

Liew Kwai Fei (b. 1979, Kuantan, Pahang) is recognised today as among the most exciting new generation of contemporary painters in Malaysia. Spanning over a decade, his practice explores the hybridity of the painting medium and its capacity to communicate ideas spanning class, race, and language to the humbling experience of the unspeakable when we encounter art.

In recent years, his painting practice has been concerned with exploring the formal possibilities of both modern and contemporary painting. The idiosyncrasy and hybridity of his styles are also manifested in his playful creations of three-dimensional paintings and modular paintings.

Liew has had twelve solo exhibitions to date and has participated in numerous group exhibitions in Malaysia and Singapore. His work has been collected by institutions such as the National Art Gallery, Kuala Lumpur and the Singapore Art Museum.

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EDUCATION

2022 Bachelor (First Class Hons) of Fine Arts, Goldsmiths, University of London by LASALLE College of the Arts, Singapore

2021 Diploma in Fine Arts with Distinction Lasalle College of the Arts, Singapore

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2023 Pencil Exercises (in Penang), China House, Penang, Malaysia

2022 Pencil Exercises, The Back Room, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

2022 Nothing Personal, Rissim Contemporary (in collaboration with The Back Room), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

2021 In Order to Play, The Back Room, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

2020 Fish in Pure Water, The Back Room, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

2019 From M to M, The Back Room, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

2018 Light & Space, OUR ArtProjects, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

2016 Siapa Dia Tong Sam Pah? You Look F**cking Funny-Lah! Richard Koh Fine Art, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

2013 Ah Pull & Ah Door, Run Amok Gallery, Penang, Malaysia

2012 Painted Words and Written Paintings: For the Refined and For the Masses Valentine Willie Fine Art, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

2010 Colour, Shape, Quantity, Scale, No. 15 Jalan Mesui, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

2009 Paintings for All Ages / Paintings with Extended Space, No. 19 Jalan Berangan, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

2008 The Rhythm of Doing, Project Room @ Valentine Willie Fine Art, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2024 The Back Room @ ART SG Singapore
2024 Lost in Translation, The Back Room @ CIMB Hotel Art Fair, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
2023 Favouritism Is My Favourite -Ism, The Back Room, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
2023 1000 Tiny Artworks, Artists of SEA at The Back Room, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
2023 Leaving Traces, Hin Bus Depot, Penang, Malaysia
2022 Grids & Lines (A new refutation of) The Back Room, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
2017 Xcidentally X'mas, OUR ArtProjects, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
2017 This is Where We Meet, OUR ArtProjects, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
2017 ILHAM Contemporary Forum, ILHAM Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
2014 Pulau Melayu | Lost and Found Lostgens' Contemporary Art Space, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
2014 GroupShow@RKFA, Richard Koh Fine Art, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
2014 Fall Into The Sea to Become An Island, Run Amok Gallery, Penang, Malaysia

ARTIST RESIDENCIES

2011 Australia-Malaysia (AMI) Visual Arts Residency Programme, Gertrude Contemporary, Melbourne, Australia
2010 The Khazanah Artist Commissioning Programme, Mumbai, India
2010 Rimbun Dahan 3-month residency Selangor, Malaysia
2003 VASL International Artist Residency Karachi, Pakistan