

Mat Ali Mat Som

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Introduction

Mat Ali is inspired by his silat gayung education seriously. In Mat Ali Mat Som's paintings and sculptures, we saw horses play significant roles. He took horse images to imply strength of Silat movements and also carry Malaysian heroic stories. Horses are adapted to run and have an excellent sense of balance. Among Asian martial arts, "horse stance" is the basic posture before fights and defences. Emperors rode on their horses were common subjects of royal art to express emperors' greatness. Horse is a symbol of power and majesty.

Awards

- 1999** Honourable Mention at the Phillip Morris Malaysia Arts Awards, Kuala Lumpur
- 1997** KL Sentral Sculpture Contest

Selected solo exhibitions

- 2019 Art Expo, Kuala Lumpur
- 2019 *Dendam Tak Sudah*, Metro Fine Art Gallery, Kuala Lumpur
- 2018 *Kuda-Kuda Merdeka*, Art Row, Kuala Lumpur
- 2013 *Unsung Heroes*, Museum of Asian Art, University Malaya, Kuala Lumpur
- 2009 *Dendam Tak Sudah*, Metro Fine Art Gallery, Kuala Lumpur

Selected group exhibitions

- 2023 In Dialogue, ArtVoice Gallery, Kuala Lumpur
- 2022 *reSET*, Galeri Prima, Kuala Lumpur
- 2021 Artober CIMB Hotel Art Fair, Element by Westin, Kuala Lumpur

- 2021 *8+8*, A Collaboration Exhibition Of Malaysian And Indonesian Artists,
Batu 8 Studio, Indonesia
- 2017 *Altruism*, Galeri Prima, Kuala Lumpur
- 2012 Asia Contemporary Art Show, Hong Kong
- 2012 Bridging Culture, Rosella Gallery, Singapore
- 2012 Lineage, Art Accent Gallery, Kuala Lumpur
- 2012 Artiangle, National Art Gallery, Kuala Lumpur

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Art WeMe Contemporary Gallery is a Malaysia-based contemporary art gallery, has one branch in Carmel-By-The-Sea (California, United States) and one office in Singapore. We feature mid-career and established artists to art collectors around the world. We also provide professional art consultancy and art commissioning services that adds great dynamism to your various needs.

At AWM, we showcase original artworks by mid-career and established artists to art lovers around the world; we believe the passion for art is most intense and joyful when the experience is shared with family and friends ("We"). Conversely, we also believe art exploration is an enlightening journey that is both personal & incredibly engaging; once embarked, it provides a boundless media to express your creativity, success, accomplishment and values ("Me").



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