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b. 1989, Pahang, Malaysia

Faizal Yunus is a Malaysian based artist who works mainly in printmaking, painting and installation. He graduated in Bachelor of Fine Arts from Mara University of Technology (UiTM) in 2012 with a major in printmaking. Faizal has been drawn towards nature as he grew up in such a surrounding that has helped him nurture a unique imagination and interpretation of the greenery around him. Autonomy has driven him to believe that the egalitarian society is a vital key to which he adapts the banal practices of everyday life into his art-making-process.

For his first solo exhibition Matrix (2016), he began looking at his daily life for inspiration as he sought to break free from the limitations of the common art materials. Vortex (2018), revolved around his journey to find different perspectives on causes that pushed him to his decision making, it serves as his poetic statement on the current state of pollution that surrounds us and the human role of undoing the beauty within our landscape.

His awards include MEAA 2019 (Malaysian Emerging Artists Award), organized by HOM & Galeri Chandan, Kuala Lumpur. He also completed the Southeast Asian Artist Residency Program at Rimbun Dahan, Selangor, Malaysia in 2018. Selected exhibitions include Malaysian Art, A New Perspective, (2017), Richard Koh Fine Art, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and S.E.A. FOCUS 2020, Gillman Barracks, Singapore.

#### **Education**

- 2012 B.A (Hons) in Fine Art (Printmaking) Universiti Teknologi Mara, Shah Alam, Selangor, Malaysia
- 2010 Diploma in Fine Art, Universiti Teknologi Mara, Machang, Kelantan, Malaysia

### **Solo Exhibitions**

- 2022 Concurrence of Chances, The 5 Solos, Malaysian Emerging Artists Award (MEAA), HOM Art Trans, Selangor, Malaysia
- 2021 Unprecedented Order, Richard Koh Fine Art, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 2018 Vortex, Richard Koh Fine Art, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 2016 Matrix, Richard Koh Fine Art, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

## **Selected Group Exhibitions**

- FUTURES, Two-men show of Faizal Yunus & Zul Hanafi, RISSIM Contemporary, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
  - Big Scale: Camienzo, Segaris Art Center, Publika Shopping Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 2022 13 Best Artists MEA Award 2022 by CIMB Foundation, CIMB Hotel Art Fair, Element Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (with HOM Art Trans)
- 2021 Unprecedented Order: The Fold, Bakat Muda Sezaman 2021, Walaoweh Dumpling Cloud Kitchen, Selangor, Malaysia
  - Malaysian Emerging Artist Award (MEAA) Winners Showcase 2021, Whitebox, Publika Shopping Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
  - niskala part 1, Segaris Art Center, Publika Shopping Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 2020 In Our Own Frame: 10<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Show, Richard Koh Fine Art, Gillman Barracks, Singapore
  - Cantum Combine, Online Show, Richard Koh Fine Art & Contemporary Identities International Online Art Magazine. Curated by Elham Shafaei
  - Locating Malaysian Contemporary Art: The Echo Boomers, Richard Koh Fine Art, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
  - S.E.A. FOCUS, Gillman Barracks, Richard Koh Fine Art, Singapore (with Richard Koh Fine Art)
- 2019 Art Expo Malaysia, MATRADE Exhibition and Convention Centre (MECC), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (with Richard Koh Fine Art)

Transit 2 x 2, HOM Art Trans, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia MEAA 2019 (Malaysian Emerging Artists Award), Whitebox & Blackbox MAP, Publika, Kuala Lumpur, 2017 Malaysian Art, A New Perspective, Richard Koh Fine Art, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia Art Stage Singapore 2017, Marina Bay Sands Expo and Convention Center, Singapore (with Richard Koh Fine Art) 2016 Malaysian Art, A New Perpective, Richard Koh Fine Art, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia Art for Charity Exhibition, Eyes Art Gallery, Alam Impian, Shah Alam, Malaysia 2015 French Malaysian Young Artist Award, National Visual Art Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 2014 Islamic Art Exhibition, MAA Art Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 2013 Start Carnival Art Exhibition, Menara Mara, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia Degree Showcase, Universiti Teknologi Mara, Shah Alam, Selangor, Malaysia 2012 Urban Art, Pelita Hati Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia Rubanization Art Show, Galeri Seni Tuanku Nur Zahirah Universiti Teknologi Mara, Malaysia 2011 Open Show, Galeri Shah Alam, Selangor, Malaysia 2010 Diploma Showcase, Universiti Teknologi Mara, Machang, Kelantan, Malaysia Pantera Muda Printmaking Show, Universiti Sains

#### Awards & Residencies

2019 Winner, MEAA 2019 (Malaysian Emerging Artists Award), HOM Art Trans & Galeri Chandan, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Malaysia (USM) Pulau Pinang, Malaysia

2018 Resident artist, Rimbun Dahan, Kuang, Malaysia