



ZULKIFLI YUSOFF (B.1962)

Zulkifli Yusoff has been hailed as one of Malaysia's most cutting-edge contemporary artists. Over the last twenty years, he has been recognized both locally and internationally for his thought-provoking artworks and his ability to capture and document the essence of the society within which he lives. His monumental works have been collected extensively throughout the region, and can be found in the permanent collections of the National Art Gallery and Galeri Petronas in Malaysia, the Singapore Art Museum, and the Fukuoka Museum of Art and the Hiroshima Art Museum in Japan.

Zulkifli Yusoff is a versatile artist who expresses himself through many different mediums ranging from painting and drawing to print-making, sculpture and installation. Over the years he has committed himself towards exploring all these areas, never limiting himself to one particular form of expression. He has been acknowledged with numerous accolades and awards over the years, and was the recipient of the Young Contemporary Award for two consecutive years in 1988 and 1989.

Zulkifli Yusoff is a force to be reckoned with and is truly one of Malaysia's national treasures.



Wei-Ling Gallery

ZULKIFLI YUSOFF (B.1962)

EDUCATION

Diploma in Art & Design (Fine Art), MARA Institute of Technology (MIT), Shah Alam, Malaysia
Master of Arts, Manchester Polytechnic, UK

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

1996

The Power, NN Gallery, Kuala Lumpur
Brave New Art, The Art Gallery, Penang

1997

Ahmad and His Shadow, ART-2 & The Substation, Singapore
Ahmad & Jibul, The Art Gallery Penang
Zulkifli Yusoff after Venice, RHB Building, Kuala Lumpur

2000

Powerful Dialogue, The Art Gallery, Penang

2003

Hot Temper, Utterly Art, Singapore

2008

Malay Sketches, Utterly Art, Singapore
Icons, Wei Ling Gallery, Kuala Lumpur

2009

Malaya Series, Utterly Art, Singapore
Mini-Retrospective: Zulkifli Yusoff A Historical Survey 1996 to 2009, Art Salon@SENI, Kuala Lumpur

2010

Negara Ku, National Gallery, Kuala Lumpur
Negara Ku, selected works, Utterly Art, Singapore

2011

Writing Power, NUS Museum, Singapore

2013

Rukunegara 2: Voice, THEO Art Projects, Artstage Singapore
Ideologies, THEO Art Projects, artspace@222, Singapore
"Merdeka", Galeri Petronas, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

1987

Tasik Cini, Artists Association of Malaysia, Australian High Commission, Kuala Lumpur
Warna-warna, Kedah State Gallery, Alor Star

1988

Open Show, National Art Gallery, Kuala Lumpur
3rd Perdana Art Exhibition, National Art Gallery, Kuala Lumpur
Anti Nuclear Art Exhibition, Town Hall, Kuala Lumpur



The Young Contemporaries, National Art Gallery, Kuala Lumpur
2nd Asian Art Exhibition, Club Med Cherating, Malaysia, also Malaysian Airline Systems, Kuala Lumpur

6th International Sand Sculpture Competition, Hong Kong

1989

The Young Contemporaries, National Art Gallery, Kuala Lumpur

3rd Asian Art Exhibition, Fukuoka Art Museum, Japan

Ilusi Art Exhibition, Kedah State Gallery, Alor Star, Malaysia

Sculpture Group Exhibition, MIT, Shah Alam, Malaysia

Diploma Show, MIT, Shah Alam, Malaysia

MAFA Show, Righton Gallery, Manchester, UK

1990

131st Annual Open Exhibition, City Art Gallery, Manchester, UK

MA Show, Holden Gallery, Manchester, UK

1991

Contemporary Art and Performance, National Art Gallery, Kuala Lumpur

3rd Salon Malaysia, National Art Gallery, Kuala Lumpur

1992

The Malaysia Contemporaries, Lot 10, Kuala Lumpur

MIT Faculty Show, Shah Alam Gallery, Shah Alam, Malaysia

New Art From Southeast Asia, Tokyo, Osaka, Fukuoka & Hiroshima

Seychelles Visual Arts Biennale, Carnegie Museum, Victoria, Seychelles

1993

Form and Soul: Traditional Links In Contemporary Art, National Art Gallery, Kuala Lumpur

Sedetik...Suatu...Ekspresi... Creative Centre, National Art Gallery, Kuala Lumpur

Pursuing a Dream, Petronas Gallery, Kuala Lumpur

1st Asia Pacific Triennial of Contemporary Art, Brisbane, Australia

Immunity, Art Space, Sydney, Australia

1994

Asian Art Today, Hiroshima Museum Of Contemporary Art, Japan

Asian Heart and Form, Asian Arts and Crafts – its Origin to the Present Day, NTT Hall, Hiroshima, Japan

Contemporary Art Symposium, Potential of Asian Thought (paper presentation), Asian Cultural Centre, Tokyo, Japan

Skin Trilogy, National Art Gallery, Kuala Lumpur

1995

Philips Morris Art Competition, National Art Gallery, Kuala Lumpur

1996

Persoalan Tradisi dan Kemodenan, National Art Gallery, Kuala Lumpur

ASEAN Art Now, Singapore Art Museum, Singapore

1997



Five Artists Exhibition, NN Gallery, Kuala Lumpur
Inside – Group Installation, Documenta, Kassel, Germany
Modernities and Memories: Recent Works from the Islamic World, Venice Biennale, Italy

1998

Malaysian Image, London
WWH, NN Gallery, Kuala Lumpur
Art Agora, Art Work from Islamic Countries, Istanbul
Asian Art Show 'Urbanization', (collaborative event) Bandung, Indonesia

1999

Compendium 30 Malaysian Artists, The Art Gallery, Penang
Imbasan Bakat Muda Sezaman 1974-1997, National Art Gallery, Kuala Lumpur

2000

Art in Aid of Kindness, Art Folio, Kuala Lumpur

2001

Pameran Perolihan Terkini, National Art Gallery, Kuala Lumpur

2002

Pameran Gerak Rasa, Muzium Negara, Kuala Lumpur
Pameran Bara Api Bahang Jiwa, National Art Gallery, Kuala Lumpur
Pameran Koleksi Master, National Art Gallery, Kuala Lumpur
Teks dan Tekstura, Petronas Gallery, Kuala Lumpur

2003

Pelukis Tamu, Petronas Gallery, Kuala Lumpur

2004

Pameran Takung, National Art Gallery, Kuala Lumpur

2005

A Beautiful Mind, Tangsi Gallery, Kuala Lumpur
Smart Art, Menara Telikom, Malaysia
InPrint Show, National Art Gallery, Kuala Lumpur

2006

Pameran Jemputan, Bank Negara Malaysia
MANUSIA: Karya Figura dari Koleksi Himpunan Tetap, National Art Gallery, Kuala Lumpur

2007

Filtered, Wei Ling Gallery, Kuala Lumpur
Merdeka 50, Islamic Arts Museum, Malaysia
Pameran sempena pembukaan semula, National Art Gallery, Kuala Lumpur
50 Ways to Live in Malaysia, Petronas Art Gallery

2008

Treasure Boxes, Wei Ling Gallery, Kuala Lumpur
Susur Masa, National Gallery, Kuala Lumpur
Annual 18@8, Wei Ling Gallery, Kuala Lumpur
Koleksi Saya, Balai Seni Lukis Negara, Kuala Lumpur

2009



Pameran Berkumpulan Seni Cetak 'GO BLOCK', Galeri Petronas, Kuala Lumpur
Annual 18@8, Wei Ling Gallery, Kuala Lumpur

2010

Charity Art Exhibition in Memory of Mrs Tan Siau Bian, Art Salon@SENI, Kuala Lumpur
30 Art Friends, National Art Gallery, Malaysia
Malaysian Art Tourism Exhibition, Galeria Seri Perdana, Kuala Lumpur

2011

Bicara Sifu, Artworks from Public Art Institutions of Higher Learning, Galeri Petronas, Kuala Lumpur
Henry Butcher Art Auctioneers, *Art Auction Malaysia*, *White Box*, *Map@Publika*, Kuala Lumpur

2013

"Pendita", *The Collectors' Show: Weight of History*, Singapore Art Museum, Singapore
"Rukunegara 1", *If The World Changed*, Singapore Biennale, Singapore Art Museum, Singapore.

Great Malaysia Contemporary Art Vol. 1, GMCA, Malaysian Art Expo, Matrade, Malaysia

2014

Great Malaysia Contemporary Art Vol. 2, GMCA, Malaysian Art Expo, Matrade, Malaysia
Marketplace of Creative Arts 10th World Islamic Economic Forum (WIEF), Dubai UAE

2015

START Art Fair, Saatchi Gallery, London
Koh Seow Chuan collection, Helu Trans Artspace, Tanjong Pagar, Singapore
5th Anniversary G13 Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Homecoming Show, Publika Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Experience Modern Southeast Asian Art, National Gallery Singapore.

2016

Benchmark, Artcube Malaysia.
Era Mahathir, Ilham Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Collectors Show, White Box Publika, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
International Art Biennial Shah Alam, Malaysia, TAPAK Gallery, Shah Alam, Malaysia.
Artist and Empire, National Gallery Singapore.

2017-2018

Negaraku, Balai Seni Negara, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

2019

Minta Perhatian, Balai Seni Negara, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Embracing Heritage for the Future, Museum and Art Gallery, Bank Negara Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
58th International Art Exhibition – La Biennale di Venezia (Malaysia Pavilion), Palazzo Malipiero – 3198 2nd Floor, Venice, Italy

AWARDS

1988



Major Award, Young Contemporaries, National Art Gallery, Kuala Lumpur
2nd Prize, 6th International Sand Sculpture, Regional Council, Hong Kong

1989

Major Award, Young Contemporaries, National Art Gallery, Kuala Lumpur

1992

The Grand Minister's Prize, 3rd Salon Malaysia

Major Award – Sculpture, 3rd Salon Malaysia

Minor Award – Sculpture, 3rd Salon Malaysia

1995

Honourable Mention, Philip Morris ASEAN Art Awards, Malaysia

2007

Art & Creativity Award, National Academic Awards 2007, Ministry of Higher Education,
Malaysia

SELECTED COLLECTIONS

Bank Negara Malaysia, Malaysia

Singapore Art Museum, Singapore

National Art Gallery, Malaysia

Fukuoka Asian Art Museum, Japan

Hiroshima Prefectural Art Museum, Japan

Penang Art Gallery, Malaysia

Kedah State Gallery, Malaysia

Petronas Art Gallery, Malaysia

Some important private collections