

Gan Chin Lee  
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Richard Koh Fine Art

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Gan Chin Lee (b. 1977, Kuala Lumpur) is an emerging painter trained at the Central Academy of Fine Arts in Beijing and at the One Academy of Communication Design, Selangor. He has been awarded a number of awards since graduating such as the Platinum Award by the One Academy, KL, a winner of the MEA Award (Malaysian Emerging Artist Award) in 2009 and the Bronze award for the Graduate Creation Award, Central Academy of Fine Art in Beijing. He is also an art lecturer at The One Academy of Communication Design in Selangor. A disciplined and highly skilled painter, Chin Lee's occasionally multi-paneled paintings display complex compositions and amplified perspectives, usually borrowing traditional compositional formulas. His expressive and painterly works depict a wide-array of multi-racial urban scenes and shared social spaces such as South-east Asian food stalls and coffee shops that are densely populated by characters that seem indifferent to each other. There is usually a sequential narrative in the pictures and deciphering time is expanded due to the usage of polyptychs and panoramic viewpoints. Inner-city anxiety, restlessness and hardship are captured and hyperbolized in his enigmatic and disorientating pictures.

## Educations

- 2008 Master Degree in Fine Art, Central Academy of Fine Arts, Beijing, China
- 2005 Advanced Studies in Mural Painting, Central Academy of Fine Arts, Beijing
- 1998 Diploma in Illustration, The One Academy of Communication Design, Malaysia

## Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2015 *In-Between*, Richard Koh Fine Art, Malaysia
- 2011 *Soliloquy*, Valentine Willie Fine Art, Kuala Lumpur
- 2010 *Fragment Oefragmentation*, (Joint Solo Exhibition with Samsudin Wahab), Galeri Chandan

## Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2020 *New Works*, Richard Koh Fine Art, Malaysia & Singapore
- 2019 *In Sync*, G13 Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  
*Figure It Out*, Segaris Art Center, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  
*Human Being*, KEN Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 2018 *The Merdeka Award: Celebrating the Culture of Excellence*, Sabah Art Gallery, Sabah, Malaysia
- 2017 *15th Taoyuan Contemporary Art Award*, Taoyuan Arts Center, Taiwan
- 2016 *Afterwork*, ILHAM Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  
*Malaysian Art, A Special Preview*, Richard Koh Fine Art, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  
*Malaysian Art, A New Perspective*, Richard Koh Fine Art, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  
*Shared Glory with Diversified Splendor*, Tianjin Academy of Fine Arts, China  
*Voice of the Voiceless*, G13 Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  
*Art Stage Singapore 2016*, Richard Koh Fine Art, Singapore
- 2015 *I Am Ten*, Richard Koh Fine Art, Malaysia  
*Being Human, Figuratism of 16 Malaysian Artist*, Art Stage, Singapore  
*Malaysian Art, A New Perspective*, Richard Koh Fine Art, Malaysia



- Malaysian Art, A New Perspective, Richard Koh Fine Art, Singapore
- 2014 Alter Ego, Galeri Chandan, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  
Flesh, Pipal Fine Art, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 2013 Transit AO, MARS, HOM Art Trans, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  
Opening Show, Galeri Potret Negara, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  
Mukakata: Beyond Portraiture, Segaris Art Center, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  
Not For Sale, White Box, MAP Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 2012 Transit A4, MARS, HOM Art Trans, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  
Art Toronto 'Focus Asia', Galleria H, Canada  
Wawasan 2020: The Malaysian Dream, Valentine Willie Fine Art, Singapore
- 2011 Manifestasi Merdeka, National Visual Art Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  
TANAH AYER: Malaysian Stories from the Land, Valentine Willie Fine Art and Selasar Surnayo Art Space, Bandung, Indonesia  
Headlights 2011, Valentine Willie Fine Art, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 2010 ARTIRIANGLE 111: The Grayzone Project, National Art Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  
The Energy Trap - Painting and Sculpture Exhibition, Valentine Willie Fine Art offside at The Annexe Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 2009 MEA Award 2009 Exhibition, Soka Gakkai Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  
The 14th Oa Oun Fine Arts Exhibition, Tai Chung City, Taiwan

## Awards and Honors

- 2017 15th Taoyuan Contemporary Art Award, Department of Cultural Affairs, Taoyuan, Taiwan
- 2010 Platinum Achiever Award, The One Academy of Communication Design, Selangor, Malaysia
- 2009 Winner of 1st MEA Award, House of Matahati

- and Galeri Chandan, Malaysia
- 2008 Bronze Award, Gradute Creation Award, Central Acedemy of Fine Art, Beijing
- 2003 Finalist, Saksi Kebangsaan Malaysia 2003, National Art Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

## Artist Residency

- 2017 Artist in Residency Program, Hangzhou Cross-strait Cultural Communication Center, China

## Public Collections

- National Visual Arts Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- National Portrait Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- Galeri Petronas, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia





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