



JUN BALASBAS
PHILIPPINES

Jun was neither schooled in an art institution nor mentored by any artist. When he picked up the brush and taught himself the rudiments of oil painting, he did it for sheer pleasure and delight.

Balasbas began working immediately after high school. His skill came under the attention of the company's owner who encouraged him to apply his creativity to different forms. He moved up to designing innovative brochures, greeting cards, and print related products for various businesses such as restaurants, art galleries, and art product manufacturers. All the while, he continued to paint and his canvasses captured what Alloway coined as pop art in 1954.

His are happy pictures, bright with color and humor. High tech influence is playfully integrated in the background, underscoring the art as a product of this generation's fascination with MTV. In the end, it is Balasbas' absence of pretention that reaches across the viewer. His works speak the language of an illustrator, which he is. It is his take on the world around him as a funny place with much to smile about.

SOLO EXHIBITION

2014

- *"2014: A Galloping Year"*, 27 Annapolis Tower, Annapolis, Greenhills

2013

- *"Stars in my Sleep"*, Gallery BiG, LRI Design Plaza, Makati City

2001

- *"Musikero"*, Gallery Nine, SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2015

- *"Continuum"*, Artistspace Ayala Museum, Makati City

2013

- *"ManilArt2013"*, SM Aura, Taguig City
- *"JOYA: A Modern Native"*, (Tribute to JOYA), Rockwell Tent, Makati City

2012

- *"Hapi Noypi"*, Powerplant Mall, Rockwell, Makati City
- *"Kristo Manila"*, Art Center, SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City
- *"Enter the Year of the Dragon"*, Powerplant Mall, Rockwell, Makati City
- *"Colors of Summer"*, Powerplant Mall, Rockwell, Makati City

2011

- *"ManilART11"*, NBC Tent, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City
- *"Echoes"*, Andrea North Towers, N.Domingo corner Balete Sts., New Manila, Quezon City

2010

- *"ManilART'10"*, SMX Convention Center, Pasay City
- *"The El Prado Project"*, Ayala Museum, Makati City
- *"Ang Pinoy Talaga"*, Powerplant Mall, Rockwell, Makati City
- *"Side Show"*, Dusit Thani Hotel, Makati City

2009

- *"Tulong Sa Bayan"*, Noynoy Aquino Art Exhibit for the benefit of typhoon victims NBC Tent, Fort Bonifacio, Global City

2006

- *"Echoes"*, e Galerie, The Shops @ Serendra, Fort Bonifacio, Global City

2004

- *"The BIG Show"*, Art Center, SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City

2003

- *"4ward"*, Gallery Nine, SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City

2002

- *"Function By Nine"*, Gallery Nine, SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City

SELECTED AWARDS

1993

- 1st Place, "National Secondary School Press Conference", Editorial Cartooning Rizal High School, Pasig City

1992

- 2nd Place, "On-the-Spot" Poster Making Contest for Nature Awareness University of the East, Caloocan City