

Bio

Ahmad Zakii Anwar (b. 1955), also known as Zakii, is a prominent Malaysian artist with a strong command of several artistic mediums and modes of figurative representation. A graduate of the School of Art and Design, MARA Institute of Technology Malaysia, Anwar began his career in advertising as a graphic artist.

Zakii is known for his photo-realistic, large-scale charcoal drawings of male nudes, which are simply composed and boldly defined. Evoking, in two-dimensions, a visceral reality reminiscent of Michelangelo's slave sculptures, Anwar's drawings combine his theological, psychological and cosmological inquiries of the human spirit and body. He also maintains a fervent activist practice supporting AIDS patients, women's rights and his local community. His work has been exhibited internationally in New York, Los Angeles, Hong Kong, Jakarta, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, and Manila. Zakii currently lives and works in Johor Bahru, Malaysia.

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Born in Malaysia
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Education

1977 MARA institute of Technology, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Solo Exhibitions

- 2015 *Love + Lust*, Galerie Huit, Art Central Hong Kong, Hong Kong
- 2014 *Please + Pain*, Galerie Huit, Hong Kong
Hands Across the Water: Post-Residency Exhibition, Baik Art, Los Angeles, USA and Gallery Nori, Jeju Island, South Korea
Johor Strait, Baik Art, Los Angeles, CA
Pleasure & Pain, Gallerie Huit, Hong Kong
- 2013 *Orang – Orang*, Valentine Willie Special Projects, George Town Festival, Penang
- 2012 *Kota Sepi*, Valentine Willie Fine Art, Kuala Lumpur
Books, AndrewShire Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
Kota Sepi, Valentine Willie Fine Art, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 2011 *Bones and Sinews*, AndrewShire Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2010 *Nafsu*, Nadi Gallery, Jakarta, Indonesia
- 2009 *Being*, NUS Museum, National University of Singapore
- 2008 *Disclosure: A Mid-Career Survey*, Petronas Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Drawings, Sketches & Studies, Richard Koh Fine Art, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Gimme Shelter, 19 Jalan Berangan, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

- 2007 *Ahmad Zakii Anwar: Paintings, Drawings & Prints, 1991-2007*, Singapore Tyler Print Institute, Singapore
Kota Sunyi. CP Foundation, CP ArtSpace, Jakarta, Indonesia
- 2006 *Subliminal*, The Drawing Room, Manila, The Philippines
Subliminal II, Numthong Gallery, Bangkok, Thailand
- 2005 *Primordial Dream*, Singapore Tyler Print Institute, Singapore
Icons, Richard Koh Fine Art, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 2004 *Borobudur, Amanjiwo*, Yogyakarta
Arangbali, Taksu, Jakarta, Indonesia
- 2003 *Interpreter of Desires*, Taksu, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 2001 *Shadowland*, Plum Blossoms, Hong Kong, China
- 2000 *Stills*, Taksu, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 1999 *Presence*, Barbara Greene Fine Art, New York, NY
- 1998 *Distant Gamelan*, Art Focus, Singapore
- 1997 *One Man Show*, Valentine Willie Fine Art, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

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Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2013 *Lokanat: Ground Zero*, Lokanat Gallery, Yangon, Myanmar
G50, White Box, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 2012 *Monumental*, Valentine Willie Fine Art, Singapore
Hands Across the Water, Visual Arts at Temenggong, Singapore
 Also on view at White Box, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 2011 *Two-Person Show with Ben Cabrera*, Fundación Sebastián, Mexico City, Mexico
Tanah Air, Selasar Surnaryo, Bandung, Indonesia
- 2009 *Work*, 19 Jalan Berangan, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Humanities, Andrewshire Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
Bitumania, Pace Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 2008 *South East Asian Contemporary*, Richard Koh Fine Art, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
The Scale of Black, Valentine Willie Fine Art, Singapore
- 2007 *50th International*, E.V B.K, Prum, Germany
- 2005 *You Are Here*, Valentine Willie Fine Art, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Interface, Taksu, Singapore
Spirit of Wood and other Treasures, Taksu Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 2004 *Portraits*, Valentine Willie Fine Art, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 2002 *Kembali ke Bali*, Valentine Willie Fine Art, Bali, Indonesia
- 2001 *Exhibit X*, Taksu Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 2000 *Headlights*, Valentine Willie Fine Art, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 1999 *Aku 99*, Petronas Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
14th International Asian Art Exhibition, Museum of Asian Art, Fukuoka, Japan
Perception & Perspective: A Malaysian Eyeview, Hotbath Gallery, Bath & Pittville Gallery, Cheltenham, UK
- 1998 *Malaysian Expressions*, Panorama Gallery, Beijing, China



- Culture Colour Connection*, Fremantle Arts Center Perth, Australia
- No Retreat*, Oberoi Gallery, Bali, Indonesia
- 1997 *Figuratif*, Andi's Gallery, Jakarta, Indonesia
- Malaysian Drawings*, National Art Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 12th International Asian Art Exhibition*, Centro de Actividades Turisticas, Macau
- 1993 *Titian 111*, Hanoi School of Fine Art, Vietnam
- Exposure*, Quo Quo, Hong Kong
- Dimension 93*, Petronas Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 1979 *Salon Malaysia*, National Art Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 1976 *National Drawing Exhibition*, National Art Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 1975 *Young Contemporaries*, National Art Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

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