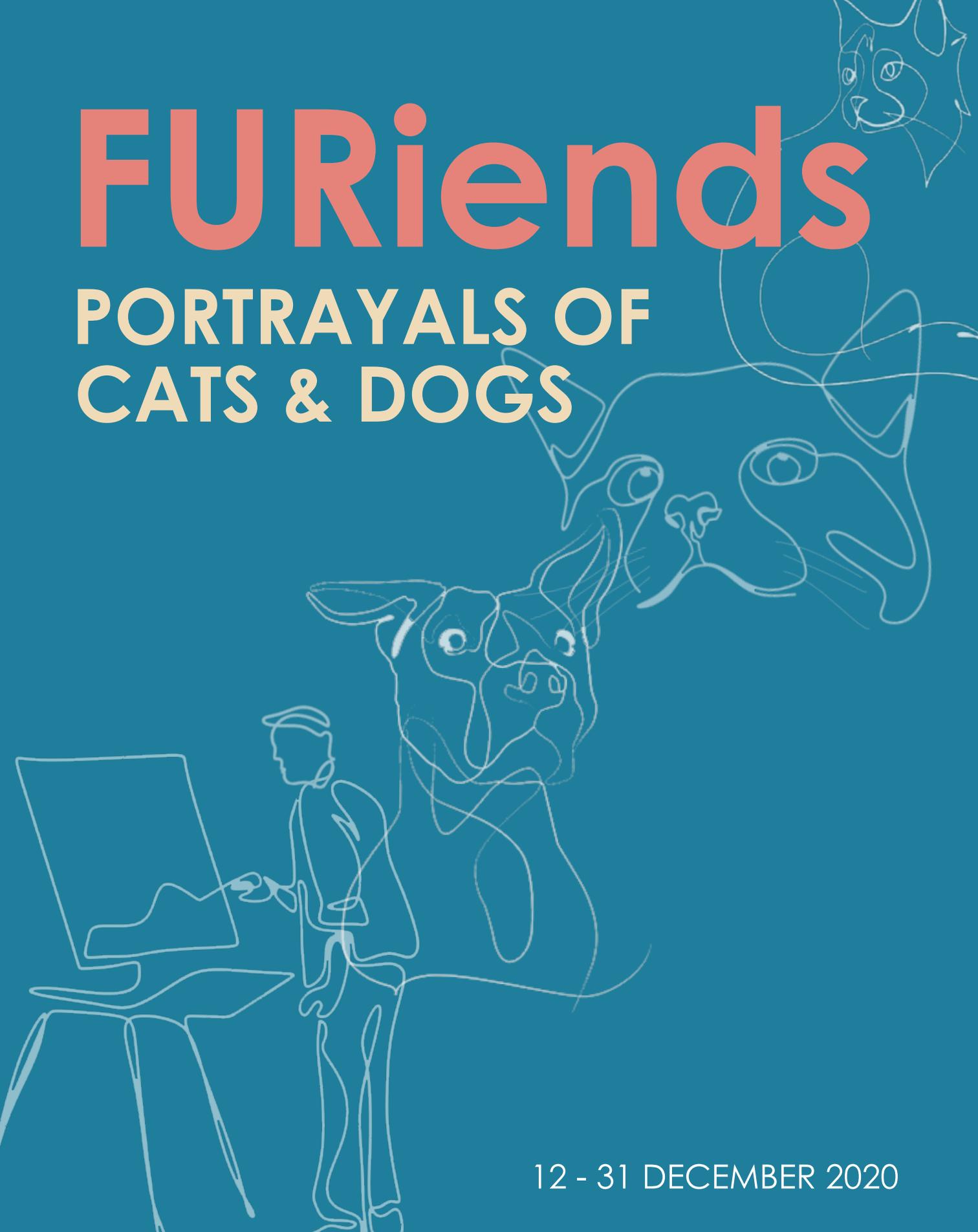


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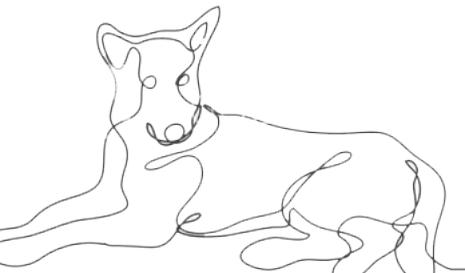
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## **FURiends: Portrayals of Cats & Dogs**

As an artist, one must have been in a situation when their pets sleep on their canvas, drop some colours on the table, or step on their wet paintings while the work is still in progress. Sometimes, it appears that we have never actually thought that these incidents might distract our creative progress as these mundane occasions are indeed considered as ordinary situations in any artist's life. It turns out that the pets' interruptions serve as a reminder for us to take a break, walk the pets and get away from the intense working loads which have perversely been consuming our frame of mind

Perhaps to some people, pets are only creatures which exist to accompany us but do not really benefit us in terms of the management of our lives. However, guess what, having a pet or pets really do bring many advantages to us.

Keeping pets help us to manage our stress level, cure our loneliness, stay fit, especially when doing outdoor activities with them, and to some extent, ensure our safety in a dangerous situation. Because of these reasons, many people, including artists, love to have pets in their home as companions.

## **The Companionship of Artists and Animals**

Throughout history, the art world has been seen as having a number of artists who have adopted different animals as their pets. Perhaps these animals have not just been seen as pets but presumably as the artists' buddies that their presence contributes to not only significant comfort and affection but also ideas to the artists.

Some famous artists adopt the common pets we usually have and treat them as their special companion. They are seen walking their dogs, depicting their dogs in paintings, taking photographs with them, and such. A pop artist, Andy Warhol, who grew up with a love of cats and dogs and has made books about them, is an example of how artists presume pets as companions, friends, or perhaps as family members. Some other famous artists, however, love to keep the exotic ones as their companions.

A renowned artist, Salvador Dali, has been captured walking his anteater in an evidently extraordinary photograph, and Frida Kahlo has painted her monkeys and birds. Either having common or uncommon pets, Many famous artists have dedicated their artworks to commemorate their companionship with these animals.

## **Cats & Dogs Trivia**

Generally, the most common domestic pets kept by people in countries all over the world, including Malaysia, are either cats or dogs. This fact is undoubtedly accurate to many of us although some of us might prefer other animals as pets, such as rabbit, hamster or rooster. So why are cats and dogs popular choice of pets?

Well, this is because both species of cats and dogs have fitting behavioural traits which we could influence and control, and have had manipulated through selective breeding by allowing them to cohabitate with humans. Dogs have already been domesticated for as long as 15,000 to 40,000 years ago, and cats followed suit later on, which was 10,000 years ago.

They both are highly social pack animals which can be easily trained to fit into one's home environment and sometimes become the substitute to children, responding to some forms of discipline and affection. And this is why they can be very suitable for living with humans.

## **FURiends**

Locally, these two animals are the most commonly adopted domestically and culturally by local artists. It seems that their friendliness and adorability are able to bring comfort to the artists and help them manage their emotional level when going through tough times. Perhaps keeping pets could be some kind of peer pressure, as nowadays we can see many artists post their stories with and about their animal buddies on social media. Whatever the reason is, it is no doubt that pets partly play an essential role in the lives of the artists who own them.

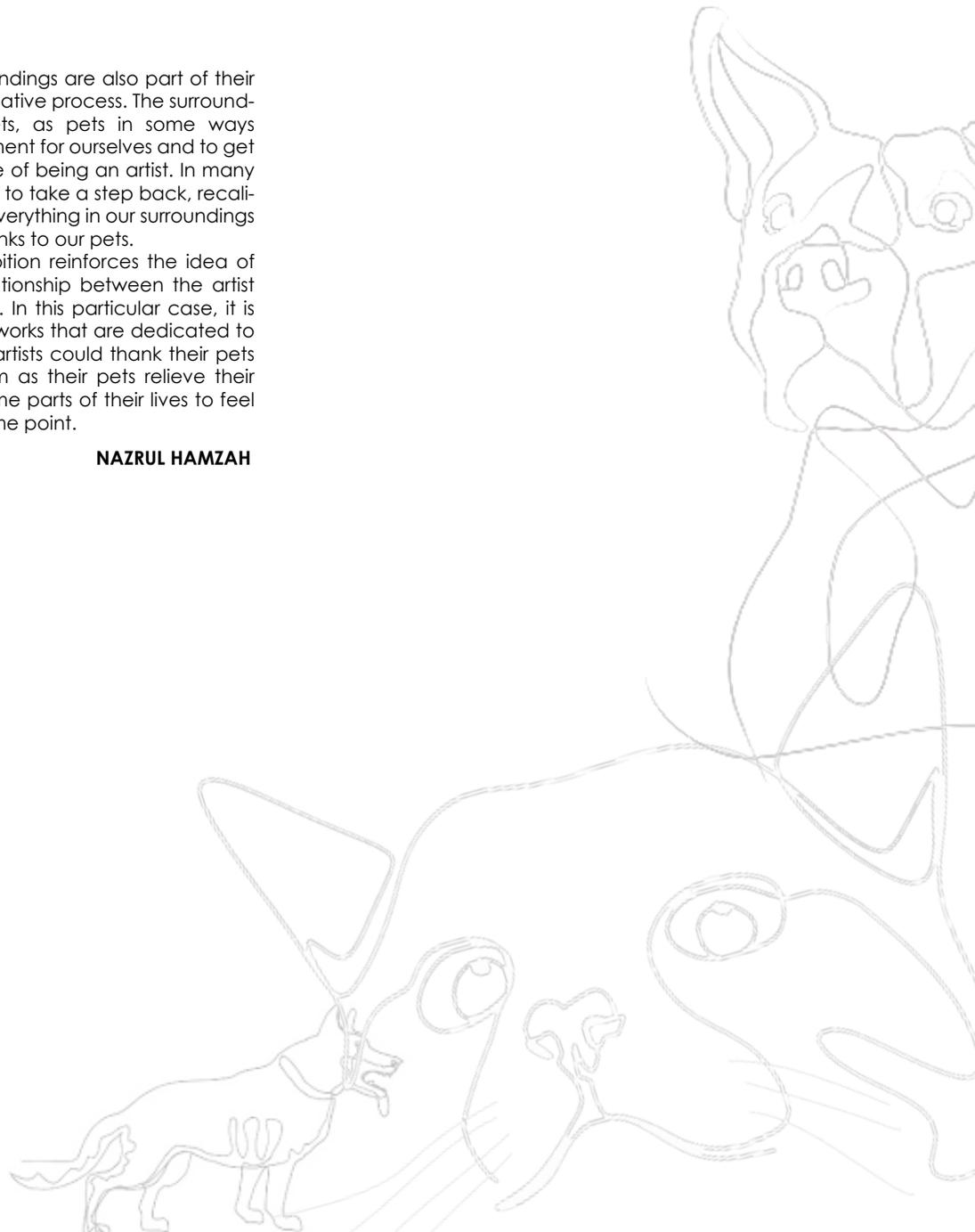
As these two animals are the main focus of this exhibition, FURiends: Portrayals of Cats & Dogs. A renowned artist, Salvador Dali, has been captured walking his anteater in an evidently extraordinary photograph, and Frida Kahlo has painted her monkeys and birds. Either having common or uncommon pets, Many famous artists have dedicated their artworks to commemorate their companionship with these animals.

## Conclusion

Indeed, an artist's surroundings are also part of their lives that nurture their creative process. The surroundings include having pets, as pets in some ways remind us to have a moment for ourselves and to get away from the hectic life of being an artist. In many sense, it helps very much to take a step back, recalibrate, and appreciate everything in our surroundings to a greater degree; thanks to our pets.

In many ways, this exhibition reinforces the idea of appreciation of the relationship between the artist and his/her surroundings. In this particular case, it is their pets. By making artworks that are dedicated to these animals, perhaps artists could thank their pets and be grateful to them as their pets relieve their difficulties and make some parts of their lives to feel lighter and simpler at some point.

**NAZRUL HAMZAH**



# ARTWORK



# Cinta Ayuandrea



## Friends of Mine

92x92cm | Mixed media on Canvas | 2020

# Gan Tee Sheng



**Moment**

161x130cm | Oil on Canvas | 2020

# Haslin Ismail



**When He Light It, Not Knowing It Is Special**  
122 x 153cm | Acrylic on Canvas | 2020

# Haslin Ismail



**Study for 'When He Light It, Not Knowing It Is Special'**  
65 x 50cm | Acrylic, Indian Ink, Paper collage on Canvas | 2020

# Hisyamuddin Abdullah



**Cat Dreams**

42 x 60cm | Acrylic on Canvas | 2020

# Haziq Syawal



**The Orange Cat**  
110 x 90cm | Oil on Jute | 2020

# Fawwaz Sukri



**We Are Malaysian**

152 x 122cm | Acrylic on Canvas | 2020

# Fadilah Karim



**Companion Since 2011**  
152 x 122cm | Oil on Linen | 2020

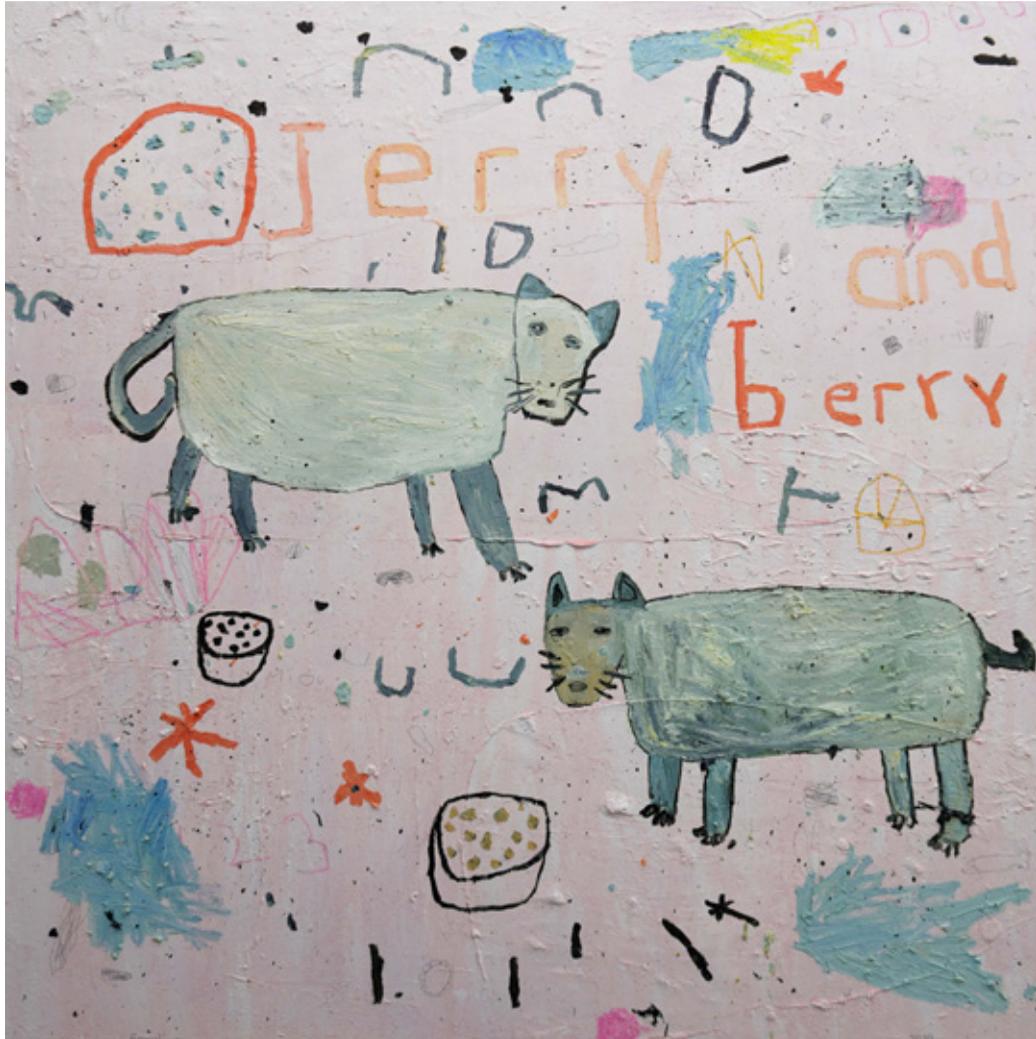
# Faiz Mahdon



**Tommy**

91.5 x 61cm | Acrylic on Canvas | 2020

# Fauzul Yusri



**Jerry and Berry**

153 x 153cm | Oil and Mixed Media on Canvas | 2020

# Khairul Arshad



**Teman**

137 x 137cm | Acrylic on Canvas | 2020

# Kow Leow Kiang



## Moment

161x130cm | Oil on Canvas | 2020

# Marvin Chan



## **Moment**

161x130cm | Oil on Canvas | 2020

# Najib Ahmad Bamadhaj



**Curious I (Tail)**

37 x 16.5cm | Acrylic, Bitumen, Cow Skin on linen & Frame | 2020

# Najib Ahmad Bamadhaj



**Curious II (ear)**

46.5 x 37cm | Acrylic, Bitumen, Cow Skin on Linen & Frame | 2020

Nik M Shazmie



**To The Beach**

160 x 160cm | Acrylic on Canvas | 2020

# Nik Mohd Shahfiz



**Eye to Eye**

122 x 106cm | Oil on Canvas | 2020

# Shafiq Nordin



**The Ronin Cat**

91 x 89.5cm | Acrylic on Canvas | 2020

# Sofia Haron



**Moon Shine ( In Memories )**  
91.5 x 137.2cm | Oil on Canvas | 2020

# Syukur Rani



**Adik's Lost In Dreamland**  
122 x 152cm | Oil on Canvas | 2020

# Syed Fakaruddin



## Memori

122 x 92cm | Oil & Acrylic on Canvas | 2020

# Syed Fakaruddin



**Andy was here..After Duchamp**  
20cm(H)x 34cm(W) x 34cm(D) | Cat little box | 2020

# Wong Ming Hao



## Mochi

90 x 120cm | Acrylic on Canvas | 2020

# Yuki Tham

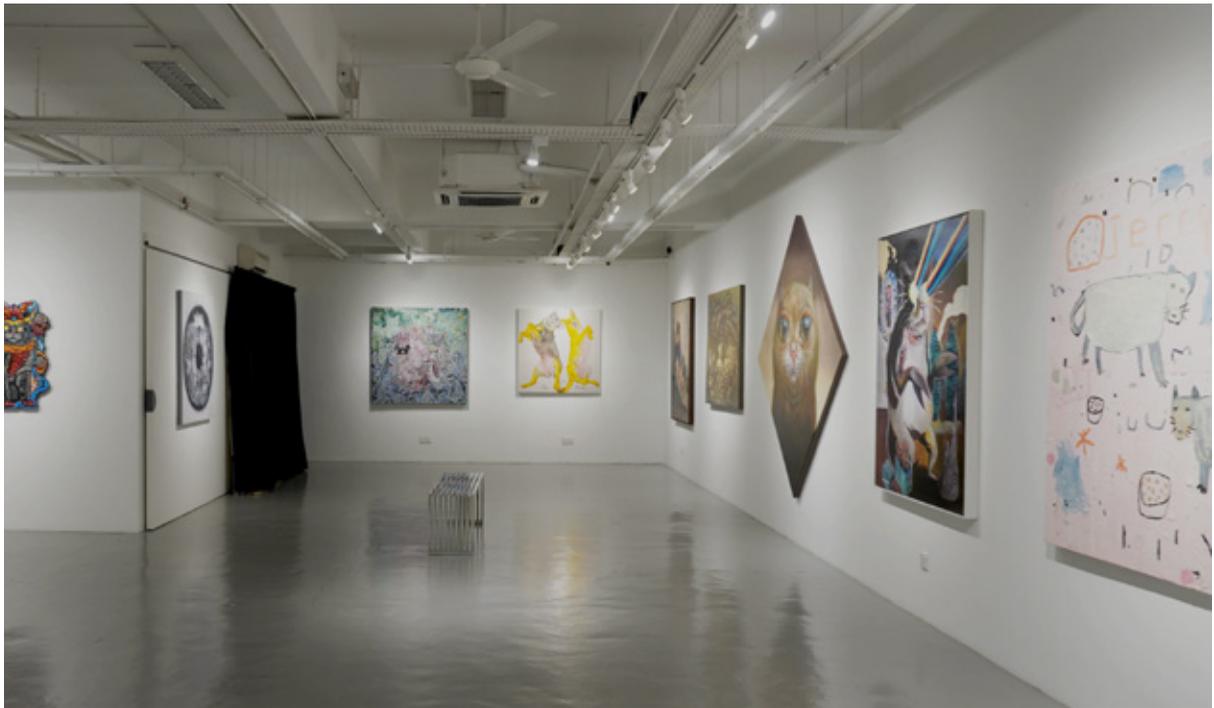


**Always There**

170 x130cm | Oil on Canvas | 2020

# INSTALLATION VIEW







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G13 Gallery identifies and collaborates with the artists that show potential, relevance, and depth in their works. The gallery aspires to develop synergy between artists domestically and internationally, and it achieves this through cross-border collaborations, residences, and exhibitions.

G13 Gallery aims to realize a greater appreciation for Asian art, has been actively participating in multiple regional art fairs over the past few years.

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