

## **MM Yu**

Manila, Philippines  
B.1978

MM Yu has worked between photography and painting since obtaining her degree in Fine Arts from the University of the Philippines in 2001. Her works in both media tackle the nuances achieved between composition and color as they occupy the frame. Primarily drawn to street photography and documenting the everyday, her photographs evoke the ever-changing cultural texture and topology of Manila as seen through its inhabitants, the city's infrastructure, and its waste product, as it archives not only the economy but also the ecology of life in the myriad forms it takes in the city.

The hybridity and density of MM Yu's subjects remind us of how objects and signs are not necessarily self-contained but take part in larger systems of interaction. These recorded static scenarios show, through their thematic variety, the artist's interest in discovering and valuing the fleeting moment present even in its simplest components. Through her ongoing interest in deciphering the enigma of the unseen landscape of ordinary things, they also force us to rethink what our minds already know and rediscover what our eyes have already seen.

Yu is a recipient of the Cultural Center of the Philippines 13 Artist Award (2009), Ateneo Art Awards (winner in 2007, shortlisted in 2011/2012), Sovereign Asian Art Prize finalist (2010), and Goethe-Institute Climate Change workshop grant (2014).

She received her BFA in Painting from the University of the Philippines and completed residencies with Big Sky Mind, Manila (2003), Common Room Bandung Residency Grant (2007), and Cité Internationale des Arts in Paris, France (2013).

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### **EDUCATION**

**1997-2001** University of the Philippines, Diliman Q.C  
College of Fine Arts  
BFA-Major in Painting

### **Distinctions**

Goethe-Institut (Climate Change Workshop) Reporting Grant 2014  
Sovereign Asian Art Prize- finalist, 2010  
Recipient Cultural Center of the Philippines 13<sup>th</sup> Artists Award 2009  
Recipient Ateneo Art Awards 2007  
Nokia Art Awards Finalist (Philippines) 2001

### **Residency**

2023 A.i.R. Deck -Singapore  
2013 Cite International des Arts-Paris  
2007 Ateneo Art Gallery, Common Room Bandung Residency  
2003 Big sky mind Residency 70# 18<sup>th</sup> ave murphy street Cubao

### **SOLO EXHIBIT**

**2025** **Either/Or** Mo Space Gallery  
**2024** **Tracings** Lumenvism, Hongkong  
**2023** **Measures** Mo Space Gallery  
**2022** **No End** West Gallery  
**2022** **Untitled Pink** Art Informal Gallery  
**2021** **RGB** Golden Cargo Gallery  
**2020** **Landings** Finale Art File

2019 **Everyday** Mo Space  
 2019 **Subject/Object** Art Fair Philippines  
 2018 **Untitled Pantone** Finale Art File  
 2018 **Strata** West Gallery  
 2017 **Other Than** Underground Gallery  
 2016 **A Spoonful Weighs a Ton** Mo\_Space Gallery  
 2015 **Sum of its Parts** Art Informal  
 2015 **Square Ends** Finale Art File  
 2015 **In-Transit** 1335 Mabini  
 2014 **Landpaintings** -Silverlens Gallery  
 2013 **Left of Here** West Gallery  
 2012 **Inventory** Silverlens Gallery  
 2012 **Miscellaneous** Art Department/Galeri Canna,Jakarta  
 2011 **Inventory** Galerie Zimmermann-Graz-Austria  
 2010 **If You Could Hear a Pin Drop** West Gallery  
 2010 **Waste Not ,Want not** Finale Gallery  
 2009 **Either /Or** Finale Art File  
 2009 **Subject/Object** Magnet katipunan  
 2008 **Rescind**, West Gallery, West ave  
 2008 **Standstill**, Ateneo Art Gallery  
 2008 **Odds and Ends** Finale lao centre  
 2008 **Black** magnet katipunan  
 2007 **Thoughts Collected, Recollected** Finale Gallery  
 2007 **Misplaced Alibi** Pablo Gallery-Cubao X  
 2006 **Disquiet** Finale Art File- Lao Centre  
 2005 **To Here Knows When** Finale Gallery  
 2004 **Faint Descent** Mag:net Gallery,Paseo center  
 2004 **Breathe** Finale SM Megamall A  
 2003 **Facade** Finale Gallery

## **TWO MAN EXHIBIT**

2024 **Cipher (with Jeremy Sharma) Appetite, Singapore**  
 2014 **Space and Two Points** MM YU/Nona Garcia Silverlens, Singapore  
 2011 **Space and Two Points** MM Yu /Nona Garcia MoSpace Gallery  
 2011 **Sit** MM Yu /Nona Garcia Richard Koh Gallery with Finale Art File  
 2007 **Variable Series** Poklong Anading and MM Yu-Mag:net Gallery

## **INTERNATIONAL GROUP PARTICIPATION**

2025 **New Beginnings** Fotografie Forum Frankfurt  
**The Many Lives of Images** Deck, photo fair (China)  
 2023 **Archipelago:Paradise Revisit, China**  
 2022 **Attitude and Practice** Matsuo Megumi+Voice Gallery, Kyoto  
**Our Grandfather Road** 16 albermarle project Space  
 2019 **Underground Observatory** Space 22 South Korea  
**Roadmap to the Renaissance** Darb 1718 Cairo  
 2018 **In other image, when words fail** Singapore International Photography Festival  
**Encounter Asia** Multi-Vision of Youth Art Museum of Sichuan Fine Arts Institute  
**Street Mining-Sundaram Tagore** Singapore  
 2017 **Urban Implosion- Asian Cities** ACC Arts Space Network  
**Melted City 4** Rhode Island School of Design ISB Gallery  
**Dreampool Mi-Yu Gallery** Toronto, Canada  
**Lianzhou Foto Touring Exhibition** Chongqing  
**Lost Frames** Gas Works, London  
 2016 **As Entertaining as Possible** Lianzhou Foto festivals

- Between the Streets and the Mountains** Arario Gallery Shanghai  
**Margin of Visual Threshold** Circle Art Center, Shenzhen  
**Immeasurable** Bangkok University Gallery  
**Seismograph: Sensing the City-Art in the Urban Age**  
 South East Asia Forum-Art Stage Singapore
- 2014 Paris Photo-** Silverlens/ Grand Palais
- 2013 Local Futures:** The Culture China Young Overseas Chinese Invitational Exhibition  
 He Xiangning Art Museum in Shenzhen  
**Manila Vice** - Musee International des arts Modestes (Miami Sete, France)  
**Echoes of Alliance:** the Philippines in Paris-Alliance Française Foundation exhibit space  
**Perdido Eden** Ode to Art , Singapore
- 2012 Bastards Of Misrepresentation :** Queens Museum of Art , NewYork  
**Grid 2012 Bi- Annual International Photography Festival**  
**The Porous Border G23 Gallery Bangkok**  
**Bastards of Misrepresentation:Contemporary Art from Manila,** H Gallery-Bangkok
- 2011 Chongqing Youth Art Biennale,** Art Museum of Sichuan Fine Arts Institute  
**Serial Killers** /Welcome to the Club Taksu Singapore, KL  
**Salvation in a Nest of Vipers, Lost Projects y3k gallery, Melbourne Australia**  
**Complete & Unabridged** Osage Gallery, Hongkong
- 2010 Greatest Hits, Bastards Of Misrepresentation 8 .Salon Hamburg**  
**Bastards of Misrepresentation** Freies Museum (Berlin)  
**Inversion of The Ideal** Gallerie Zimmermann-Kratochwill(Austria)  
**Serial Killers** Taksu (Singapore)  
**Sovereign Asian Art Prize** Art Space,Singapore  
**The River Project** Campbelltown Arts Centre (Australia , Sydney)  
**Minimum Yields Maximum** Monte Vista, Los Angeles  
**Philippine Abstraction** Slot gallery (Australia, Sydney)  
**Forever and Ever and Ever and Ever** VWFA Singapore  
**No Soul For Sale** Green Papaya Art Projects Tate Modern  
**This and That,** Triple Base gallery, San Francisco  
**Bayanihan,** Okay Mountain, Austin Texas  
**Cut** Valentine Willie, Kuala Lumpur
- 2008 Young Contemporary Philippines,** Richard Koh Fine Art, Kuala Lumpur  
**Beyond Frame,**UTS Gallery(Sydney) La Trobe Visual Arts Centre (Bendigo ) Australia,  
 Ateneo Art Gallery(Manila)  
**The Galleon Trade:Bay area Now 5 edition,** Yerba Buena Center for the Arts  
 San Francisco
- 2007 Global Vernacular**  
**2007 Ateneo Contemporary Philippine Art Award Finalists**  
**Visual Arts Centre(La Trobe University, Bendigo Australia)**  
**Jump Cut (to Darwin)**  
 INDEPENDENT VIDEO WORKS FROM MANILA  
 24hr Art/Northern Territory Centre For Contemporary Art  
 Darwin, NT Australia  
**Manila Envelope** Thirty Nine Hotel, Honolulu, Hawaii
- 2006 Manila Envelope** Worth Ryder Gallery  
 116 Kroeber Hall, UC Berkeley ,College Ave. @ Bancroft Way  
 Berkeley California  
**Metropolitan Mapping** Hongkong Cultural Centre  
**Flippin' Out: Maynila to Williamsburgh**  
 GOLIATH VISUAL SPACE 117 Dobbin St. Brooklyn, New York  
**600 Images / 60 Artists / 6 Curators / 6 Cities:**  
 Bangkok / Berlin / London / Los Angeles / Manila / Saigon  
 Lumiere, Makati Ave, Makati City, Philippines

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2025** **Conditions of Equilibrium** Drawing Room  
**Things on the Wall** Pablo  
**a covering; a shell: likeskin, or armor** Modeka  
**Gray City in a Blue Universe** Arcadia  
**Here & Now& Now & Then** RCBC Plaza  
**Unfailingly Broke** Art Informal  
**I LAND** Ayala Museum
- 2024** **On Appropriation Faculty Projects**  
**Sa Dulo ng Dalampasigan Orange Project**  
**Astonishing Panorama of the End Times** Edoweird  
**Time Bubble** Finale Gallery
- 2023** **Portrait of a Portrait Show** Mo Space Gallery  
**Live Take Feed Console Play** Mo\_Space Gallery  
**Double Vision** Pablo gallery  
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**Kaon Na Ta Ilomoca** Iloilo  
**Keeping/Sending** mono8 gallery
- 2022** **Fotomoto :Home**  
**Phylogeny of Desire** Mo\_Space  
**Spatial Derivatives** Talyer gallery  
**This is not Mo\_Space**  
**Aquifer Silverlens Gallery**  
**Sordida Impressores** Pablo Gallery  
**Fotomoto Invitational Portraits** Orange project
- 2021** **This, That and Then** Underground Gallery  
**Wholesome Threesome** Drawing Room  
**Sapience** Modeka
- 2020** **Solidarity with the Filipino Community-Ateneo** Art Gallery  
**Liminal Spaces** Mo Space  
**Horizons of Inevitability** Modeka  
**This walk, a hunt; this path, a quarry** Art informal
- 2019** **Not Visual Noise** Arete Gallery  
**The Empty Chair** Metropolitan Museum  
**Tambay de River** The Kitchen Playground Café  
**Highway To Help** Wellington Centre  
**SeaWall** CCP  
**Yellow Ambiguities** Arete  
**BlackGreyWhite** Underground Gallery  
**Bullish** Tin-aw Art gallery  
**The Iconic Chair Reimagined** Vinyl on Vinyl
- 2018** **Destructure** Mo Space  
**Fresh from the Manger** Project 20  
**We'll Make Great Pets** Vinyl on Vinyl  
**Documents for Performance Art** Archivo  
**Equivalent/s** Silverlens  
**Position Paper** Galerie Stephanie  
**Lessons in Diplomacy against Diplomacy** Art Informal  
**The Absence of a Plan is itself a Plan** Mospace Gallery  
**Imitation Pearls** Underground Gallery  
**Open City Manila Biennale**
- 2017** **Counterfeit Monochromes** Mo\_Space Gallery  
**Walang Kikilos** NCCA Gallery  
**Over Photography** Mo\_Space Gallerys  
**Ingress/Egress** Underground Gallery  
**Extreme Present** Mono8 Gallery

- Disillusions** Gallery Anton  
**Hidden in Plain Sight-** Metropolitan Museum of Manila  
**Per Square Inch-**Drawing Room Gallery  
**Kamias Triennial**  
**The Inverted Telescope-** Drawing Room /CCP Gallery  
**Let the Right One in, Let the Wrong ones go** Underground Gallery  
**Melted City 4** Blanc Gallery
- 2016** **Collection of the Artist-** Mo\_Space Gallery  
**Mars Ravelo Reinterpreted** CCP(main gallery)  
**The Out Sounds from Way in** Vinyl on Vinyl Gallery  
**Smalls-** Underground Gallery  
**Territorial Pissings** Vinyl on Vinyl Gallery  
**Occupation-** Underground Gallery
- 2015** **Surface Tension-The Road to Cop 21 starts in Manila**  
 Alliance Francaise de Manille  
**The In Image from Way out-** a pseudo gig poster exhibit/Underground Gallery  
**Traces-** Finale Art File  
**The Last Dog Show-** Finale Art File  
**Melted City 2-** Blanc Gallery
- 2014** **Before And After** West Gallery  
**BookEnds** Blanc Gallery  
**Markets of Resistance** Baguio Market Art Stalls  
**Reinventing Black,1957 to today)** Finale Art File  
**Met Open-**Metropolitan Museum  
**Hang 'EM High** Blanc Gallery  
**Do you Believe in Angels-** Mospace  
**Brave New Worlds** Metropolitan Museum  
**"What does it all matter, as long as the wounds fit the arrows"** CCP
- 2013** **Surface Area** – Finale Art File  
**el intruso/the intruder** -1335 mabini  
**Picture Imperfect-** Mo Space  
**Tones of Home** – Blanc Gallery  
**Mona Lisa Project-** CCP
- 2012** **KM1:What Remains ,What Disappears(public photography exhibit)**  
**Quezon Memorial Circle**  
**Hail to the Nightly Beasts of the Dark Sessions-Dagc Gallery**  
**Imagining Identity-**100 Self Portraits, Finale Art file  
**Outdoor Photo Installation-**Ishmael Bernal Gallery
- 2011** **12 Days of Xmas** , Manila Contemporary  
**Hybrids** Blanc Peninsula Manila  
**Hate Mail** Manila Contemporary  
**Monumental**(documentations) Upstairs Gallery, Manila Contemporary  
**Space and Two Points**, MM Yu /Nona Garcia, Mospace  
**Shop 6** Revisited Readymade: Remade and Unmade
- 2010** **Cube** –Finale art file  
**Manila Art 10** Hall 4 SMX Convention Center  
**Sirens Hall** Mo space gallery  
**Unnamable** , Manila Contemporary  
**A Thousand Times Yes** , Manila Contemporary  
**Happily, Unhappy** , Blanc Gallery
- 2009** **Beyond Frame**, Ateneo Gallery curated by Gina Fairley  
**Kaleidoscope**, Silverlens Gallery  
**13 artists awards**, CCP  
**Seeing you, Seeing me, contemporary portraiture**  
**Stick with the Enemy** Mospace  
**Parameter + Play + Repitition = PATTERNS**

- Manila Contemporary, Valentine Willie Fineart  
**twelve by nine**, West Gallery megamall  
**2008 Inaugural show**, part3 Finale art file  
Warehouse 17, La Fuerza Compound (Gate 1), 2241 Pasong Tamo, Makati City  
**60x40**, West Gallery, Sm Megamall  
**Billboard Art Project**, Outdoor Art gallery  
**Frailty**, Pablo Gallery  
**Isang Daang Katao, Isang Daang Taka**  
Asian Center R. Magsaysay corner Guerrero Road, UP Diliman, Quezon City  
**Room 307: Inkling, Gutfeel, and Hunch**, National Art Gallery  
**Art 40** Pinto Art Gallery  
**Killing Things**, cubicle  
**Strain Extension - video exhibit**, Mo space gallery  
**Inaugural Exhibit magnet gallery columns**  
**Simula**, AAA (for Gawad Kalinga  
**2007 Xmas show**” magnet katipunan  
**SHOOT ME: Photographs Now** Mo\_space Gallery, 3<sup>rd</sup> level Mos Design  
Bonifacio High Street, Bonifacio Global City Taguig  
**Pocket Monsters-Prose Gallery**  
**Global/Vernacular**”-Powerplant Mall Rockwell Center ,Ateneo Art Gallery  
**Superficial F\***Art Gallery  
**I have Nothing to Paint and Im Painting it** Mo\_Space gallery  
**Stand Still**” cinekatipunan-mag:net katipunan  
**Ars Erotica**”, Sison Art Gallery  
**Happy Thoughts** drawings-Pablo Gallery  
**Inaugural Show**-Magnet, Fort Bonifacio highstreet  
**Variable Series** collaboration by Poklong Anading and MM Yu  
Mag:net Gallery Abscbrn  
**Video Screening by Visual Artists** Magnet gallery katipunan  
**Group Show** Artes  
**2006 Indiscreet Charm of the Burlesque**-Finale Art Gallery  
**Jumpcut**Video exhibit-green Papaya  
**Bawal Umihl Dito** photo exhibit Cr Gallery, Magnet Katipunan  
**Missing Vocabularies** Green Papaya Art Projects  
**The Blank Show** West Gallery, West Ave  
**Conflict Resolutions** Future Prospects-Cubao X  
**Metropolitan Mapping** Finale Art File/  
Cultural Art Center- Hongkong  
**Long Goodbye** Mag:net Gallery-Katipunan  
Group Show-Artes Café  
**Common and Uncommon Goods** Future Prospects-Cubao X  
**Inaugural Show Mag:net Katipunan**  
**New Works**” Museo ng Iloilo  
**2005 New Paintings and Other Stuff**”Mag:net Gallery Abscbrn Loop  
**FLIPPIN’ OUT: MAYNILA to WILLIAMSBURGH –Goliath, Brooklyn New York**  
**Picturing Painting Jorge B. Vargas Museum**  
**600 Images / 60 Artists / 6 Curators / 6 Cities**”  
Bangkok / Berlin / London / Los Angeles / Manila / Saigon  
Lumiere, Makati Ave, Makati City, Philippines  
**Newyork Cubao** Barewall Gallery, Connecticut street  
**Polaroids Revisited**”- Lumiere  
Group show –Cubicle  
**Overview**”Mag:net Gallery- Katipunan, ABS CBN  
**2004 Inventory**”Cubicle Gallery, Pasig  
**On Thought Experiments** Theo Gallery-Saguijo  
**The Sedimentation of the Mind is a Jumbled Museum** UP Vargas Museum

- Display** The Podium
- Lift Me Up** Cubicle- An Art exhibit for the LIFT BABIES Foundation
- Cancelled Metaphors** Art Center, SM Megamall A
- Advanced Problems 101** Mag:NET Gallery, Paseo Center Makati City
- Pag-ibig Findings** UFO Addition Hills Mandaluyong City, Cubicle , Pasig City
- Building Bridges** 18<sup>th</sup> Ave. Artists Compound, Cubao, Q.C.
- 2003 Under Construction** 18<sup>th</sup> Ave. Artist Compound, Cubao, Q.C.
- Dogshow** UFO Addition Hills Mandaluyong City Cubicle, Pasig City
- X- MAS Group Show-** Mag:net Gallery, Paseo Center Makati City
- Satellite** Big Sky Mind Artists' Projects Foundation 18th Avenue Artists Compound
- Picture This-**The Art Center, Sm Megamall A Curated by Roberto Chabet
- Pag-ibig Findings** The Cubicle, Pasig
- Lighting Show"**-Photography Art Center
- Disparity And Variability"**The White Wall, Crowded House Vinzon's bldng
- Conversation"**-Art Center, Sm Megamall A Curated by Roberto Chabet
- Sell Out"**-The UP Iris Photo Exhibit Bistro 110 Carlos Palanca Makati
- ON OFF"** Video Art Exhibition, Greenbelt Cinema 1
- 2002 Rugged Art Gallery-** Big Sky Mind
- 2001 Memoirs** Thesis video shown in UNTV UHF Channel Progressive Broadcasting
- Prolegomenon"** The White Wall, Odd Manila, Q.C. Curated by Gerardo Tan
- Eye on the World"** (Nokia)RCBC Plaza Tower ii, Ayala Avenue Makati City
- Cool Pieties** Art Center Presented by Finale Art Gallery Curated by Roberto Chabet
- Interruption** Big Sky Mind
- White on White** 100 Artist-200 Works The White Wall, Odd Manila Q.C.
- Two for the Road** Green Papaya Gallery Curated by Gerardo Tan
- This is not a test this is reality** Surrounded by Water gallery
- Student Faculty Exhibit** UPCFA Gallery
- Gimokud** An Online Exhibition
- Iris Photography Exhibit, F.A Corridor
- 2000 Process** Art Seminar, UPCFA Gallery
- 2nd Edition"** Printworks Blind Tiger, Visayas Avenue
- A Multimedia Exhibit in Conjunction w/ "Versus** Alumni Center, U.P. Diliman
- 1999 1st Edition-**Msg Gallery Xavierville, Q.C.
- Section V West Gallery, Q.C
- 1998 CFA Exhibit** UP Faculty Center