

## KHAIRULDDIN WAHAB (B.1990, SINGAPORE)



Khairulddin Wahab's paintings weave narratives drawn from anthropology, environmental history, and post-colonialism in Singapore and Southeast Asia. Working from found images and iconography derived from his geographic and cultural contexts, Wahab creates visual tableaux that allude to our historico-political encounters with the natural world.

He graduated with a BA in Fine Arts from LASALLE College of the Arts in 2014 and has exhibited in local and international exhibitions, including Biennale Jogja 2019, S.E.A. Focus, and State of Motion 2018. National Arts Council (NAC) supported his first solo exhibition, *The Word for World is Forest* at Cuturi Gallery in 2021.

Khairulddin Wahab's second solo in January 2023 titled *Shape of Land* featured the land and landscapes in Southeast Asia that were mainly depicted by colonial artists, cartographers and the European travelers for colonial use and for commercial circulation back in Europe. He regards the colonial landscape representations that he references not only as a view or a represented space but also as text. Khairulddin's works invites viewers to explore these narratives around landscape, enchantment and representation.

Khairulddin Wahab was the winner of the 2018 UOB Painting of The Year award and recipient of the 2014 Winston Oh Travel Research Award. He was also the recipient of the National Library Creative Residency in 2022 and he recently exhibited at the Singapore Art Museum (SAM) *Contemporaries* in May 2023, *Paris Asia Now* in October 2023, *Abu Dhabi Art* in November 2023 and most recently, *Art SG* in January 2024.

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Born in 1990 in Singapore.

### Solo Exhibitions

- 2023 Asia NOW Paris Asian Art Fair, Monnaie de Paris, Paris, France  
Shape of Land, Cuturi Gallery, Singapore
- 2021 The Word for World is Forest, Cuturi Gallery, Singapore
- 2019 Island Story, UOB Art Gallery, UOB Plaza 1, Singapore

### Group Exhibitions

- 2024 Summer Group Show, Cuturi Gallery, Singapore  
Taipei Dangdai Art & Ideas, Taipei Nangang Exhibition Center, Taipei, Taiwan  
Art SG, Sands Expo & Convention Centre, Singapore
- 2023 Abu Dhabi Art, Manarat Al Saadiyat, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates  
Gallery Benefit Auction, National Gallery Singapore, Singapore  
SAM Contemporaries: Residues & Remixes, Singapore Art Museum, Singapore  
Summer Group Show, Cuturi Gallery, Singapore  
Art To Heart, The Culture Story, Singapore  
Art SG, Sands Expo & Convention Centre, Singapore
- 2022 Art Moments Jakarta, Sheraton Grand Jakarta Gandaria City, Jakarta, Indonesia  
Little Red Dot - London Edition, Cuturi Gallery, London, United Kingdom  
Little Red Dot - Singapore Edition, Cuturi Gallery, Singapore  
Past. Future. Present., Gallery Benefit Auction, National Gallery Singapore
- 2021 Falling, Tang Contemporary Art, Beijing, China
- 2020 Genset, Gajah Gallery, Singapore
- 2019 Do we live in the same Playground?, Biennale Jogja, Taman Budaya, Indonesia  
S.E.A. Focus, UOB Art Space, Gillman Barracks, Singapore
- 2018 UOB Winner's Showcase, UOB Art Gallery, UOB Plaza 1, Singapore  
Nyanyi Sunyi: Songs of Solitude, Gillman Barracks, Singapore  
Rumah Filem, for State of Motion, commissioned by Asian Film Archive, National Library  
Plaza, Singapore
- 2017 Afterimage..., IPreciation Gallery, Singapore
- 2015 Art of ASEAN: Our Exhibition, Bank Negara Malaysia Museum and Art Gallery  
Perhentian, FUR Studio, Duduk-duduk Aspirational Space, Indonesia
- 2014 Grass is Greener on the Other Side, Institute of Contemporary Arts Singapore  
From the Ground Up, ICAS Gallery, Singapore
- 2013 Arte Laguna Prize, Romanian Institute, Venice, Italy  
Grand Opening, Culture Square, Singapore  
Worlds Apart Art Fair, Millenia Walk, Singapore  
Dustbunnies, Societe Generale Gallery, Alliance Francaise de Singapour

- 2012 Pameran Poskad, Viridian Art House, Singapore
- 2010 Raw Art Singapore, Sculpture Square, Singapore  
Art Triangle, Balai Seni Lukis Negara, National Art Gallery, Malaysia  
The LASALLE Show 2010, Institute of Contemporary Arts Singapore,  
LASALLE College of the Arts

## **Awards**

- 2018 UOB Singapore Painting of the Year
- 2014 Winston Oh Travel Research Award Grant

## **Publication**

- 2020 'Go West Young Man' in Rockbund Art Museum's (Shanghai) publication titled  
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