

Ethen Ng

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Background and Profession

Born in 1981, Ethen Ng is a self-taught artist from Penang, Malaysia. He enjoyed painting since young and it was there his artistic talent began to develop when he took up pencil and started to draw. Although Ethen began as a fabric designer, his heart began feeling more into fine art, especially painting. Apart from his work as a full-time artist, he conducts art classes in part-time for school children and adults as well. He makes time every day to allow himself in exploring new techniques to enhance his skills. Ethen says, ‘I believe that one will improve himself through extensive observation and continuous learning.’

Medium

The work of Ethen was published and shared in Chinese social media, for instance Weibo and WeChat for his famous drawings of animal portrait. His strength is using ball pens as the only medium in his works.

‘I like the colourful range of ball pens that provides a huge variety of colours and sizes. They give me so much freedom in creating the artwork I desire, I can easily transform what I feel into my drawing. Ball pens give so much pleasure to me even though the time spent on each drawing is rather long. Every single line and stroke are planned carefully, I totally enjoy the process of making it.’

Theme and Ideology

‘In my opinion, keeping pet is more than a hobby. Pet to me is a friend or partner who spends the life with me and listens to me when I need someone to talk to.’

Ethen’s love towards animal is developed by seeing their playful behaviours, like a form of energy driving him to capture their expressions in drawing. In his work, we can always find different expressions and postures of kitties and puppies.

‘As an artist, my inner feeling teaches me one thing—the purpose to create art.’

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Today Ethen hopes that his works will gradually cultivate public awareness towards animal protection and further develop the love to animals.

Exhibition

2013 Art Malaysia Animal Kingdom

2013 Art Malaysia

2014 Art Malaysia

2015 Pinghub Malaysia & Zhenghe Museum Exhibition

2015 Mutiara Seni Gallery Group Exhibition

2015 Mutiara Seni Gallery 10 anniversary Group Exhibition

2015 GTF AB+C exhibition Grop Exhibition

2016 Le Geo Art Restaurant Grop Exhibition

2016 Malaysia Art Society Grop Exhibition

2016 21 room Grop Exhibition

2016 Malaysia Art Society Grop Exhibition at Wisma MCA

2016 Xin Art Space Body Language Grop Exhibition

2016 GTF Exhibition

2016 Thai & Malayisa watercolor Grop Exhibition

2017 PPM Malaysia & Korean exchange exhibition

2017 Ours Exhibition

2017 Essence of life

2017 Art Expo

2017 Texture Exhibition

2017 Nada Rimba Exhibition

2018 Art Collab Rediscovering Art & Culture Filipino & Malaysia Art Exhibition

2018 Year of the Dog 2018 group exhibition, The Art Gallery, Penang

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Art Exhibition, HULO Hotel + Gallery, KL