: The Age Of Reason, Malmö Art Museum, Malmö, Sweden
2007 00:15 Superstar: WWF Art For Nature, Rimbun Dahan, Kuang, Malaysia
Out Of The Mould: The Age Of Reason, Galeri Petronas, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
18@8, Wei-Ling Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
2006 Rimbun Dahan Artist In Residence Show, Rimbun Dahan, Kuang, Malaysia
Signed and Dated: 10th Anniversary Show, Valentine Willie Fine Art, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
18@8: Kuala Lumpur – Karachi, Amin Gulgee Gallery, Karachi, Pakistan in collaboration with Wei-Ling Gallery
Feed Me! An Exploration of Appetites: WWF Art For Nature, Rimbun Dahan, Kuang, Malaysia
2005 Rooster Mania, Townhouse Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Taman Sari: The Power of Dreaming And Identity: WWF Art For Nature,



- Rimbun Dahan, Kuang, Malaysia
18@8: Contemporary Artists From Malaysia & Beyond, Wei-Ling Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Art \pm 1,000, Valentine Willie Fine Art, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Free Show, Reka Art Space, Petaling Jaya, Malaysia
- 2004 Soul of Asia: Fukuoka Asian Art Museum
Collection, Hokkaido Museum of Contemporary Art, Hokkaido, Japan
Fifteen, Darling Muse Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Semangat: Artists For Theatre, Fund Raising Exhibition for Five Arts Centre, Valentine Willie Fine Art, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Home Improvement (A Two-Person Show), Reka Art Space, Petaling Jaya, Malaysia
Art \pm 1,000, Valentine Willie Fine Art, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Paradise Lost / Paradise Found: WWF Art For Nature, Rimbun Dahan, Kuang, Malaysia
- 2003 Art \pm 1,000, Valentine Willie Fine Art, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Games We Play: WWF Invitational Group Exhibition, Rimbun Dahan, Kuang, Malaysia
- 2002 Imagined Workshop, 2nd Fukuoka Triennale 2002, Fukuoka Asian Art Museum, Fukuoka, Japan
- 2001 Touch: WWF Invitational Group Exhibition, Rimbun Dahan, Kuang, Selangor
Voices from The Heart, World Woman's Day Invitational Show, East West Gallery of Fine, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Inhabitant (A Two-Person Show), Valentine Willie Fine Art, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 2000 Seasons Greetings, Southeast Asia Collection: Group Exhibition, Valentine Willie Fine Art, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Love On Paper: Invitational Group Exhibition, Valentine Willie Fine Art, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Nur Cahaya Nurmu, World Women's Week: Malaysian Women Artists Group Show, Aseana KLCC & Valentine Willie Fine Arts, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Transformation: 6 Artists From Malaysia: Invitational Group Exhibition, Gallery Wan and Balai Seni Lukis Negara, Malaysia, and Singapore Sculpture Square, Singapore.
- 1999 9th Asian Art Biennial, Bangladesh: 99th Invitational International Group Exhibition, Department of Fine Arts, Bangladesh Shipakala Academy, Osmani Memorial Hall, Dhaka, Bangladesh
Through Our Eyes: Malaysian Women Artist Invitational Exhibition, Galeri Petronas, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 1998 Around The Body: Invitational Group Exhibition, Sutra Dance Theatre, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Alami Antara Langit Dan Bumi: Invitational Group Exhibition, Balai Seni Lukis Negara, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Aku 99: Potret Diri: Invitational Group Exhibition, Galeri Petronas, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 1997 Family, Home and Hope (A Two Person Show), Pelita Hati Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
PNB Artist-Artist Muda 1997: Selected Group Exhibition Permodalan Nasional Berhad Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia



- 1996 Pelita Hati Gallery of Art Collection: Invitational Group Show, Pelita Hati Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
New Voices: Diploma Group Exhibition, Malaysian Institute of Art, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 1995 Fresh Eyes: Selected Young Artists Group Exhibition, Pelita Hati Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

AWARDS

- 1995 Malaysian Institute of Art Full Scholarship Award (Fine Art Course)
- 2004-5 Artist-in-Residence, Rimbun Dahan, Kuang, Malaysia
- 2016 Kuandu Artist in Residence, Kuandu Museum of Fine Arts, Taipei, Taiwan

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Fukuoka Asian Art Museum, Permanent Collection
Kuandu Museum of Fine Arts, Taipei National University of The Arts, Taipei, Taiwan
National Visual Art Gallery, Malaysia
Galeri Petronas, Malaysia
Hijas Kasturi Association, Rimbun Dahan, Malaysia
The Aliya and Farouk Khan Collection
Dr Steve and Rosemary Wong
Ng Sek San and Carolyn Lau
Architron Design Consultants Sdn Bhd
Wei-Ling Gallery, Malaysia
KIAN Sdn Bhd, Malaysia
Valentine Willie Fine Art, Malaysia
Veritas Design Group, Malaysia
Park Royal Hotel, Malaysia