

IWADH MAHADI (B.1999)

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PROFILE

Iwadh Mahadi (b.1999, Sabah, Malaysia) is a multidisciplinary contemporary artist whose practice moves between abstraction, figuration, installation, and printmaking. Rooted in his Sabahan heritage and personal experiences, his work explores spirituality, memory, impermanence, identity, and the psychological conditions of being human.

Working with bamboo, frottage, printmaking, textiles, found textures and constructed objects, Iwadh approaches materials as both physical substances and carriers of memory and meaning. Through repetition, fragmentation, transformation, and material experimentation, his practice negotiates the tensions between structure and spontaneity, control and surrender, and the personal and universal.

EDUCATION

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| 2022 - 2023 | Master's Degree in Fine Art and Technology — UiTM Jalan Othman, Petaling Jaya, Selangor. |
| 2020 - 2022 | Bachelor of Art and Design in Fine Art — UiTM Shah Alam, Selangor. |
| 2017 - 2020 | Diploma of Art and Design in Fine Art — UiTM Samarahan, Sarawak. |

SOLO EXHIBITION

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| 2025 | Trilogy: The Lightseeker — Wei-Ling Contemporary, 2nd Floor Annexe, Brickfields, Kuala Lumpur. |
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SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2026
 - **BEYOND THE FABRIC: Inspired by Malaysian Textiles** — Capital Fine Art, Petaling Jaya.
 - **The Snare Still Ringing-A Tribute to Buden** — Galeri Puteh, Kuala Lumpur.
 - **PrintLab: *Melakar Kenangan, Mencetak Impian*** — Langkawi National Art Gallery, Langkawi.
 - **Sandwich (An Intergenerational Dialogue in Malaysian Abstract Art)** — Wei-Ling Gallery, Brickfields, Kuala Lumpur.
 - **PUTIH TIDAK PERNAH KOSONG** — Galeri Puteh, Kuala Lumpur.
 - **EDITION VII: Annual Printmaking Exhibition by CHETAK 17 members** — CHETAK 17 Studio, Kuala Lumpur.
- 2025
 - **ELEVATE: *ILTIZAM SENI* ART RESIDENCY PROGRAM CYCLE 2** — Galeri Puteh, Kuala Lumpur.
- 2024
 - **Young, Wild and Free** — Galeri Puteh, Kuala Lumpur.
 - **International Blue Print Show** — Port Cetak, Shah Alam.
 - **IT'S OPEN by ARTO MOVEMENT** — NafaSyahdu ArtSpace@Kopi Urung Taka, Klang, Selangor.
 - **BALTER: A Symphony of Artistic Movement** — UiTM Jalan Othman, Petaling Jaya, Selangor.
- 2023
 - **NEW EDITION** — CHETAK 17 Studio, Kuala Lumpur.
- 2022
 - **INKING PRINTSHOW** — CHETAK 17 Studio, Kuala Lumpur.
 - **RE:Genesis Exhibition** — UiTM Shah Alam, Shah Alam.
- 2020
 - **InSight Exhibition Reqaseni Vol.1** — UiTM Samarahan, Sarawak.
- 2019
 - **Collaboration for Sarawak Children Cancer Society (Golden Ribbon Sculpture)** — Kuching, Sarawak.

PROGRAMMES • RESIDENCIES • MENTORSHIPS

- 2026
 - **DRYPOINT | CHETAK 17 Printmaking Intensive Class** — as Mentor, CHETAK 17 Studio, Kuala Lumpur.
 - **Portrait Drawing Sharing Session** — Invited as Guest Speaker at Taylor's University Lakeside Campus, Subang Jaya, Selangor.

- **PrintLab: *Melakar Kenangan, Mencetak Impian*** — Langkawi National Art Gallery, Langkawi.
- 2025
- **WLG Incubator (5th Edition) by Wei-Ling Gallery** — Mentorship programme culminating in a solo exhibition.
 - ***Bengkel Gali Tubi Bakat Muda Sezaman 29' Lokasi Spesifik di Langkawi*** — Selected finalist for *Bakat Muda Sezaman 29'*; sponsored workshop and mentorship programme.
- 2024
- **ILTIZAM SENI Art Residency Program by EKUINAS** — Supported with RM10,000 grant.
- 2023
- ***Bengkel Seni Cetak: Drypoint Technique*** — as assistant, National Art Gallery, Kuala Lumpur.

WRITINGS • MEDIA • PUBLICATIONS

- 2026
- **EDITION VII: Annual Printmaking Exhibition by CHETAK 17 members** — Printmaking (exhibition mention): <https://www.malaysianprintmaking.com/post/pameran-edisi-vii-2026-cetak-17?>
- 2025
- **Emerging Sabah Artist Debut Solo Show at Wei-Ling Gallery** — New Straits Times: <https://www.nst.com.my/lifestyle/sunday->
 - **TRILOGY: THE LIGHTSEEKER** — Press Release by Wei-Ling Gallery: <https://weiling-gallery.com/gallery/portfolio-item/wlg-incubator-young-artists-show-2025-iwadh-mahadi-trilogy-the-lightseeker-7-october-1-november-2025-press-release/>
 - **WLG Incubator 2025: Unravelling “TRILOGY: THE LIGHTSEEKER”** — Wei-Ling Gallery Podcast, Episode 55: <https://podcasts.apple.com/my/podcast/wei-ling-gallery-podcast/id1559131530?i=1000613349144>