

RAJINDER SINGH (B.1964)

Rajinder Singh (b. 1964, Ipoh, Malaysia) is an artist and researcher who holds an enduring interest in South Asian magico-religious belief systems and the shape and space that they deny us. His practice is dedicated to the vulnerability of the body and its pain, hidden behind the gestures and movements of worship and the grace of dance. Through his multifaceted practice Rajinder explores the variety of ways the human body unfolds at the intersections of the world of the otherworldly and the dynamics of global modernity.

Rajinder graduated with a PhD in Engineering (UK) in 1993 and a Master's in Fine Arts (Singapore) in 2010. His recent performances and exhibitions include WoundBloom (performance) Wei Ling Gallery, Kuala Lumpur (2017); Cage of Deliverance, Wei Ling Gallery, Kuala Lumpur (2016); Common Ground, Chan Hampe Gallery, Singapore (2015); The ceiling floats away with a sigh, Wei Ling gallery (2014); Muestra Colectiva de Verano, Isabel Anchorena Gallery, Buenos Aires (2014); Fold, ICA, Singapore (2012); MOLC, Chan Hampe Gallery (2012); Ya-ad, ICA, Singapore (2011); Ellaline, Stephanie Hoppen Gallery, London (2011).



EDUCATION

2010 Master's Fine Arts (supervisor - Dr Ian Woo)- LASALLE, Singapore

1993 PhD (Engineering & Mathematics) - QUB, UK

SOLO EXHIBITIONS		
2018	The Undiscovered Country - a reflection on mortality through performance art, Art Stage	
	Singapore 2018, Marina Bay Sands Exhibition Centre, Singapore	
2017	Woundbloom, performance art in collaboration with Dublin based German dancer and	
	choreographer Alina.Maria.O., Wei-Ling Contemporary, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	
	Wound Bloom, Art Stage Singapore 2017, Marina Bay Sands Exhibition Centre,	
	Singapore	
2016	Cage of Deliverance; Wei-Ling Contemporary, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	
2014	'the ceiling floats away with a sigh', Essay by Rachel Jenagaratnam; Wei-Ling Contemporary, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	
2013	Number-Trance-Face; Curated by Isabel Anchorena(paintings); Isabel Anchorena Gallery, Buenos Aires, Argentina	
2012	FOLD; Curated by Dr Charles Merewether (installation); Institute of Contemporary Arts, Singapore	
2011	M.O.L.C.; Curated by Ben Hampe (paintings); Chan Hampe Gallery@Raffles, Singapore Ya-ad; Curated by Jody Neal (installation); Institute of Contemporary Arts, Singapore	
	Ellaline; Curated by Charlotte G. (paintings); Stephanie Hoppen Gallery, London	
	Number-Trance-Face; Curated by Michele B. (paintings); Essay by Dr Kenneth Fernstein; Boscia Art Gallery, Melbourne, Australia	
	Assemblage- A mid career retrospective for artist Rajinder Singh; Curated by Nicolas Olivry (paintings); Nomu on Monu galleries, Singapore	
2010	Cause & Defect; Curated by Jasdeep Sandhu (paintings); Essay by Lawrence Chin; Gajah Gallery, Singapore	
	Curio; Curated by Paul Manem (paintings); Essay by Rachael Jenagaratnam; Chinese House Gallery, Phnom Penh, Cambodia	
	Curio; Curated by N. Olivry (paintings); Hong Kong Expo Centre, Hong Kong	
	Curio; Curated by Yusof Majid (paintings); Essay by Rachael Jenagaratnam; PACE Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	
	Curio; Curated by N. Olivry (paintings); Fulleton Hotel for ParkerAsia event, Singapore	
	The Traumatised Body; Curated by Ian Woo (installation); Tri-Space, LASALLE School of Arts, Singapore	
2008	Number-Trance-Face; Curated by SavaadFelich paintings); Essay by Dr Kenneth Fernstein;	
	Yering Art Gallery, Melbourne, Australia	
	Number-Trance-Face; Curated by Yusof Majid (paintings); Essay by Dr Ian Woo; PACE Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	
	Number-Trance-Face; Curated by N. Olivry (paintings); Hong Kong Expo Centre, Hong	
	Kong	
	Number-Trance-Face; Curated by J. Manuel (paintings); Essay by MilenkoPrvacki;	
	O.Fournier Galleries, Argentina	
2007	Faces; Curated by N. Olivry (paintings) ;Tower Club Galleries, Singapore	
	Faces; Curated by N. Olivry (paintings); The Universal gallery, Singapore	



Faces; Curated by N. Olivry (paintings); De Taillan Galleries, Bordeaux, France

source code; Curated by Yusof Majid (paintings); Essay by Dr Carmen Nge; DarlingMuse

Art Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

2006 In the becoming; Curated by Joseph Benjamin (Sketches and Drawings);

Tavolo@BoonTat Street, Singapore

2005 I coME from over tHERE; Curated by S. Swank (paintings); Essay by Rene Daniels; PPH

Public Art Space, Singapore

I can SMELL your BAD breath; Curated by David Clarke (illustrations); Merbau Gallery,

Singapore

Anthro (paintings); Anthropology Gallery, Singapore

Gridlocked; Curated by James Holdsworth (paintings); Block43 Art Gallery, Singapore

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2014

2018 Art Stage Singapore 2018, Marina Bay Sands Exhibition Centre, Singapore 2017 Art Stage Singapore 2017, Marina Bay Sands Exhibition Centre, Singapore

2016 The Past Is Never Where You Think You Left It, curated by Gowri Balasegaran, Wei-Ling

Contemporary, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

2015 18@8 Heirlooms, Wei-Ling Contemporary, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Common Ground; Curated by Samantha Segar (paintings); With Ahmad Abu Bakar, Alvin Ong, Belinda Fox, Chankerk, Dawn Ng, Esmond Loh, Eugene Soh, Green Zeng, Jason Lim, JS Rajinder, Kumari Nahappan, Michael Lee, Mike HJ Chang, Ruben Pang,

Safaruddin Abdul Hamid (Dyn), and Sookoon Ang; Chan Hampe Gallery, Singapore

MuestraColectiva de Verano 2014; Curated by Isabel A. (paintings); With artists D'Arienzo, Hoffmann, Cuttica, Cetner, Bianchedi, Ronsino, Vega,Vattuone, Durmuller, Monferran, Aitala, Sanchez Fantino, Genovesi; Isabel Anchorena Gallery, Buenos Aires,

Argentina

2013 Spice; Curated by Yusof Majid (paintings); Pace Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Timeless; Curated by Lim Wei Ling (paintings); Wei Ling Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Pace Gallery Anniversery 2012; Curated by Yusof Majid (paintings); Pace Gallery, Kuala

Lumpur, Malaysia

London Art Fair 2012 with Stephanie Hoppen Gallery, London

2011 18@8 Save the Planet; Curated by Lim Wei Ling (vinyl toy and paintings); Wei Ling

Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Interchange: The Tribute Edition; Curated by Gillian Nelson (installation and paintings); With Patrick Storey, Lynn Lu, Andy Yang and Rajinder Singh; Chan Hampe Galleries,

Singapore

The Lasalle Show'11 Exhibition; Curated by Dr Charles Merewether (installation); ICA

Galleries, Singapore

Spice(paintings); With Jailani Abu Hassan, IlhamFadzli, Yusof Majid, Regina Noakes, Stephen Menon, Ali Nurazmal; Curated by Yusof Majid; Pace Gallery, Kuala Lumpur,

Malavsia

2010 4/12; Curated by Ian woo(installation); With Natacha Arena, Matthew Bax, Cui Liang,

Igor Delic, Isabelle Desjeux, Lucinda Law, Steven Lim, Edith Podesta, Rubin Hashim, Tim

Xie Ying and ZakiRazak; ICAS Galleries, Singapore



Trapolle; Curated by Daniella Beltrani(installation); With Ken Feinstein, Ezzam Rahman, Matt Bax and ZakiRazak; Curated by D.Beltrani; Art Trove gallery, Singapore

Object; Curated by Ian Woo (installation); Praxis Space, LASALLE School of Arts, Singapore

pace gallery: anniversary 2009 (paintings); With Ahmad Zaki Anwar, Jaliani Abu Hassan,

YusofMajid,Ivan Lam, Rajinder Singh, NurazmalYusoff, Husin Hourmain, Samsuddin Lappo, Samsudin Wahab, Faiz Sukor, Fauzin Mustafa, Daud Rahim; Curated by Yusof

Majid; PACE Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Aliya and Farouk Khan Collection Show, Iskandar Malaysia; Contemporary Art Show 2009 (paintings); Curated by Shushi Shamsuddin; Danga City Mall, Johor Bahru, Malaysia Force of Nature (paintings); With Ahmad Shukri Mohamed, Ahmad Zakii Anwar, Annuar Rashid, Bayu Utomo Radiikin, Choy Chun Wei, Faiz Sukor, Fauzin Mustaffa, Hamidi Hadi,

Ilham Fadhli, Ivan Lam, Khairina Khairuddin, Nurazmal Md Yusoff, Samsuddin Lappo, Yusof Majid and Zulkiflee Zainol Abidin; Curated by Yusof Majid; PACE Gallery, Kuala

Lumpur, Malaysia

2008

2004

pace gallery: anniversary2008(paintings); With Jaliani Abu Hassan, Yusof Majid, Annuar Rashid, Ahmad Shukri Mohamed, Umibaizurah Mahir Ismail, Daud Rahim, Ernesto Pujazon, Hamir Soib, Awang Damit Ahmad, FaizShukor, Fauzulyusri, Hamidi Hadi, Husin Hourmain, Ilham Fadhli, Masnoor Ramly, Mohd Hafiz, Yau Bee Ling, Zuraimi Daud;

Curated by Yusof Majid; PACE Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

2007 pace gallery: the opening 2007 (paintings); With Ahmad Zaki Anwar, Jalaini Abu Hassan, Yusof Majid, Bayu Utomo Radjikin, Ivan Lam, Aswad Ameir, Ahmad Shukri Mohamed, Umibaizurah ahir Ismail, Daud Rahim, Ernesto Pujazon, Hamir Soib, Nelson Dominquez,

joelcouloigner; Curated by Yusof Majid (paintings); PACE Gallery, Kuala Lumpur,

Malaysia

What else is there? (paintings); With animator Chris Shaw; Curated by Christopher Shaw;

Royal Plaza on Scott, Art Space, Singapore

2006 Symbiosis (paintings); With artists Donna Ong and ChngNai Wee; Curated by ChngNai

Wee (paintings); Marina galleries, Singapore

2005 Racial Harmony; Curated by James Holdsworth (paintings); Bradell Heights CC Art Room,

Singapore

Chip Bee Artist Boheme; Curated by Ketna Patel (paintings); Michi Gallery, Singapore

Batch No 3; Curated by James Holdsworth (paintings); Block 43 Art Gallery, Singapore

Vision and Illusion- Reconstruction of a city; Curated by Michelle Lim

(installations); Singapore Art Festival 2004 St James Power Station, Singapore

Malcolm's Chicken; Curated by James Holdsworth (paintings); Block 43 Art Gallery,

Singapore

2003 Nascent: Beginning to be; Curated by James Holdsworth (paintings); Block 43 Art Gallery,

Singapore

RESIDENCIES, FAIRS & AWARDS

Sept 2014 Bologna Fiere SH Contemporary, Shanghai Exhibition Centre, China

April 2013 2nd round selection finalist, BP Portrait Award, National Portrait Gallery, London

Jan 2012 London Art Fair

Sept 2011 Finalist in Summer Open Call, 3rd Ward, New York



2010	One of thousand world wide artists listed on the Amsterdam based biannual
	compendium of artist Thousand Living Painters
July 2008	Three lithographs on plate and stone Residency at IDEM(formerMourlot Studios), Paris,
	France
Nov 2007	Energy 20 artists of Asia, TT Awards, Hong Kong
2006/2009	Artist Ambassador for Capannelle Wine, Italy