

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

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2022 A Paradigm Shift - Reflecting on Twenty Years of The Malaaysian Art Scene, Wei-Ling Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Abstraction Now! Wei-Ling Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 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