

Najib Ahmad Bamadhaj

**MAHI!**

Hisyamuddin Abdullah

G13 Bali Residency Programme Showcase 2013

**BALI**

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gallery



# NAH! bali

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Collaborating for the very first time are Najib Ahmad Bamadhaj (b. 1987, Johor) and Ahmad Hisyamuddin Abdullah (b.1989, Terengganu). The UiTM alumnus were handpicked to participate in the second installment of G13's residency program. Those familiar with Najib would be no stranger to his primitive signature approach themed around wildlife and nature whose works constantly adorned with a tinge of looming destruction 'suspended in time'. Hisyamuddin is the contrast of Najib, with his painterly approach, stripping down to monochromatic hues accentuated with highlights, combination of a quirky Zhang Xiao Gang palette with planes and charcoal tones. NAH! Bali is an experimental end result of a month long visit to the tourism haven of the Indonesian archipelago, Bali.



## ME AND WE – NAJIB AHMAD HISYAMUDDIN

Born in rural Malay *kampungs*, both Najib and Hisyamuddin were adopted by their local art guides and were brought around Ubud, Kintamani and Nusa Penida. Of course, one cannot escape from Bali's captivating jungles, scenic beaches and mystical temples which were openly admitted by both the artists as truly inspiring environment.

Adopted into the local art community, Najib and Hisyamuddin were brought on gallery visits and exhibitions every night and involved themselves in the art activities and ongoing exhibitions. They soon realized that there was a very strong bond among the community regardless of religion and interests, a reflection of the true spirit of *gotong-royong*. They analysed the similarities between our cultural activities and the behavioral differences over varying activities in life. Nah! spells a friendly gesture among peers in both cultural context.

## NAH! – THE COLLABORATION

Working as a tag team, **NAH** takes turns to approach the background and subject of each painting, resulting in an end-product of three series which neither Najib nor Hisyamuddin envisioned at the very beginning. The creative process was an extended bonding measure between the two to communicate, tolerate and trust each other's experiences and reaction towards the residency. Learning to balance and allow their individual artistic characters remain in each series, one subtly supports the other.

Perhaps it was their very first collaborative involvement with the local artists during the experimental Not for Sale installation done in Nusa Penida that spurred the notion behind this collaboration. **NAH!** Is an expression of acknowledgement, completion and agreement as one steps back and allows the other to take over the canvas. In summary of their visit to Bali, **NAH!** delivers a very personal take on the Bali Najib and Hisyamuddin have experienced.



## DIRECTOR'S NOTES

We believed that a capable artist is not only well-trained in term of skill and execution, but he or she has to be sensitive to the surrounding, able to think and reflect on it simultaneously. That's the reason for us to set up the Bali Residency Program as we have faith in sending artists abroad will widen their horizon and get inspired from the very unique environment and cultural circumstances.



director's  
notes

Bali, is a famous destination for leisurely trip but also an inspiring site at the same time. Well known for its amazing scenery which combines natural landscapes and ancient buildings, complement with a mix of Hindu and Muslim as the plentiful culture base enrich its every single aspect to be flavorful to taste with. Living with the natives, encountering international travelers, visiting to the local museums and institutions, training together with the local artists, these all experiences turned into stimulus to the artists and hence move them further from what they originally are.



In 2013 we selected two young talents, Najib Ahmad Bamadhaj and Hisyamuddin Abdullah to join the program, as we see the potential and possibilities in them. From the conversation after their return, we found that they've gained a lot while resided in Bali, and the experiences they have gone through will surely influenced in their future journeys.



**Kenny Teng.**

G13 Gallery





**Semangat Alam I** Mixed Media on Jute  
92 cm x 92 cm 2013



**Semangat Alam II** Mixed Media on Jute  
92 cm x 92 cm 2013



**Semangat Alam III** Mixed Media on Jute  
92 cm x 92 cm 2013



**Semangat Alam IV** Mixed Media on Jute  
92 cm x 92 cm 2013





**Babi Terbang** Mixed Media on Canvas  
122 cm x 122 cm 2013



**Bebek Terbang** Mixed Media on Canvas  
122 cm x 122 cm 2013



**Not For Sale** Mixed Media on Canvas  
305 cm x 153 cm 2013



# Hisyamuddin Abdullah

## biography

### BORN

1989 Terengganu, Malaysia

### EDUCATION

2012 B.A in Fine Art, Uitm Shah Alam, Majoring in Painting  
2010 Diploma of Fine Art, Uitm, Kelantan

### ACTIVITIES

2011 Kembara' Life Drawing' Pelukis Figuratif Malaysia, Uitm Melaka  
Life Drawing, Arti Gallery, Kuala Lumpur  
2010 Palestin Charity 'Life Drawing', Kuala Lumpur

### AWARDS

2013 Art Residency Bali, G13 Gallery  
Art Residency Kuala Lumpur, Morne Art Gallery, KL  
2012 3rd Winner, Drawing, Tanjong Heritage National Level Art Compotition  
2011 Consolation Prize, Pesta Open Art Competition, Balai Seni Lukis Pulau Pinang  
1st Prize, Mix Media, Tanjong Heritage National Level Art Compotition  
1st Prize, Oil/Acrylic, Tanjong Heritage National Level Art Compotition  
Consolation Prize, Charcoal/Pencil/Ink, Tanjong Heritage National Level Art Compotition  
Incentive Awards, Open Show, Shah Alam Gallery

### ART EXHIBITIONS

2013 NAH! Bali, 2 Man show, G13 Gallery  
Art Expo Malaysia, G13 Gallery  
Wajah M50 Kini, Morne Art Gallery, KL  
PLIGHT Show, HOM Gallery Ampang  
UPI Show, Taksu Gallery, Kuala Lumpur  
Momentum awal, residensi group show, Morne Art Gallery, KL  
Local Only Show, Taksu Gallery, Kuala Lumpur.  
Spice Show, Pace Gallery, Petaling Jaya  
Sekaki Show, Segaris AC Gallery, Publika Kuala Lumpur.  
2012 Transit A4, House Of Matahati Gallery, Ampang Kuala Lumpur.  
The Door Group Show, House Of Matahati, Ampang Kuala Lumpur  
Green Group Show, Taksu Gallery Kuala Lumpur  
Rubanization Group Show, Tuanku Nur Zahirah Gallery, UiTM Shah Alam  
2011 Pesta Open Art Competition, Balai Seni Lukis Pulau Pinang  
Cat Air Bunga Raya Show, Balai Seni Visual Negara Kuala Lumpur  
Open Show, Shah Alam Gallery  
Nando's Show, One Utama, Kuala Lumpur  
Group Show Life & Natural, Pelitahati Gallery Bangsar  
2010 Group Show Pra Gaya, Seksan Gallery Bangsar  
Mekar Citra, Shah Alam Gallery  
Open Show, Shah Alam Gallery



**Rezeki Tamu** Mixed Media on Canvas  
152.5 cm x 152.5 cm 2013



**Para Pemelok Pohon** Mixed Media on Canvas  
152.5 cm x 152.5 cm 2013





# biography

## BORN

1987 Johor, Malaysia

## EDUCATIONS

2008-2010 Bachelor (Hons.) Fine Art, Majoring in Painting, UiTM Shah Alam, Selangor

2005-2008 Diploma in Fine Art, UiTM Lendu, Alor Gajah, Melaka

2003-2004 Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM), Maktab Rendah Sains Mara, Muar, Johor

## SOLO EXHIBITION

2012 Great Migration, Taksu, Kuala Lumpur

## SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

2013 NAH! Bali – 2 Man Show @ G13 Gallery  
Young Guns, White Box, Solaris @ Publika, Kuala Lumpur  
7th Art Expo Malaysia 2013, G13 Gallery, Matrade Exhibition & Convention Centre, KL  
S.U.A.R.A.S.A. 2, Segaris Art Centre, Solaris @ Publika, Kuala Lumpur  
BUKA, Artelier Gallery, Solaris @ Publika, Kuala Lumpur  
Up!, Taksu, Kuala Lumpur  
Destiny (Young Group Show), National Visual Arts Gallery, Kuala Lumpur  
Translocality (3 Man Show), OCBC Centre, Singapore  
Locals Only, Taksu, Kuala Lumpur  
Spice, Pace Gallery, Petaling Jaya, Selangor  
Sekaki, Segaris Art Centre, Solaris @ Publika, Kuala Lumpur

2012 Peninsula & Island, Taksu, Singapore  
Transit A4, House of Matahati (HOM), Ampang, Kuala Lumpur  
LOADED, Pace Gallery, Petaling Jaya, Selangor  
POPOP, House of Matahati (HOM), Ampang, Kuala Lumpur  
Songsang, Galeri Chandan, Bukit Damansara, Kuala Lumpur  
Earth, Puncak Art Gallery, Bukit Jelutong, Selangor  
Spice, Pace Gallery, Petaling Jaya, Selangor  
Locals Only, Taksu, Kuala Lumpur  
Nasi Campur, Taksu, Singapore

2011 New, Young & Contemporary, Pace Gallery, Petaling Jaya  
Endangered (2 Man Show), Taksu, Kuala Lumpur  
Visual Art Award (VAA) 2011, Starhill Gallery, Bukit Bintang, Kuala Lumpur  
Open House 2011, Galeri Chandan, Bukit Damansara, Kuala Lumpur  
Kalam, Galeri Chandan, Bukit Damansara, Kuala Lumpur  
Anniversary Show, Pace Gallery, Petaling Jaya, Selangor  
Signs, Symbols & Icons (3 Man Show), Galeri Chandan, Bukit Damansara, Kuala Lumpur  
Pulp Friction, Galeri Chandan, Bukit Damansara, Kuala Lumpur  
Private Affairs, Galeri Chandan, Bukit Damansara, Kuala Lumpur  
LiFest, MAP @ Publika, Dutamas, Kuala Lumpur

2010 Dis-Chromatic, Small Talk With The Moon, Petaling Jaya, Selangor  
Expressions of the Malayan Tiger, Maybank Art Gallery, Maybank Tower, Kuala Lumpur  
Tanjong Heritage, Sri Melayu Restaurant, Ampang, Kuala Lumpur  
HIMPUN, Peti Seni @ National Art Gallery, Kuala Lumpur  
RIYAD Al-Ilm 'Garden of Knowledge', Galeri Chandan, Bukit Damansara, Kuala Lumpur  
Conform, Three Sixty Art Development Studio, Desa Park City, Kuala Lumpur  
Degree Show: LOAD, FSSR, UiTM Shah Alam, Selangor  
Nando's, Kicking-Off With Art & Soul, One Utama Shopping Centre, Damansara Utama

2009 Young Art, R A Fine Arts, Kuala Lumpur  
Belief, Three Sixty Art Development Studio, Desa Park City, Kuala Lumpur  
Open Johor Art Competition, Johor Art Gallery, Johor  
The Art of Recycling The Nando's Way, NN Gallery, Kuala Lumpur  
Open Show, Shah Alam Gallery, Shah Alam, Selangor

2008 Pallette, The Gallery @ Starhill, Star Hill Gallery, Bukit Bintang, Kuala Lumpur  
Diploma Show, Art Gallery, UiTM Lendu, Alor Gajah, Melaka  
Nando's, Peri-fy Your Art, NN Gallery, Kuala Lumpur

2007 Antara Merdeka, National Art Gallery, Kuala Lumpur  
Melaka TYT Action Portrait, UiTM Lendu, Alor Gajah, Melaka

## AWARDS

2011 Finalist, Visual Art Award 2011, Starhill Gallery, Bukit Bintang, Kuala Lumpur

2010 Consolation Prize Winner, "Expressions of the Malayan Tiger" Art Competition, Maybank Art Gallery, Kuala Lumpur  
Vice Chancellor's Awards, Degree (Hons.) in Fine Art, UiTM Shah Alam  
1st Class, Degree (Hons.) in Fine Art, UiTM Shah Alam  
1st Prize (Mix Media), Tanjong Heritage Art Competition, Kuala Lumpur  
1st Prize Winner, Nando's, Kicking-Off With Art & Soul, One Utama Shopping Centre, Damansara Utama  
Dean's List Awards, Degree (Hons.) in Fine Art, Semester 06, UiTM Shah Alam, Selangor

2009 2nd Place, Open Johor Art Competition, Johor Art Gallery, Johor  
Consolation Prize Winner (2D Hanging Display), The Art of Recycling The Nando's Way, NN Gallery, Kuala Lumpur  
Dean's List Awards, Degree (Hons.) in Fine Art, Semester 05 & 04, UiTM Shah Alam, Selangor

2008 Dean's List Awards, Degree (Hons.) in Fine Art, Semester 03, UiTM Shah Alam, Selangor  
Finalist (Open Category), MRCB Art Awards, National Art Gallery, Kuala Lumpur  
Best Graduate of UiTM Melaka, Pra Graduate Award, Equatorial Hotel, Melaka  
Best Graduate of Faculty Art & Design UiTM Melaka, Pra Graduate Award, Equatorial Hotel, Melaka  
Best Graduate of Programmed in Fine Art Department, Pra Graduate Award, Equatorial Hotel, Melaka  
Dean's List Awards, Diploma in Fine Art, Semester 06, UiTM Lendu, Alor Gajah, Melaka

2007 2nd Prize, Art Competition, Melaka TYT Action Portrait, UiTM Lendu, Alor Gajah, Melaka  
Dean's List Awards, Diploma in Fine Art, Semester 04 & 05, UiTM Lendu, Alor Gajah, Melaka

2006 Dean's List Awards, Diploma in Fine Art, Semester 02, UiTM Lendu, Alor Gajah, Melaka

2003 Best Student in Art Subject, Maktab Rendah Sains Mara, Muar, Johor

## PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Bank Negara Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur  
Maybank, Kuala Lumpur  
Galeri Tengku Nur Zahirah, UiTM Shah Alam, Selangor  
Galeri Seni, UiTM Lendu, Alor Gajah, Melaka  
Galeri Seni Rakyat, Bandar Hilir, Melaka  
Galeri Seni Johor, Yayasan Warisan Johor, Johor  
Pati Satu Studio, Puncak Alam, Selangor  
TANJONG, Public Limited Company, Kuala Lumpur  
TAPAK, Shah Alam, Selangor  
Nando's Restaurant, Kuala Lumpur  
& Private Collectors

Najib Ahmad Bamadhaj





artists'  
journey



G13  
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