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CHRIS TAN

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Chris Tan is a pop-art artist currently based in Malaysia. His mainstay theme, the BEZ, is inspired by his three year old daughter putting her head into a paper bag: to him it symbolises curiosity to mess around with pop culture and art history, alongside an ambition to leave a lasting impression on the contemporary art scene.



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" I have no idea where they came from, but I remembered the “bez” sounds coming from their head covered inside the paper bags. Interestingly, their light camouflaged bodies could transform into various forms blending into the scenes of pop culture and contemporary art. "

- Chris Tan



EDUCATION

- 2015 Master of Arts, University of Hertfordshire, UK
- 2002 Diploma, The One Academy, Malaysia

AWARDS

- 2018 Shortlisted, Artzine Art Prize
- 2017 Runner-up in Design, A'Design Award
- 2017 Finalist in Illustration, Hii Brand Awards
- 2015 Adobe Design Awards Semifinalist in Illustration

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2020 NEPESH: Chris Tan's First Solo Exhibition, Zhan Art Space, Malaysia

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 ONE ART Taipei, Metropolitan Premier Taipei Hotel, Taipei, China
- 2022 CIMB Artober – Hotel Art Fair, Element Hotel, Kuala Lumpur
- 2020 GOLD Group Exhibition, ZHAN Art Space, Malaysia
- 2020 Human Form; Group Show of 6 Figurative Artists, Main Creative Hub, Malaysia
- 2020 HOM Art Open 2020, HOM Art Trans, Malaysia
- 2019 Artwork Previews, ZHAN Art Space, Malaysia
- 2017 Arthink-book in Mostra, Corte Communal, Formia, Italy
- 2017 1st Little Hakka International Picture Book Exhibition, Gangkeng Hakka Town Exhibition Hall, Shenzhen, China
- 2013 IRPC: World-A-Reggae, Multitudes Gallery, Miami, USA
- 2013 IRPC: World-A-Reggae, Embassy of Jamaica, Washington, USA
- 2013 IRPC: World-A-Reggae, Embassy of Jamaica, Mexico City, Mexico



BEZ Daft Punk

90 x 140 cm | Oil on canvas | 2021

Inspired by music and visual styling of Daft Punk, this painting illustrates how BEZ could go crazily with music.

The red button in the painting symbolises the resume system whereas blue button symbolises the reset programme.



Building A BEZ Tower

178 x 140 cm | Oil on canvas | 2022

Imagine the teamwork of BEZ in building their acrobatic tower, it's fascinating but also hilarious at the same time watching this happened.



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*Everything Melts With
Melting BEZ - Ben 2*

92 x 61 cm | Oil on canvas | 2021

Melting BEZ-Ben is the crossover art toy that fusing BEZ and a candle alien Melting Ben from Oodplex, this painting celebrates fusing progress by basically melting everything.

*Everything Melts With
Melting BEZ - Ben*

92 x 61 cm | Oil on canvas | 2021



BEZ In The Museum

140 x 94 cm | Oil on canvas | 2021

Art museums have been always BEZ's favorite place to visit, and I can't describe how museum help BEZ to open their minds. While BEZ were trying their best to admire the great masterpieces there, a left behind Gameboy turns out great distraction to them. It's worth mentioned that background wall hanged ones are famous works made by Andy Warhol and George Condo.





BEZ - Monalisa

103 x 74 cm | Oil on canvas | 2021

While one of the BEZ seriously posed like Monalisa on a flying chair, other BEZ had their fun time with Homers' transports derived from The Simpsons. The breaking maroon wall behind symbolizes the metaphor of breaking the fourth wall began from French New Wave films.



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BEZ - Freud

110 x 90 cm | Oil on canvas | 2021

Inspired by Lucian Freud's work Fat Sue and the IKEA scene from American romantic-comedy-drama film 500 days of Summer, BEZ were trying their best to figure out the contemporary art.



BEZ - Murakami

78 x 69 cm | Oil on wood panel | 2021

Paying tribute to the Superflat pioneer Takashi Murakami, BEZ posed as a colorful icon with showcasing its incredible power.



BEZ - Dali

155 x 94 cm | Oil on canvas | 2021

Fusing the world views from Salvador Dali's most famous The Persistence of Memory and Stephen Spielberg's film Back to the Future, BEZ again messed around everything with their incredible creativity and power.

Classics meet BEZ

A tribute to Charles Schulz's reknown Peanuts, Mickey Mouse & Hello Kitty, which are widely known cartoon characters and also symbols of pop-culture when they meet contemporary art.



BEZ - Peanuts
(Who Did This!?)
76 x 62 cm | Oil on canvas | 2021



BEZ - Peanuts 2
50 x 40 cm | Oil on canvas | 2021



BEZ - Mickey
40 x 40 cm | Oil on canvas | 2021



BEZ - Kitty
40 x 40 cm | Oil on canvas | 2021



Super BEZ - Mario World

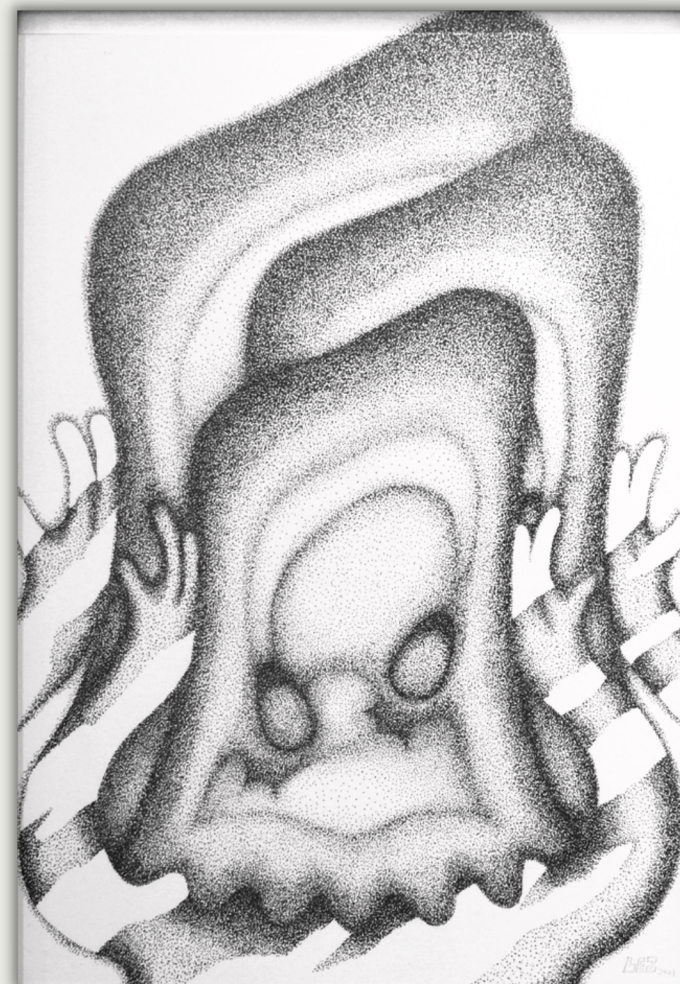
80 x 80 cm Quadriptych | Oil on canvas | 2021

Growing up in 90s, Super Mario Bros. is the 1st video game the painter played. This quadriptych illustrates the video game world view from 4 major characters— Mario, Luigi, Princess Peach and Bowser.



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BEZ are playing their favourite hide and seek game. The whole drawing is completed with inking pen.



BEZ Game 4
41 x 29 cm | Ink on paper | 2022

BEZ Game - Hear No Evil
41 x 29 cm | Ink on paper | 2022

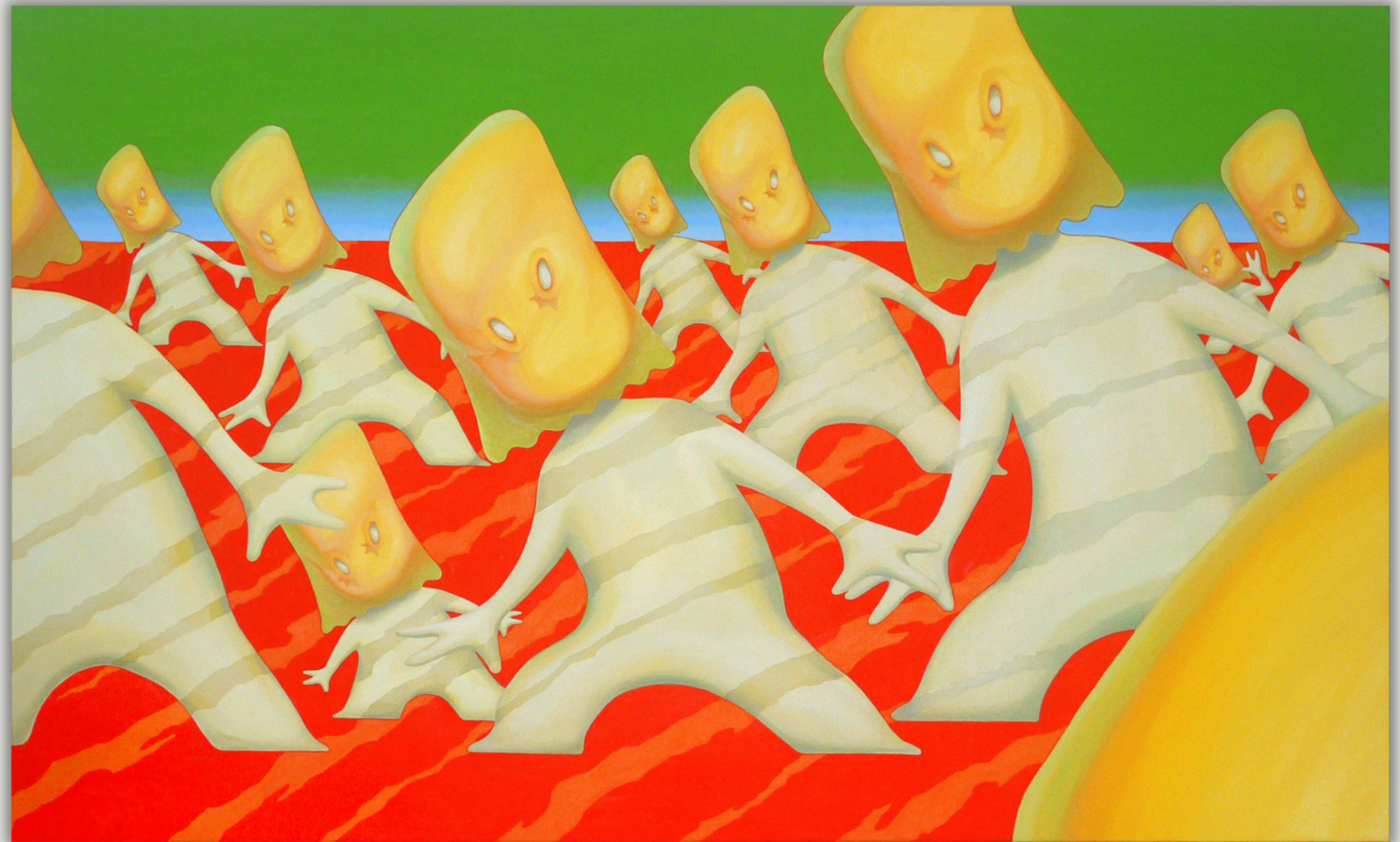
BEZ Game - See No Evil
41 x 29 cm | Ink on paper | 2022

BEZ Game - Three Wise
41 x 29 cm | Ink on paper | 2022

BEZ Family

155 x 94 cm | Oil on canvas | 2021

Out of their curiosity on pop culture and contemporary, BEZ family expressed their curiosities and excitement in a uniform pose, just like a kid first time saw the chocolate. This is just beginning of the journey how BEZ explored our colorful world with their innocent mindset.



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Art WeMe Contemporary Gallery features established and mid-career international artist. Based in Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia) with a gallery in Carmel-By-The-Sea (California, United States) and a consulting office in Singapore.

Art WeMe believes art exploration is an amazing journey that is both personal and engaging. Once embarked, the exciting journey provides us a boundless media to individualise our personal value, accomplishment and success. It's our vision to introduce art that adds great dynamism to various spaces: personal, home, work, and social. Whether you are just beginning to buy art or looking to add to your existing collection, the gallery's exquisite artworks will intrigue your imagination and interest.

唯美藝術畫廊以知名和處於職業生涯中期的國際藝術家為特色。總部位於吉隆坡（馬來西亞），在 Carmel-By-The-Sea（美國加利福尼亞州）設有畫廊，在新加坡設有諮詢辦公室。

唯美相信藝術探索是一段既個人化又引人入勝的奇妙旅程。一旦啟程，激動人心的旅程為我們提供了一個無限的媒介來個性化我們的個人價值觀、成就和成功。我們的願景是引入藝術，為各種空間增添活力：個人、家庭、工作、社交。無論您是剛剛開始購買藝術品還是想增加現有收藏，畫廊的精美藝術品都會激發您的想像力和興趣。



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