# articulating our stories

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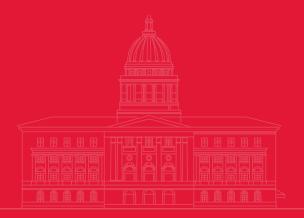
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National Gallery Singapore is a visual arts institution which oversees the largest public collection of modern art from Singapore and Southeast Asia. The Gallery is housed in two national monuments—former Supreme Court and City Hall—that have been beautifully restored and transformed into this exciting venue in the heart of the Civic District.

Our mission is to inspire and engage our people and our neighbours, creating a dialogue between the art of Singapore, Southeast Asia and the world. Guided by our twin goals of making artistic and national contributions, we aim to redefine Southeast Asian art in a global context, make art accessible, and position Singapore as an international hub for visual art in the region.

The Gallery is led by a Board of 12 directors and supported by Committees with specific responsibilities. Advisory panels consisting of industry experts provide counsel to the Gallery in the areas of marketing, education, curatorial research and information technology.



# chairman's **message**

2015 was a landmark year for both Singapore and the Gallery. Our nation celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> year of independence in August and three months later, National Gallery Singapore opened its doors to the public. We were honoured to have Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong unveil the Gallery and President Tony Tan Keng Yam launch the Grand Opening.

This marks a vital step forward in our next 50 years of nation building. While we have achieved great economic progress, cultural development is as vital to our lives and society. Our emotions and spirits need to be nurtured. Art has the power to inspire, uplift and enrich. These two monuments house the collective efforts of our artists. As visitors walk through our galleries, we hope that they will have a personal encounter with the art and discover works that resonate and inspire them.

Although the appreciation of art begins at a personal level, the impact of art can reach far beyond the individual experience. Artists are often seen as being separate from



the mainstream or creating their work in a vacuum. In fact, through our exhibitions, visitors will see that artists frequently engage with social, historical and cultural concerns of their time. As we become familiar with these key artists and their artistic expressions, we gain a deeper insight into our shared journey.

The works of art in the Gallery will grow into a part of the national consciousness. Their stories tell *our story*. They shape our sense of connection to our community and tie us together. Looking at art then becomes a way of engaging in local and regional dialogues about identity

and belonging. The value of the arts is indeed multi-faceted and immense.

This is the start of a new chapter. As we open up the conversation on our art, we look forward to the exciting possibilities that lie ahead.

Hsieh Fu Hua, Chairman

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# review by chief executive officer and director

When National Gallery Singapore finally opened to the public on 24 November 2015, years of planning and hard work culminated in a proud moment shared by our entire nation. The months preceding this occasion were especially hectic for all of us at the Gallery, as we prepared to introduce our building, exhibitions and programmes to audiences. We were encouraged by the warm reception that our opening received and hope that all Singaporeans will come to feel the sense of pride and ownership towards the Gallery that we do.

Within the first seven months of our opening, we welcomed our first millionth visitor. We are delighted that visitors from all over the world have come through our doors. We have organised seven exhibitions including Siapa Nama Kamu: Art in Singapore since the 19th Century, Between Dreams and

Declarations: Art of Southeast Asia since the 19th Century and Reframing Modernism: Painting in Southeast Asia, Europe and Beyond, to name a few. These showcase the richness of our collection and important works of art on loan from other institutions and private collections. For audiences who wanted to explore further, we organised tours, talks and workshops that delved deeper into the themes and ideas behind the shows; and forums and symposiums that gathered international speakers, academics and researchers for illuminating conversations on art in Southeast Asia and the world.

The Gallery is dedicated to advancing art scholarship in Singapore and the region. At the same time, we want it to be a place that engages the community. It is important to us that all visitors—young and old, familiar and new to the world of art—feel welcome and inspired at the Gallery.

Our school and family programmes encourage young ones to learn about art through active play, while our public programmes cut across different art forms from music to film. As advocates for a truly inclusive experience, we also offer guided visits in Singapore Sign Language alongside our daily docent-led tours, and organise regular community festivals and outreach activities.

Our innovative programmes are strengthened by the latest in digital technology. The ground-breaking Gallery Explorer app developed in partnership with Accenture enlivens and transforms visitors' experience with features including intelligent indoor navigation and rich audio content on our exhibitions and building history. This is complemented by key digital touchpoints throughout the Gallery that allow visitors to interact and immerse themselves in the art, as well as share valuable feedback with us so that we can constantly respond to their needs and preferences.

2015/16 has been a year of incredible achievements. We would not have been able to accomplish any of this without the support of our sponsors, partners, donors, volunteers, staff and friends. Thank you for embarking on this exciting journey with us, and supporting us as we continue to grow and share the Gallery's vision with all.

Chong Siak Ching,
Chief Executive Officer

**Eugene Tan,**Director

# appreciating our partners

Ten years in the making, this has been a personal project for many individuals—from the team behind the ambitious transformation of two historical buildings into a renewed icon, to the partners and donors who have helped to make it a reality. We are deeply grateful to each and every one of them.

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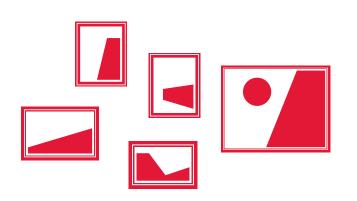




our journey in numbers



## **Exhibitions**





463,172

visits to our permanent galleries.



266,899

visits to our special exhibitions.

## **Programmes**



Public programmes	<b>182,284</b> participants
School programmes	71,176 participants
Family programmes	44,287 participants
Keppel Centre for Art Education programmes	<b>141,740</b> participants

Community programmes	8,244 participants
	26 community group collaborations
Adult learning programmes	1,689 participants

These figures cover the period 1 April 2015 to 31 Mar 2016.

These figures cover the period 24 Nov 2015 (the Gallery's opening) to 31 Mar 2016.

# Visitor Experience •

735
guided tours for
18,090
participants





# **Collections** and Research



new acquisitions



esearch materials in our Resource Centre



digital archive files



researchers registered to study our materials

# Marketing and Communications

Unique website visits

724,489

Social media







Press coverage generated

\$15,932,980

in media advertising value

\$47,798,940

in public relations value

2,584

pieces of media coverage



**696** international media pieces



1,888 local media pieces



360 minutes of air time



80 sponsors and donors





\$69,378,818

tax-deductible donations received

bridging past and present

# bridging past and present

When National Gallery Singapore opened its doors to the public this year, it marked a new beginning for Singapore's art landscape. Today, the Gallery is an institution that bridges the past and present through its art and buildings, where everyone can come and experience the art of Singapore and Southeast Asia. Here are the key milestones that paved this historic journey.

Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong announces that the former Supreme Court and City Hall will be converted into a new national gallery.

### 2008

studioMilou Architecture and CPG Consultants Pte Ltd are appointed after an international design competition to restore and transform the buildings.

### 2010

#### Oct

Minister for Information, Communication and the Arts Lui Tuck Yew officially launches *Open House*. It draws close to 40,000 members of the public, who attend to see the buildings a final time before construction begins.

#### Dec

Takenaka-Singapore Piling Joint Venture is appointed main construction contractor.



One of the 160 guided tours that took place over two Open House weekends.

Ground-breaking ceremony held. Made possible by a significant contribution of up to \$432 million from Tote Board, this signals the start of construction and restoration of the Gallery.

Tote Board is pleased to be a Partner and contribute to the development of National Gallery Singapore. Since its opening, the Gallery has grown to be the choice public space for people from all walks of life and across all ages to enjoy, experience and appreciate art.

Fong Yong Kian, Chief Executive, Tote Board

2013

#### Aug

Keppel Centre for Art Education named in appreciation of Keppel Corporation's donation of \$12 million.

### 2014

#### Apr

DBS Singapore Gallery named in appreciation of DBS Bank's donation of \$25 million.

#### Nov

Temporary Occupation Permit (TOP) is granted.

Community outreach campaign *Portraits of the People* launches. In celebration of SG50, it invites Singaporeans to sketch self-portraits which will be etched onto the permanent Art Connector walkway linking City Hall MRT station and the Gallery.

#### Dec

Accenture comes on board as Innovation Partner to digitally transform the Gallery experience.



Members of the public pose proudly with their completed sketches at a Portraits of the People event



Visitors admire the newly renovated Singapore Courtyard.

#### Jan

UOB Southeast Asia Gallery and UOB City Hall Courtyard named in appreciation of United Overseas Bank's generous donation.

#### Apr-May

Naked Musuem tours are held over two weekends, allowing more than 1,500 guests to enjoy sneak previews of the restored buildings.

#### Jun

Singtel Special Exhibition Gallery named in appreciation of Singtel's donation of \$20 million.

#### Sep

Ng Teng Fong Roof Garden Gallery and the annual Ng Teng Fong Roof Garden Commission named in appreciation of Far East Organization's donation of \$20 million.

It was a wonderful experience to see the Gallery without any exhibits. I expect it to look even better when it is all dressed up!

Paul Ang, visitor

#### 23 Nov 2015

Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong launches the Gallery's opening celebrations.



Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong at the opening celebrations.

This gallery is a masterpiece. I have been to many galleries overseas but none can compare with this. Home is still the best!

Lena Ng, visitor

#### 24 Nov 2015

Minister for Culture, Community and Youth Grace Fu welcomes the Gallery's first guests.



Minister for Culture, Community and Youth Grace Fu giving out "The Gallery's First Guest" stickers to students.

We hope that everyone can find something that they like, something to talk about, and share their common experiences at the Gallery. This will be a place for every Singaporean. National Gallery Singapore can offer a lot, not just for art, but also to understand who we are as a people in Southeast Asia.

**Grace Fu,**Minister for Culture, Community and Youth

#### 27 Nov 2015

President Tony Tam Keng Yam officially opens National Gallery Singapore and the Art Connector.



Thousands join President Tony Tan Keng Yam for the launch of the Share the Hope façade show generously sponsored by Cartier. (From left: Grace Fu, Minister for Culture, Community and Youth; First Lady Mary Tan; President Tony Tan; Hsieh Fu Hua, Chairman, National Gallery Singapore; Chong Siak Ching, Chief Executive Officer, National Gallery Singapore; Yeoh Chee Yan, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth).

leading through art

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There is no better way to share with others the joy and beauty associated with my family's artworks than through the grand and prestigious National Gallery Singapore.

Derek Cheong, artwork donor

National Gallery Singapore's vision is to be a leading visual arts institution that not only showcases the art of Singapore and Southeast Asia from the 19<sup>th</sup> century to the present day, but also advances the discourse globally. We are continually looking to grow our collection as well as develop art scholarship throughout the region.

#### **BUILDING OUR COLLECTION**

The Gallery oversees the world's largest collection of modern art from Southeast Asia. Comprising over 8,000 works today, we aim to further grow the collection to demonstrate the great diversity of art in Southeast Asia by representing all significant movements and developments since the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

Since 2009, the Gallery has targeted key acquisitions to strengthen the breadth and depth of our National Collection with works from artists across Singapore and the Southeast Asian region. This year, we acquired 228 works across a broad range of media, including paintings, sculptures, photography and installations.

We are grateful to the Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth (MCCY) for their substantial support, as well as to artists, artist estates, collectors and other benefactors for their generous donations of major artworks and gifts that have allowed us to continue building and strengthening our collection.

Our Art Adoption and Acquisition Programme offers individuals and organisations the exciting opportunity to contribute to the development of our collection. In November 2015, we received the largest individual donation to date of \$5 million from Danny Yong, who adopted Raden Saleh's *Forest Fire* in honour of the Yong Hon Kong Foundation, which was established in memory of his late father. BinjaiTree and Lam Soon Cannery Pte Ltd also made significant contributions through their adoption of artworks from the Gallery's collection.



Latiff Mohidin. *Pagodas II*, *Pago-Pago Series*. 1964. Oil on canvas. 99.4 x 99.2 cm. Adopted by BinjaïTree in memory of Chia Yew Kay and Tan Kim Siew.



Cheong Soo Pieng. Fishing Village. Undated. Ink and pastel on paper.  $109 \times 58 \text{ cm}$ . Adopted by Lam Soon Cannery Pte Ltd.



(From left) Eugene Tan, Director, National Gallery Singapore; Jose Isidro N (Lito) Camacho, Board Member, National Gallery Singapore; Danny Yong, Yong Hon Kong Foundation; Hsieh Fu Hua, Chairman, National Gallery Singapore; Chong Siak Ching, Chief Executive Officer, National Gallery Singapore and Dr Kenson Kwok, Board Member, National Gallery Singapore in front of Forest Fire by Raden Saleh

Art is an area that has been overlooked in the past in terms of how it can improve the quality of our lives... I hope that more people will find it meaningful to gain deeper insights into our region's art histories via the iconic artworks displayed at the Gallery.

**Danny Yong,** Yong Hon Kong Foundation

#### **KEY ACQUISITIONS**

#### Utama: Every Name in History is I

Ho Tzu Nyen 2003, remade 2015 Video and oil on canvas Dimensions variable

Utama: Every Name in History is I consists of a film and 20 oil paintings that draw upon the legendary tale of Sang Nila Utama, a Srivijayan prince who is said to have founded the Kingdom of "Singapura" in the late 13<sup>th</sup> century.

The work unfolds as a series of moments accompanied by creative readings of the Malay Annals. These include the Prince sighting a mythical beast, the *singha* (lion) that is believed to be the keeper of the *pura* (town); and throwing his crown overboard to avoid being sunk by a storm en route to Singapore.

By weaving together literary, documentary, historical and imagined sources, Ho challenges the received narrative of Singapore's founding by Sir Stamford Raffles in 1819, offering a counterpoint to the prevailing discourse of history.



#### **Flamboyance**

Lee Hock Moh 1983 Chinese ink and colour on paper 132 x 67.4 cm

Flamboyance won the Excellence Award at the National Day Art Exhibition in 1983, marking an early breakthrough in Lee Hock Moh's artistic career. By adopting the tropical orchid plant as a subject, he injected local sentiment and vitality into the classical *gongbi* style birds-and-flower painting.

This artwork resulted from his intensive observations of his subject. Lee enjoyed planting orchids in his garden and would observe them daily as they developed from seedlings to full bloom. He gave great attention to detailing the intricate anatomy of the orchids, using fine and precise lines. His skillful application of traditional colouring methods enriches the painting, creating a sense of exuberance.

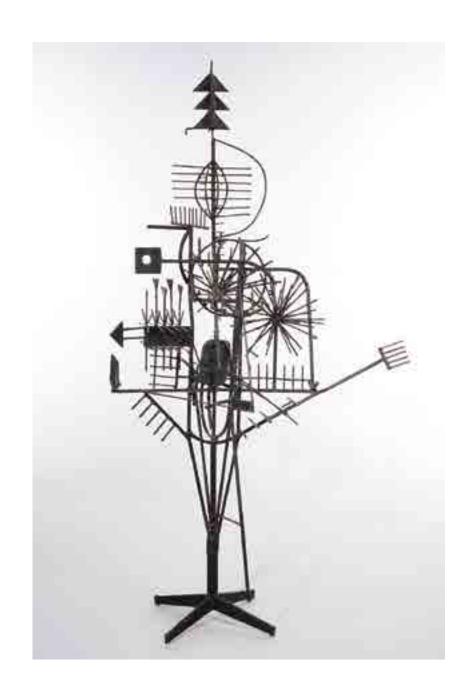


#### Untitled

J Elizalde Navarro c. 1960s Welded metal 208 x 113 x 87.5 cm

This sculpture demonstrates J Elizalde Navarro's affinity for abstraction. It also shows his attraction to the linear form: rods bend, crisscross, and splay out in different directions, capped by forks and arrows. Squares punched through with holes balance and emphasise form in three-dimensional space.

Navarro (1924–1999) was an important contributor to modern art in the Philippines. Bestowed the National Artist Award for the Visual Arts shortly after his death, he was among the first generation of modernists to emerge after World War II.



#### Age of Full Bloom

San Minn 1979 Oil and metal chain on canvas 89 x 59 cm

This work is an early example of the surrealistic expression for which Myanmar artist San Minn is renowned. Minn's work often functions as social commentary, exploring the relationship between artistic practice and political observation. The political undertones in this work are left ambiguous by juxtaposing images from the young nation's flag with symbols of ephemerality and adolescence. The use of everyday materials such as the metal chain necklace sewn onto the canvas demonstrates Minn's interest in experimentation.

Born in Yangon in 1951, San Minn studied under some of Myanmar's most noted art academics and went on to become a pillar of Yangon's modern art movement. A founding member of artistic operatives Gangaw Village and Inya Gallery, he is a key supporter of the development of Yangon's artists.

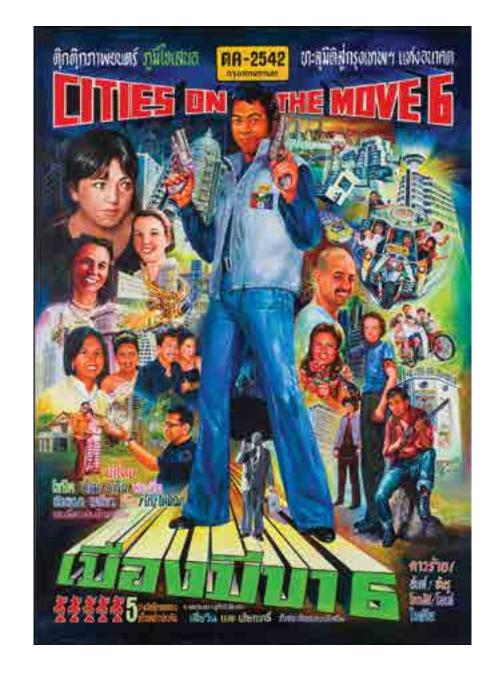


#### Cities on the Move 6, Bangkok

Navin Rawanchaikul & Rirkrit Tiravanija 1999 Acrylic on canvas 170 x 120.4 cm

This painting was created for the Bangkok edition of *Cities on the Move*, an exhibition curated by Hou Hanru and Hans Ulrich Obrist which toured the world between 1997 and 1999. It was the first major exhibition of contemporary Asian art to be held in Europe, and launched the international careers of many artists.

Rawanchaikul and Tiravanija responded to the exhibition's theme of Asian urban life by devising an interactive project that incorporated *tuk-tuks* and large paintings created by cinema billboard painters. These were reproduced as posters, which were pasted around the streets of Bangkok.



#### St. Thomas Walk Campus

Lim Yew Kuan 1952 Oil on canvas 54.7 x 79.7 cm Gift of Lim Yew Kuan

This painting depicts the Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts (NAFA) Campus at 49 St. Thomas Walk, where it was relocated after World War II. It showcases Lim Yew Kuan's characteristic use of rich colour and textured brushstrokes, and his ability to convey mood and emotion through painting.

Born in 1928 in Xiamen, China, Lim came to Singapore during World War II to join his father Lim Hak Tai, the founding principal of NAFA. A leading second-generation artist and the second principal of NAFA from 1963 to 1979, Lim Yew Kuan received the Cultural Medallion Award in 2011 for his significant contributions to the visual arts in Singapore.



#### Fire

Lim Hak Tai 1961 Acrylic on board 59 x 75.5 cm Gift of Mr and Mrs Lim Yew Kuan

This painting depicts the Bukit Ho Swee fire that broke out in a squatter settlement of Singapore on 25 May 1961. It was reported that 16,000 people became homeless and more than 2,000 houses were burnt, making it one of the most devastating fires in Singapore's history.

Lim Hak Tai was a distinguished artist and art educator. He co-founded the Xiamen Academy of Fine Arts in 1923, and later served as the founding principal of the Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts (NAFA) in Singapore.

Lim stressed the importance of "localness" in art, not only through aesthetic expressions inspired by tropical characteristics, but also in works like this, which reflect local social concerns. Many other artists, such as Koeh Sia Yong and Liu Kang, also portrayed this fire and the rebuilding process that went on in its aftermath.



#### Bamboo and Rock

Zhu Wenyun 1930 Chinese ink on paper 39.5 x 290 cm Gift of Chua Eik Seng This work portrays a bamboo grove growing along a stream and surrounded by rocks. Composed in a long horizontal scroll format and executed with skilful and rhythmic brushstrokes, it showcases the artistic maturity reached by Zhu Wenyan in the later years of his life.

Zhu was the nephew and disciple of the Shanghai ink painting master Wu Changshuo. He served as the Head of the Chinese Painting departments at the Shanghai Art College and Shanghai Xin Hua Art College in the 1920s and 1930s and is regarded as an important Shanghai School painter, accomplished in handling a variety of subjects and both *xieyi* and *gongbi* style ink painting.



#### Old Man of the South Pole

Wang Zhen 1924 Chinese ink and colour on paper 109 x 37.5 cm Gift of Chua Eik Seng

Old Man of the South Pole is a prime example of the artistic legacy of Shanghai School ink painting adapted to the Singapore context. Wang Zhen was a celebrated Chinese ink painter of the Shanghai school and an influential art patron. His linear strokes in this work maintain a succinct quality and a sense of directness.

He studied painting under Ren Bonian and Wu Changshuo, two painters widely regarded as the leading masters of Shanghai School ink painting. Wang's practice was built on a solid foundation in figure painting and brushwork handling that is largely based on calligraphic and epigraphic qualities.

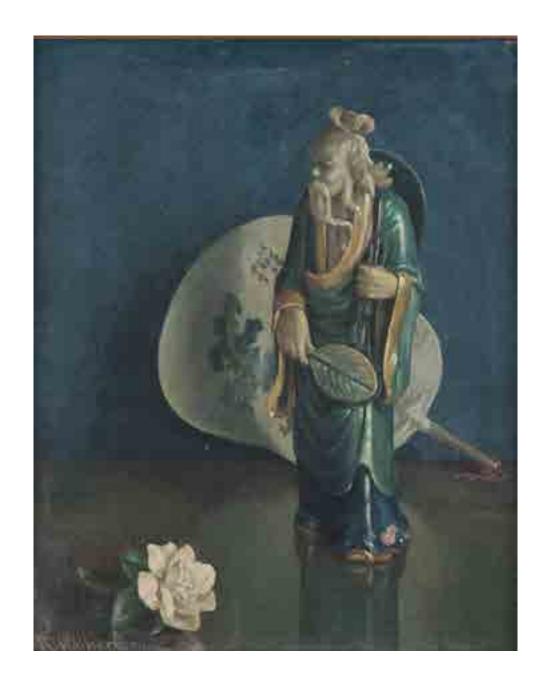


#### Tranquility - The Old Sage

Richard Walker
c. 1950s
Oil on canvas
50 x 40 cm
Gift of the family of the late Madam Tan Chwee Neo

English-born Richard Walker was integral to the foundation of art education in Singapore, having been appointed as the Art Master of Government English Schools in 1923. He was a founding member of the Singapore Art Society and taught many prominent teachers, bureaucrats and artists including watercolourist Lim Cheng Hoe. In 1938, Walker also taught art to non-English speakers, mostly Malay teachers, for the first time.

This work, painted not long after Walker returned to England in 1950, demonstrates his interest in combining Asian and European aesthetics. It was featured in the Richard Walker tribute exhibition organised by the Singapore Art Society in 1972.





Assistant Curator Syed Muhammad Hafiz uses one of the Resource Centre's book scanners to digitise research materials.





Exhibition catalogues accompanying our long-term exhibitions at the DBS Singapore Gallery and UOB Southeast Asia Gallery. (left) Siapa Nama Kamu? Art in Singapore Since the 19th Century

(right) Between Declarations and Dreams: Art of Southeast Asia Since the 19th Century.

#### **DRIVING ART RESEARCH**

A strong research culture is integral to the Gallery's success as a thought leader. It creates new knowledge about the collections and exhibitions, opens up new fields of enquiry and encourages more people to engage deeply with art.

Our Resource Centre holds a comprehensive collection of over 55,000 research materials relating to Southeast Asian art. These include books on art history and theory, artist monographs, exhibition catalogues, archival materials, and digital collections. Our digital archives consist of over 25,000 files on artists in Singapore and 10,000 on artists from Southeast Asia. Since opening, over 130 researchers from around the world have expressed interest to conduct their research studies with us.

The Gallery's publications are another valuable resource. To date, we have published nine catalogues and albums as companions to our exhibitions. The essays within each publication showcase the research of our curators and external writers, and provide analyses and insights that have advanced art historical scholarship in the region. They also form a lasting record of the Gallery's work and allow visitors to take a piece of the exhibition home with them.

### FORGING INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

The Gallery's partnerships play a crucial role in positioning Singapore as an international and regional hub for Southeast Asian art.

This year, we expanded and deepened our network of institutional partners to facilitate greater exchange of artworks, knowledge and expertise. The Gallery signed a Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) with the Fine Arts Department of the Kingdom of Thailand, the Asia Culture Center (Gwangju), the National Art Museum of China (Beijing), the Cultural Center of the Philippines (Manila) and Centre Pompidou (Paris).

To keep abreast of museological trends around the world, we also participated actively in international organisations and conferences. The Gallery's Director Eugene Tan was invited to join the Bizot Group, a prestigious alliance of directors from the world's most prominent museums, and speak at several leading symposiums and conferences. These included an international symposium organised in support of the Singapore Pavilion at the 56th Venice Art Biennale, and the International Committee for Museums and Collections of Modern Art's 2015 Annual Conference where he presented a lecture on "(Re) Writing National Art History: National Gallery Singapore".

In turn, the Gallery hosted notable arts and culture dignitaries, international and local museum peers on visits including China's Minister of Culture Mr Luo Shugang, Bangladesh's Culture Minister Mr Asaduzzaman Noor, delegates from Thailand's Ministry of Culture, MoMA's International Programmes Director Jay Levenson, Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn, and Speaker of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey Mr Ismail Kahraman.



Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn on a private tour of the UOB Southeast Asia Gallery, accompanied by Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong.

This year's line-up of symposia, seminars and workshops featuring renowned curators, academics, and budding scholars attracted over 800 participants in total. A key event in support of early career scholars in the field of Southeast Asian art was *Ambitious Alignments: New Histories of Southeast Asian Art.* Jointly developed with the Institut Teknologi Bandung and the Power Institute of the University of Sydney, with funding from the Getty Foundation, it was a research project that culminated in a public symposium at the Gallery. The scholars presented new developments and methodologies which signaled the vitality of research in this area.

We also provided platforms for international thought leaders of the art world to share their insights, often in conjunction with local institutional partners like the Culture Academy and Nobel Prize Series Singapore. Notable speakers included Dr Neil MacGregor (then Director of the British Museum) and Bernard Blistène (Director, Musée National d'art Moderne, Centre Pompidou).



Dr Neil MacGregor (then Director of the British Museum) in conversation with Dr Alan Chong (Dean of the Culture Academy) at the official launch of Culture Academy, hosted at the Gallery's Auditorium. ©Culture Academy.

# creating **curiosity**

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creating curiosity

## creating curiosity

At the heart of the Gallery lies our mission to inspire and engage our people, our neighbours and the world through art.

#### LONG-TERM EXHIBITIONS: SIAPA NAMA KAMU? AND BETWEEN DECLARATIONS AND DREAMS

This year, we hosted seven exhibitions—and standing proudly among them were our two long-term exhibitions: Siapa Nama Kamu?: Art in Singapore since the 19th Century at the DBS Singapore Gallery, and Between Declarations and Dreams: Art of Southeast Asia since the 19th Century at the UOB Southeast Asia Gallery. Both exhibitions feature major works from the Gallery's Collection, accompanied by key loans from across the region. Presented in chronological and thematic narratives, the exhibitions offer for the first time a coherent, long-term display of modern art from across Southeast Asia.

This expansive journey through the art history of Singapore and Southeast Asia provided a rich context for our special exhibitions, which opened up new perspectives on individual artists, historical moments and key developments.



Visitors explore the details in Chen Wen Hsi's Herons on a tour of the DBS Singapore Gallery.

My favourite gallery has to be the DBS Singapore Gallery. Knowing that Singapore is still a young nation, I was impressed with the collection of art on display. Some of the works even date back to the 19<sup>th</sup> century! The Gallery is the place to show the younger generation how art and culture plays an important role in shaping a country.

**Tzeko M**, visitor from Singapore



Liu Kang Gallery located within DBS Singapore Gallery 1.



From left: Eugene Tan, Director, National Gallery Singapore; Karen Ngui, Head of Group Strategic Marketing & Comms, DBS Bank; Chong Siak Ching, Chief Executive Officer, National Gallery Singapore, Sim S Lim, Group Executive and Singapore Country Head, DBS Bank at the signing ceremony.

As Singapore comes of age, we find ourselves at the crossroads of a very vibrant Asia where the visual arts is playing a key role in shaping our identity. We see this partnership with National Gallery Singapore as a rare opportunity to be a part of the Singapore of tomorrow. We look forward to enjoying and appreciating Singapore art with Singaporeans and visitors from all over the world, at Singapore's largest and most iconic art venue.

Sim S Lim, Group Executive and Singapore Country Head, DBS Bank



Kids and families attend a sketch workshop inside the UOB Southeast Asia Gallery.



UOB Southeast Asia Gallery 4.

As someone who loves museums, I've always admired European paintings but I could never relate to them. When I saw the artworks by Philippine artists in the UOB Southeast Asia Gallery, for the first time, I actually felt connected to the art. Seeing the portraits and thinking, "Wow, this family looks like me!" or "This is how Filipinos used to dress back then... Is that what my ancestors wore?" was like experiencing my heritage for the first time.

Michelle M, visitor from the Philippines

We believe that art can draw together people from different backgrounds and cultures and are honoured to be part of the Gallery's efforts to showcase Southeast Asian art to the world.

#### Wee Ee Cheong,

Deputy Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, United Overseas Bank



Wee Ee Cheong, Deputy Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, United Overseas Bank and Chong Siak Ching, Chief Executive Officer, National Gallery Singapore exchange the contract at the official signing ceremony of the UOB and National Gallery Singapore partnership.

### SPECIAL EXHIBITION: REFRAMING MODERNISM

Artistic dialogue was significantly enhanced by the Gallery's first international show in March 2016. Held at the Singtel Special Exhibition Gallery, this was a groundbreaking collaboration between the Gallery and Centre Pompidou in Paris, where we brought together 217 works from Europe, Southeast Asia and beyond to relook and "reframe" how artists around the world approached modernism in the 20th century.

Reframing Modernism is what art buffs' dreams are made of: a gathering of the world's most celebrated artists' works in one show. Think masterpieces from the likes of Henri Matisse and Pablo Picasso, hanging alongside that of Indonesian painter Affandi and local artist Georgette Chen.

**Sara Yap**, Lifestyle Asia



Reframing Modernism at the Singtel Special Exhibition Gallery.



Visitors on a tour of the exhibition with Senior Curator Lisa Horikawa.

Experiencing such a powerful connection between two previously separate bodies of work [Latiff Mohidin and Jean-Michel Atlan] for the first time is thrilling to say the least.

**Kenny Mah,**Malay Mail Online



Chua Sock Koong, Group Chief Executive Officer, Singtel addresses the press at the official signing ceremony.

Singtel has always been a keen supporter of the visual arts as we believe that art can connect people regardless of background and culture. We are proud to be able to present homegrown and Southeast Asian art alongside internationally renowned artworks rarely seen in the region at the Singtel Special Exhibition Gallery.

We hope our collaboration with National Gallery Singapore will help to make art more accessible to all and cultivate an appreciation not just for art, but also our identity and history in Southeast Asia.

**Chua Sock Koong,** Singtel Group Chief Executive Officer

### SPECIAL EXHIBITIONS: WU GUANZHONG: BEAUTY BEYOND FORM AND CHUA EK KAY: AFTER THE RAIN

In the Wu Guanzhong Gallery and Level 4 Gallery, two solo exhibitions by leading ink artists, Wu Guanzhong and Chua Ek Kay, drew on major donations to the National Collection and loans from across the region. They traced the development of these two innovative practitioners, who combined traditional Chinese ink and Western techniques to create new artistic languages.

Many of the works are breathtaking and taken together, reflect a conversation between two Chinese ink masters on how to imbue the traditional form with a modern spirit.

Clarissa Oon, The Straits Times Life!



Chua Ek Kay: After the Rain at the Level 4 Gallery.



Visitors admire the artworks inside the Wu Guanzhong Gallery.



A visitor takes a photograph of Tan Teng-Kee's artwork in A Fact Has No Appearance: Art Beyond the Object at Concourse Gallery 1.



Tang Da Wu: Earth Work 1979 at Concourse Gallery 2.

### CONCOURSE GALLERIES: TANG DA WU: EARTH WORK 1979 AND A FACT HAS NO APPEARANCE: ART BEYOND THE OBJECT

In the Concourse Galleries, two complementary exhibitions took a deeper look at themes explored in the permanent galleries, focusing on artistic directions emergent in Southeast Asia during the 1970s. Tang Da Wu: Earth Work 1979 presented Tang's radical Earth Works, last exhibited in Singapore in 1980. A Fact Has No Appearance: Art Beyond the Object featured the work of Johnny Manahan, Redza Piyadasa and Tan Teng-Kee, who challenged conventional approaches to photography, painting and sculpture at the time. Both exhibitions have resulted in major acquisitions and donations for the National Collection.

If some museums have an uncanny ability to induce a simultaneous melancholy for and joyful discovery of the past, then perhaps no section in the new National Gallery Singapore does this better than its Concourse Galleries ... thanks to National Gallery's efforts, what has long been forgotten and ignored in Southeast Asian art history is now being redeemed.

Helmi Yusof, The Business Times

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#### NG TENG FONG ROOF GARDEN GALLERY: SIRA PISANG

Malaysian artist Roslisham Ismail (aka Ise) was commissioned to create an installation at the Ng Teng Fong Roof Garden Gallery for the Gallery's opening. His colourful floor mural responded to the idea of Southeast Asia as place, history and culture, by depicting the artist's favourite recipe, *sira pisang* (glazed banana), from his home state of Kelantan.



Ise's Sira Pisang at the Ng Teng Fong Roof Garden Gallery.



Ng Teng Fong Roof Garden Gallery

We are happy to make this gift to the National Gallery Singapore in the name of the Lord Jesus, from whom all good things come. We are grateful to the National Gallery for their naming of the rooftop garden in honor of our late father, Mr Ng Teng Fong. The National Gallery is a precious national heritage site and has become an exciting new icon of Singapore's evolving arts scene. It is our hope that the Ng Teng Fong Roof Garden Gallery and Commission, with its verdant and tranquil environment, will bring art and inspiration to all of its visitors.

Family of the late Mr Ng Teng Fong

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## building an eye for art

The Gallery believes in creating a dynamic and expansive environment for all to discover art. This year, we organised a broad spectrum of programmes to reach out to various segments of the community and take art beyond the Gallery's walls.

### KEPPEL CENTRE FOR ART EDUCATION

The first dedicated art education facility of its kind in the region, the Keppel Centre for Art Education invites young visitors to discover art through imaginative play.

This year, the Centre collaborated with four artists to create unique spaces inspired by the theme "Home: Present and Future". Each space had individual learning objectives and approaches, and featured an innovative line-up of programmes to encourage the discovery of art.

The Keppel Centre for Art Education aims to provide an artistic environment to entertain, nurture and inspire generations of creative and critical thinkers.

**Dr Lee Boon Yang,**Chairman of Keppel Corporation



From left: Loh Chin Hua, Chief Executive Officer, Keppel Corporation; Chong Siak Ching, Chief Executive Officer, National Gallery Singapore; Dr Lee Boon Yang, Chairman, Keppel Corporation watch on as young visitors engage in hands-on activities at the Project Gallery in the Keppel Centre for Art Education.





Visitors to the Keppel Centre admire the intricate details of Xandyr Quek's clay, plasticine and foam model.

The Centre also provides a platform for young artists to showcase their work. This year, we featured a special display by 13-year-old artist Xandyr Quek: a scale model of Woodlands Town created with clay, plasticine and foam. Diagnosed with autism at a young age, Quek showed a talent for art and received strong support from his parents and teachers. Visitors were filled with awe and respect for Quek's self-motivation and the detailed construction of his artwork.

In collaboration with the Ministry of Education, a selection of artworks created by school children in response to pieces in our collection was also displayed at the Children's Gallery.



Inspired by the idea of "entering a painting", Sandra Lee created *The Enchanted Tree House* at Art Playscape depicting forest animals on a search for a new home.









Hand-written feedback from young visitors who enjoyed their time at the Keppel Centre for Art Education.

#### **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES**

A strong emphasis was placed on creating engaging museum education programmes for young visitors, in the belief that encountering arts at a young age can nurture a lifelong love for it.

Our Family Weekends series invites families to enjoy enriching art activities developed by Gallery educators in collaboration with artists and art practitioners. In 2015/16, these included facilitated discussions about art, drop-in craft sessions, storytelling and sketching activities that

taught children how to engage with art. We also planned special workshops, such as a collaboration with youth craft movement *Superhero Me*.

We worked closely with local schools to expose students to art from a young age. From November 2015, we conducted guided school tours and workshops with learning objectives tailored to age groups ranging from pre-school to junior college. These programmes support Singapore's national curriculum by introducing visual

literacy, analytical and interpretive skills to students.

Our Gallery's education team also organised lively presentations and workshops for over 53,000 teachers and students to introduce key artworks in the National Collection. Some of these students and educators were even given the opportunity to interact with professional artists such as Tan Wee Lit and Milenko Prvacki through a series of artist-led masterclasses.

We were inspired by the various perspectives that can be derived from one single art piece. This has inspired us to look at society from perspectives other than our own.

Student, Ngee Ann Polytechnic



Students from Mayflower Primary School take part in an art quiz at one of the Gallery's school outreach tours.



An actor brings the art in Siapa Nama Kamu? at the DBS Singapore Gallery to life through storytelling.



Educators attend an exclusive artist's masterclass with Milenko Prvacki in his studio.



Low Sze Wee, Director, Curatorial & Collections, National Gallery Singapore is joined by a panel of museum directors and specialists from Hong Kong and China to speak on the topic of "Trends and Points of Collaboration Across Museums".



Artist Nai Swee Leng, whose work is featured in DBS Singapore Gallery 2, treats participants to a live demonstration of Chinese ink painting at one of this year's *Ink Masters Series* sessions.



Participants get up close and personal with artist Tan Teng-Kee in a talk organised in conjunction with A Fact Has No Appearance: Art Beyond the Object.



Adele Tan, Curator, National Gallery Singapore in conversation with artist Amanda Heng and Russell Storer, Senior Curator, National Gallery Singapore on the stories behind five key artworks in the Gallery.

#### **ADULT LEARNING PROGRAMMES**

Our adult learning programmes create different points of entry for audiences to enjoy and explore our exhibitions.

Art talks feature presentations by artists, art collectors and specialists in their respective fields. They are designed to familiarise the public with artists, artworks and the artistic practice in a casual and intimate atmosphere. Our first talk in January 2015 featured an exclusive discussion with artist Tan Teng-Kee in conjunction with the exhibition *A Fact Has No Appearance: Art Beyond the Object.* 

Art forums and panel discussions provide a platform for discourse and critical exchange, with in-depth discussions by a panel of experts on Singapore and Southeast Asian art. We presented three panel discussions this year that touched on our long-term exhibitions, the practice of adapting historical buildings into public spaces, and the role of museums in Asia. Key speakers included Singaporean artist and Cultural Medallion recipient Amanda Heng, Director of Hong Kong Museum of Art Eve Tam, Deputy Director of China Art Museum Mao Hong Kun, Director of Zhejiang Art Museum Si Shunwei, Ho Wen Min from studioMilou Singapore and Tan Hooi Chong from CPG consultants.

An *Ink Masters Series* was organised in conjunction with the Wu Guanzhong and Chua Ek Kay exhibitions. It explored the influences that have shaped the development of Chinese ink painting through the centuries. One of the five sessions was led by master ink painter Nai Swee Leng. He spoke on ink development during the Ming and Qing periods in relation to modern Chinese art and gave a live demonstration.

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#### **PUBLIC PROGRAMMES**

Our opening celebrations in November 2015 provided the ideal platform to showcase the Gallery's innovative public programmes to a wide audience.

Over two weeks, we presented the world premiere of *Memora(film)ia* featuring three specially commissioned short films by local filmmakers, and more than 20 exciting acts inspired by our collections and buildings. These included a participatory performance *National Language Class* by theatre group spell#7, roving skits, dance performances and *Resonates With* musical collaborations. More than 170,000 visited the Gallery during this period and took part in the many activities on offer.

Following our opening, the full play *National Language Class* by spell#7 was presented at the City Hall Chamber. Between 22 and 24 January 2016, visitors from all walks of life attended the play, including prominent local artists Chua Mia Tee and his wife, Alvin Tan, Zai Kuning, Josef Ng, Sherman Ong, Tan Kheng Hua and Janice Koh.



Visitors to the Art Carnival at the Padang enjoy a fascinating storytelling session.



Tay Bee Aye's installation *Draw, Weave, Knot* at the opening celebrations invited visitors to explore the beauty of abstract forms by creating unique knot patterns in space.



The launch of *Singapore Rhapsodies*, a mini concert series inviting school students to perform on the striking red piano at the Singapore Courtyard.



Local group TO Ensemble presents a jazz fusion performance to over 200 visitors at the inaugural Gallery After Hours.

We remember the past, by exhibiting modern Singapore and Southeast Asian art in two national monuments. We celebrate the present, by screening films and showcasing performances. We imagine the future, by offering learning programmes and hosting symposiums. May National Gallery Singapore continue to chart Singapore's journey as a cultural melting pot for the region!

Resonates With was also developed into a regular music series to build public familiarity and allow for a deeper exploration of its themes. Every week, the Gallery's public spaces are enlivened through free performances that blend music genres from the classical to contemporary, inspired by our buildings and collections.

The Gallery has also introduced several new series this year. In January 2016, we debuted *Singapore Rhapsodies*. This mini concert series invites school students to showcase original compositions or interpretations of local tunes on the iconic red Steinway & Sons grand piano at the Singapore Courtyard.

In March 2016, we launched two more programmes. The first of these was *Painting with Light*, a monthly film series featuring some of Southeast Asia's best cinematic stories over the last hundred years. The selection showcases important works from early to present-day cinema by veteran and emerging filmmakers, significant for their observations on art and subjects that matter in this part of the world. The second was *Gallery After Hours*, which presents an invigorating line-up of late night tours, live music performances and speciality food and drinks.



A father bonds with his daughter through art-making at the community open house event *Spectrum*.



Families explore the art in the UOB Southeast Asia Gallery through an intimate and interactive Art Explorers tour.

#### **COMMUNITY PROGRAMMES**

Festivals and events at the Gallery, as well as community outreach activities, brought art to new audiences by making it fun, engaging and accessible.

Our anchor programme *Spectrum* was launched in March 2016. It invited diverse audiences to experience the Gallery's collection through activities ranging from music performances to conversations about art and mental health.

Furthering our mission to make art accessible for all, monthly *Gallery Signs* tours introduced deaf visitors to the

collection through engaging conversations in Singapore sign language. Led by a docent and sign language interpreter from the Singapore Association for the Deaf, each intimate session discussed themes relating to the exhibitions and artworks.

We also supported the first two editions of the Urban Redevelopment Authority's *Car Free Sunday* initiative in February and March 2016. In an effort to breathe new life into Singapore's Civic District, the initiative sees roads around the Gallery and Padang close on the last Sunday of every month,

with programmes taking place in the buildings and public spaces around. As part of the initiative, the Gallery opened an hour early and offered outdoor Building Highlights tours, public yoga sessions, and an Easter egg hunt.



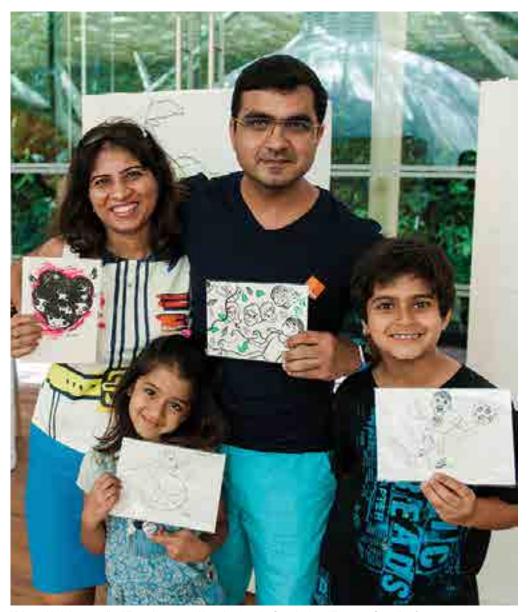
Deaf participants on a Gallery Signs tour.



Visitors with their paper silhouettes cut by an artist at *Spectrum*.



Sketching workshops in the Gallery's rooftop studio are a fun way to pick up basic drawing skills.



Visitors with their personalised illustrations, created by artists from the Organisation of Illustrators Council at Spectrum.

#### **COLLABORATIONS**

The Gallery works closely with partner institutions and festivals to build intersections across different art forms. Two collaborations were launched in November 2015. The first was with the Singapore Writer's Festival (SWF). The *Eye/Feel/Write* project invited ten distinguished local writers, including Alfian Sa'at, Gwee Li Sui, Lee Tzu Pheng and Divya Victor, to compose poetry in response to key artworks in the DBS Singapore Gallery. The writers and Gallery curators subsequently led two sold-out tours for 70 participants and the texts were compiled into the anthology *Experiments in Ekphrasis*.

For the second collaboration, the Gallery teamed up with Singapore International Film Festival 2015 as a partner venue, screening 18 films. The largest and longest-running independent film platform in Singapore, it is widely attended by international film critics, and recognised for its focus on Asian filmmakers and the promotion of Southeast Asian films.



Leong Liew Geok stands in front of her chosen painting Lotus in a Breeze by Georgette Chen as she prepares to recite her poem.



Curator Charmaine Toh tells participants more about Chua Mia Tee's National Language Class, one of the works selected for the Eye/Feel/Write project.



Ann Lee Tzu Pheng recites the poem that she wrote in response to Amanda Heng's Another Woman.

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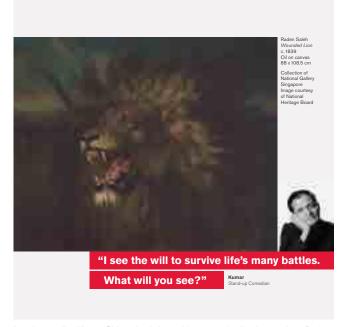
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### sharing art

As a Gallery for Singapore and the region, we hope to reach out to visitors of all ages, and from all walks of life. Building up to the Gallery's opening, we rolled out a number of innovative marketing initiatives designed to broaden the appeal of Southeast Asian art, and make it accessible to the public.

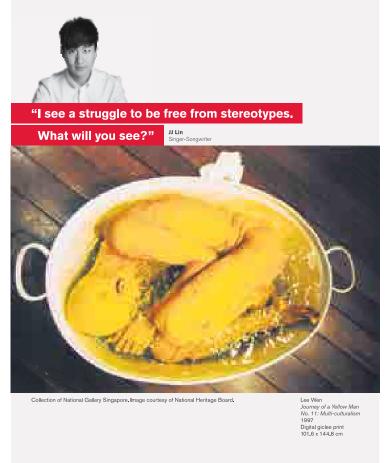
We opened 2015 with a nationwide campaign titled My Masterpiece. Released as a series of 12 short videos over 12 months, each video featured a well-known Singapore personality sharing their personal thoughts and relationship with an artwork in the Gallery's permanent collections that resonated most with them. These advocates were selected from diverse fields and included personalities such as Singaporean actress Joanne Peh, singer JJ Lin, celebrity chef Wilin Low, noted academic Professor Edwin Thumboo, para-equestrian Laurentia Tan, comedian Kumar and fashion designer Ashley Isham. The eclectic mix of these individuals provided relatable touchpoints for members of the public who were new to the world of art and encouraged them to also form their own connections with the works. The campaign garnered over a million views online and increased our social media following by more than two-fold.



Local comedian Kumar Chinnadurai shares his personal reflections on how Raden Saleh's *Wounded Lion* stirs up memories of his past.



A still from Joanne Peh's My Masterpiece reflection on Chua Mia Tee's Epic Poem of Malaya.



Mandopop star JJ Lin shares his take on how art, like music, allows the expression of contrasting emotions that help to connect people through Lee Wen's *Journey of a Yellow Man*.

On 29 April 2015, *The Worlds of Georgette Chen* premiered on Channel NewsAsia. The Gallery commissioned this three-part docudrama illuminating the life of one of Singapore's most endearing pioneer artists, whose works are currently on display in the DBS Singapore Gallery. A project which took over two years of research and production, it chronicled Chen's cosmopolitan life in

Paris, Shanghai and Singapore over three decades and featured paintings that were completed in each period. While Chen is well-known for her immense contributions to Singapore's art movement, the docudrama with Mediacorp actress Rui En in the lead role brought to life her personal stories and history.



Rui En and Ralph Lee, who plays Georgette's husband Eugene Chen, film a scene set in Paris



Rui En as Georgette Chen painting in a still from The Worlds of Georgette Chen.





Actors interact with visitors against a backdrop of Liu Kang's iconic *Life by the River* at the DBS Marina Regatta.

In June 2015, we launched the *Living Art Series* at the DBS Marina Regatta. A unique showcase that invites visitors to engage with artworks in exciting new ways, our first installation featured performers posing as subjects in Liu Kang's *Life by the River*. Visitors were encouraged to join the interactive skits and play games from the era in which the painting was set. The second installation at the Istana Art Event in August 2015 invited visitors to "enter" Chua Mia Tee's iconic painting *National Language Class* and role-play as students learning Malay.

Visitors roleplay as students learning Malay in an interactive skit inspired by Chua Mia Tee's National Language Class.

The Gallery ended the year with one of our most inclusive initiatives to date–*Portraits of the People*. Organised in celebration of Singapore's 50th birthday, this community engagement programme travelled to 60 locations islandwide from November 2014 to May 2015, rallying the public to contribute their self-portraits and personal reflections on the National Pledge. Out of 25,000 self-portraits that were submitted, a selection was curated and etched onto copper panels displayed along the Art Connector walkway linking City Hall MRT to the Gallery's entrance. The Art Connector, officially opened on 27 November 2015 by President Tony Tan, forms a lasting tribute to the diversity of Singapore's society and their enduring promise to build a happy and progressive nation.



Members of the public display their self-portraits at one of the *Portraits of the People* events.



Members of the public display their self-portraits at one of the Portraits of the People events.

National Gallery Singapore holds a special place in my heart. The former Supreme Court was where I started my career as a lawyer and I have now come full circle by becoming a Gallery Patron. As a gallerist, I strongly believe that art should speak to every man on the street and not be an elitist concept. We need to make the Gallery a place for and of the People and I am proud to be a supporter in its journey.

Valerie Cheah, Patron

# a moving **experience**

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More than the sum of its art, the Gallery is as much about unique dining concepts, digital innovation and welcoming front of house staff. Our Gallery Insider programme invites visitors to join a community of artloving individuals. These create an engaging experience that positions the Gallery as both a leading visual arts institution, and a vibrant and inviting lifestyle destination.



A visitor using the Gallery Explorer to listen to audio commentary on Louis Rollet's Market at Marmot.

#### **BUILDING A GALLERY OF THE FUTURE**

The Gallery draws on the power of digital technology to create a dynamic experience for our visitors and engage a young generation of museum goers.

In November 2015, we launched our state-of-the-art *Gallery Explorer* mobile app designed in collaboration with our innovation partner, Accenture. Superseding the traditional audio guide, the *Gallery Explorer* features groundbreaking indoor wayfinding and personalisation capabilities. Visitors can discover rich audio-visual material on our collections and buildings, curate their own tours, like and comment on artworks within a private social network of Gallery visitors, as well as share them on social media.

At our *Social Table*, visitors can explore close to 200 artworks in the DBS Singapore Gallery, and select and share their favourite artworks with friends and other visitors across the table. And just by accessing the artists' profiles, visitors are also able to discover over 3,000 ways by which Singapore artists are connected to one another through their travels and exhibitions.

Accenture is delighted to collaborate with National Gallery Singapore to deliver a unique Gallery experience that is powered by innovative digital technologies, and extends the reach of art far beyond the Gallery's walls.



A young visitor listens to a *Gallery Explorer* audio commentary on Raden Saleh's *Forest Fire*.



A visitor explores artworks in the DBS Singapore Gallery at the multi-touch Social Table.

Who's In the Woods invites young visitors to create an imaginary animal out of patterns and colours and watch as these come to life in the digital forest-scape. They can share what they have created with their friends and family via email, extending their experience beyond the Gallery's walls.



Who's in the Woods invites children to create fantastical hybrid animals.

# THE ART OF SERVICE

Providing exceptional customer service and imparting positive experiences is crucial to ensuring that our visitors have a seamless and memorable time at the Gallery.

Prior to our grand opening, our pioneer batch of front-of-house (FOH) staff underwent practical, on-the-ground training to learn how to engage with visitors and embrace the Gallery's service vision.

Our trained staff are always ready to assist and guide our visitors at various touchpoints throughout the Gallery. We have also set up an off-site helpdesk which attends to public enquiries and emails, and digital screens informing visitors of programmes and information desks in public spaces. Digital kiosks were also installed throughout the Gallery to collect visitor feedback, enabling us to respond quickly to visitors' needs and understand their preferences and desires.



Front-of-house staff at information desks help visitors navigate the Gallery with tips on exhibitions and tours.

# **GALLERY INSIDERS**

Visitors who wish to make the most of their experience at the Gallery can join a circle of like-minded art enthusiasts by becoming a Gallery Insider. To date, we have over 3,000 members who have signed up to be part of this programme.

Gallery Insiders enjoy unlimited access to all exhibitions alongside exclusive discounts at all shopping and dining outlets in the Gallery. They are also invited to a wide range of programmes designed especially for them.

The first annual Gallery Insider Night was held at the Supreme Court Terrace in February 2016. Members were treated to an after-hours performance by jazz vocalist Karen Xavier and a private tour of the UOB Southeast Asia Gallery.



Being a Gallery Insider allows me unrestricted access to incredible works of art in the Gallery's permanent and special exhibitions. These captivating masterpieces have truly been presented with respect for the rich history that inspired them, and the talented artists responsible for creating them.

Mohamed Hanif, Gallery Insider

# **BEYOND ART**

We curated a suite of unique dining concepts, as well as a museum store with bespoke merchandise to complement the encounter with art in the galleries.

Each space was crafted to reflect the rich heritage of the Gallery's buildings with menus that are inspired by the collections on display.



Gallery & Co.

As the first museum shop in the world to house a bookstore, dining establishments and retail store in one space, we hope to create a dynamic visitor experience that not only bookends a visit to National Gallery Singapore but is also a destination in its own right.

Arthur Chin, Co-Founder, Gallery & Co

from 1965 when she first learnt to cook heritage foods of her own Peranakan culture—chronicling, recording and celebrating all that is Singapore food. National Kitchen marries this rich culinary journey with the deep sense of history and tradition tied to the National Gallery Singapore building.

Yiming Tay, Co-founder and Director, Violet Oon Inc



National Kitchen by Violet Oon.



Aura Sky Lounge.

Everything that we're doing at Aura is different. It's nothing that has been seen or done in Singapore to date.

Beppe De Vito, Owner, Aura by ilLido Group



National Gallery
Singapore is a museum
with a beautiful heritage,
and I am honoured to open
my first restaurant here with
The Lo & Behold Group.
Odette presents honest,
produce-driven cuisine that
showcases and respects the
integrity of fine ingredients.

Julien Royer, Chef-Owner, Odette

Odette.



Yan.

Yàn and Smoke & Mirrors are Park Hotel Group's first foray outside our hotels. Befitting their location in the iconic National Gallery Singapore, we took the opportunity to be creative in the design of the spaces by infusing elements of art.

Allen Law, Chief Executive, Park Hotel Group



SAHA.

SAHA at National Gallery Singapore is not just another Indian restaurant, but an experience for all the senses. After being treated to a visual feast of highly prized artworks in the galleries, visitors and guests can come to our restaurant to indulge in modernist cuisine inspired by regional Indian cuisine.

a people's museum

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# a people's museum

Volunteers play a vital role in helping visitors to have a fun and inspiring time at the Gallery. Through our Best Friends of the Gallery (BFG) programme, passionate individuals can train to become our ambassadors based on their interests and commitment levels. people's museum



A docent tells visitors about the Foundation Stone at the Historical Lobby of the former Supreme Court on a building history tour.



Our pioneer batch of BFGs at a Volunteer Appreciation event.

The programme offers volunteers the chance to contribute meaningfully to the Gallery, and gain exposure to the workings of a major visual arts institution in a range of roles.

These include engaging with visitors as hosts and event assistants, helping our Resource Centre with the digitisation of archival materials and supporting our analytics team to collect and interpret visitor feedback.

Volunteers who are dedicated to sharing art with the public can also apply to become docents. Our extensive docent training programme introduces them to our collection and equips them with the presentation skills to lead daily guided tours.

Being a docent has provided me with a platform to gain new knowledge, specifically in visual arts. There is never a dull moment in my volunteer work as I meet and interact with visitors from all walks of life and so many different countries, sharing with them about the artworks and history of two national monuments. I consider it a privilege to be an ambassador of the Gallery

Tan Li Ling, docent

This year, the Gallery recruited 150 BFGs and 221 docents. To show our appreciation for their invaluable contributions, we organised two volunteer appreciation events in January 2016 to present them with Certificates of Appreciation. Our BFGs enjoyed an afternoon of fun at Aura Sky Lounge, while our docents had a chance to take photographs against a specially created backdrop of Raden Saleh's *Forest Fire*.

We also provide special opportunities for our volunteers to enrich their understanding of art. We organised a number of field trips to Heritage Conservation Centre to give volunteers the rare chance to see how our collections are conserved. The Gallery is also the first museum in Singapore to develop a Learning Portal for our volunteers to access resources online, and a Volunteer Management System that helps organise their schedules.

board of directors



**Hsieh Fu Hua**Chairman
National Gallery Singapore



Chong Siak Ching
Chief Executive Officer
National Gallery Singapore



Jose Isidro N (Lito) Camacho Managing Director and Vice Chairman Asia Pacific & Country Chief Executive Officer Singapore Credit Suisse



Rosa Daniel
Deputy Secretary (Culture)
Ministry of Culture, Community & Youth



Chew Choon Seng
Chairman
Singapore Exchange Ltd. &
Singapore Tourism Board



Jane Ittogi Chair Singapore Art Museum



Kwee Liong Seen
Executive Director
Pontiac Land Pte Ltd



**Benson Puah** *Chief Executive Officer*The Esplanade Co. Ltd.



**Dr Kenson Kwok**Founding Director (Honorary)
Asian Civilisations Museum &
Peranakan Museum



Dr Suriani Suratman
Senior Lecturer
Department of Malay Studies
National University of Singapore



**Kathy Lai**Chief Executive Officer
National Arts Council



Wee Sin Tho
Senior Advisor
Office of the President
National University of Singapore

senior management



(from left)

# Katharyn Peh

Head

Visitor Experience

### Kola Luu

Director

Business Development & Corporate Strategy

# **Mark Chee**

Deputy Director
Projects & Facilities
Management

# **Clarence Tan**

Chief Information Officer

# **Chong Siak Ching**

Chief Executive Officer

# **Eugene Tan**

Director

# **Suenne Megan Tan**

Director

Education & Programmes

# **Toh Wee Cheng**

Head

Finance

# Albert Seah

Deputy Director
Human Resource

(not pictured)

# **Low Sze Wee**

Director

Curatorial & Collections

### **Sushma Goh**

Director

Projects & Facilities Management

# **Vivian Sim**

Chief Marketing Officer

# financial **review**

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### **CORPORATE INFORMATION**

National Gallery Singapore (the "Gallery") was incorporated under the Companies Act, Cap 50 on 16 January 2009 and is a public company limited by guarantee, and a registered Charity with Institution of a Public Character (IPC) status, governed by its own Memorandum and Articles of Association (the "M&AA"). As a large IPC, the Gallery complies with the Basic II, Enhanced and Advanced guidelines of the Code of Governance (the "Code") issued by the Charity Council. The Gallery will submit the online Governance Evaluation checklist together with the audited accounts for the year to the Charity Portal (www.charities.gov.sg).

### **MEMBERS OF THE GALLERY**

Prof Tommy Koh Ms Yeoh Chee Yan Mr Koh Seow Chuan

### **EXTERNAL AUDITORS**

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

### **INTERNAL AUDITORS**

Ernst & Young Advisory Pte Ltd

### PANEL OF LEGAL ADVISORS

Hin Tat Augustine & Partners
Infinitus Law Corporation (term ended in Dec 2015)
RHT Law Taylor Wessing
Samuel Seow Law Corporation (term ended in Dec 2015)
Wong Partnership

### PRINCIPAL BANKER

**DBS Bank Limited** 

### **COMPANY SECRETARY**

Ms Claire Tham Li Mei, Hin Tat Augustine & Partners (with effect from 1 April 2014)

### **CHARITY STATUS**

Charity Registration No. 200900977G

Charity Registration Date:

7 January 2010

# **COMPANY STATUS:**

Company limited by guarantee

Incorporation Date:

16 January 2009

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# IPC STATUS

# **Effective Period:**

14 November 2015 to 30 November 2018

### **REGISTERED ADDRESS**

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### 1. BOARD GOVERNANCE

# 1.1 Board Composition and Roles

The Board of Directors (the "Board") comprises twelve directors, one of whom is an executive director and one of whom is a representative from MCCY. The Board members, except for the executive director who is the CEO of the Gallery, do not receive any remuneration for their services.

The Gallery's Board of Directors has collective responsibility for the following:

- a. provide advice on strategic directions;
- b. establish a corporate governance framework that ensures optimal use of public funds allocated to the Gallery and proper review of relevant policies and procedures to safeguard the tangible and intangible assets of the Gallery; and
- c. review Management's overall performance.

The roles of the Chairman and CEO are separate and the Chairman is responsible for leading the Board and facilitating its effectiveness. He promotes high standards of governance and is free to act independently in the best interests of the Gallery. The CEO is responsible for the business direction and operational decisions of the Gallery. The Board has ready access to CEO and the Management team, as well as the Gallery's internal and external auditors.

The Board's term is reviewed every two years and directors are appointed by the Minister. A formal letter is given to each director upon his appointment. The Gallery conducts Board induction for new directors to familiarise them with the business activities, strategic direction and governance of the Gallery. Each director is given a copy of the Gallery's M&AA, which sets the directors' duties and obligations, and a Board handbook that contains the organisation structure, board governance and code of ethics, is also provided to every director. A tour of the Gallery's exhibitions is also arranged to enable the directors to have a better understanding of the Gallery's core activities.

The Board brings with them a broad range of key competencies in the areas of strategic planning, investment, banking, legal, arts management, tourism, real estate, academia and fundraising. The Nomination and Remuneration Committee (NRC) reviews and makes recommendations to the Board on any other competencies which it thinks are necessary to have on the Board. The list of Board members is as follows:

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# **1.1 Board Composition and Roles** (continued)

Name	Designation	Date of First Appointment	Date of Last Re-Appointment
Hsieh Fu Hua Chairman United Overseas Bank Limited (UOB)	Chairman	1 Apr 2009	1 Jul 2015
Jose Isidro Navato Camacho Vice Chairman Asia Pacific & Country Chief Executive Officer Singapore Credit Suisse AG	Member	1 Jul 2013	1 Jul 2015
Chen Huey Rosa Deputy Secretary (Culture) Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth (MCCY)	Member	1 Mar 2013	1 Jul 2015
Chew Choon Seng Chairman Singapore Exchange Limited	Member	1 Jan 2015	1 Jul 2015
Chong Siak Ching Chief Executive Officer National Gallery Singapore	Member	15 Oct 2012	1 Jul 2015
Jane Ittogi Chair Singapore Art Museum	Member	1 Apr 2009	1 Jul 2015

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# **1.1 Board Composition and Roles** (continued)

Kwee Liong Seen Executive Director Pontiac Land Pte Ltd	Member	1 Jul 2011	1 Jul 2015
Kwok Kenson Founding Director (Honorary) Asian Civilisations Museum and Peranakan Museum	Member	1 Jul 2013	1 Jul 2015
Kathy Lai Sou Tien Chief Executive Officer National Arts Council	Member	1 Dec 2013	1 Jul 2015
Puah Tuan Soon Benson Chief Executive Officer The Esplanade Co Ltd	Member	1 Aug 2009	1 Jul 2015
Suriani Bte Suratman Senior Lecturer National University of Singapore	Member	1 Jul 2011	1 Jul 2015
Wee Sin Tho Senior Advisor Office of the President National University of Singapore	Member	1 Jul 2013	1 Jul 2015

# 1.2 Board Committees

The Board has delegated specific responsibilities to seven committees and each committee has its own terms of reference which are approved by the Board. The composition of the committees is structured to ensure an equitable distribution of responsibilities among directors. Decisions made at the committees' meetings are updated at Board meetings by the respective Chairmen of the committees. Minutes of these meetings are also circulated at every Board meeting.

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# 1.2.1 Executive Committee (EXCO)

The EXCO assists the Board in the stewardship and oversight of the Gallery and exercises such powers and/or functions on behalf of the Board on matters that have been specifically delegated to the EXCO. The EXCO identifies and drives strategic issues for the Board, working closely with the Management team, including approval of annual corporate strategy and budget allocation.

Committee members in office as at the date of this report are listed as follows:

Name	Designation	Date of Re-Appointment
Hsieh Fu Hua	Chairman	1 Jul 2015
Jose Isidro Navato Camacho	Member	1 Jul 2015
Chong Siak Ching	Member	1 Jul 2015
Jane Ittogi	Member	1 Jul 2015
Kwee Liong Seen	Member	1 Jul 2015
Puah Tuan Soon Benson	Member	1 Jul 2015

# 1.2.2 Nomination and Remuneration Committee (NRC)

The NRC comprises five non-executive and independent directors. The NRC makes recommendations to the Board and management on all appointments and reappointments of the Board, as well as reviews and endorses the remuneration policy of the Gallery and the appointment and remuneration of key positions.

Name	Designation	Date of Re-Appointment
Hsieh Fu Hua	Chairman	1 Jul 2015
Jose Isidro Navato Camacho	Member	1 Jul 2015
Jane Ittogi	Member	1 Jul 2015
Kwee Liong Seen	Member	1 Jul 2015
Puah Tuan Soon Benson	Member	1 Jul 2015

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# 1.2.3 Audit Committee (AC)

The AC assists the Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities in the Gallery's system of internal controls, financial reporting processes, the internal and external audit processes and the Enterprise Risk Management Framework.

Committee members in office as at the date of this report are listed as follows:

Name	Designation	Date of Re-Appointment	Date of Retirement
Puah Tuan Soon Benson	Chairman	1 Jul 2015	
Chen Huey Rosa	Member	1 Jul 2015	
Kathy Lai Sou Tien	Member	1 Jul 2015	
<b>Kyle Lee</b> Director Great Eastern Holdings Limited	Member	1 Jul 2015	4 July 2016
Wee Sin Tho	Member	1 Jul 2015	
<b>Yeo Lian Sim</b> Special Advisor Singapore Exchange	Member	1 Jul 2015	

The AC reviews the system of internal control, management of business risks and the audit process. The committee has full access to and cooperation of the Gallery management, as well as direct access to the external and internal auditors in investigation of any matter within the terms of reference.

The AC reviews and approves the audit plans of the external and internal auditors to ensure sufficient resources are allocated to address the key business risk areas.

The AC also addresses all whistle-blowing feedback and ensures prompt investigation and follow-up by management.

Internal controls, both operational and compliance, as well as business and financial risks management policies, are reviewed annually to ensure their effectiveness. The reviews, which may be carried out by the external and/or internal auditors, are conducted at least annually. The AC appraises and reports to the Board on the audits undertaken by the external and internal auditors, and advises the Board on the adequacy of disclosure of information as well as the appropriateness and quality of the system of management and internal controls.

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# 1.2.3 Audit Committee (AC) (continued)

The Gallery adopts a strategic Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) process that includes an annual exercise to identify the organization's key risks. Top-tier risks, guided by the Gallery's risk appetites, are captured and monitored through an updated risk register by the ERM Committee and Risk Champions. The Gallery's broad risk areas cover strategy, operations, finance and compliance. Quarterly risk reviews are conducted and updated to the AC.

The ERM Committee, together with the Risk Champions and Control Owners, play a critical role in managing the organization's risks. Controls are updated regularly to ensure that they address the keys risks to an appropriate level. For example, during the pre-opening phase, much emphasis was on the controls in place to ensure building and operational readiness.

Members of the AC are appointed for a period of two years, unless otherwise determined by the Board. All members, including the Chairman, can serve a maximum term of four consecutive years. Further reappointment to the AC can be considered after a lapse of at least one year.

# 1.2.4 Project Development Committee (PDC)

The PDC assists the Board in reviewing and providing guidance on all matters relating to the Development Project, such as its construction progress, contract administration, project and exhibition planning and design, project-financial matters, and the system of audits and risk management.

The PDC held its final meeting on 12 July 2016 to discuss the final accounts of the Development Project. The Committee was dissolved after the meeting. Committee members in office prior to the dissolution are listed as follows:

Name	Designation	Date of Re-Appointment
Koh Seow Chuan Founding Chairman National Gallery Singapore	Chairman	1 Jul 2015
Chong Siak Ching	Deputy Chairman	1 Jul 2015
<b>Lee Chuan Seng</b> Chairman Beca Asia	Member	1 Jul 2015
Seah Choo Meng Director Langdon & Seah Singapore Pte Ltd	Member	1 Jul 2015

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# 1.2.4 Project Development Committee (PDC) (continued)

<b>Tan Kian Huay</b> Executive Director NTUC Choice Homes Cooperative Ltd	Member	1 Jul 2015
<b>Teh Hee Seang</b> Chairman TY Lin International Pte Ltd	Member	1 Jul 2015
Raymond Woo Principal Architect Raymond Woo & Associates Architects	Member	1 Jul 2015

# 1.2.5 Acquisition Committee

The Acquisition Committee advises on matters relating to artwork purchase and donation, as well as the Gallery's collection strategy, in line with the Gallery's policies and overall priorities. The Committee provides advice on the Gallery's collection strategy and on how to strengthen the Gallery's collection, as well as to ensure that procedures established by the National Collection Division under the National Heritage Board, are adhered to.

For good governance, the Committee does not include officers or management of the NHB or the relevant museums, so that the Committee can give independent advice.

Proposed acquisition will be presented to the Acquisition Committee members at the meeting through photographs, photocopies or other forms of illustrations, and decisions are made by all members present at the meeting. There is a protocol for any conflict of interest relating to the proposed acquisition where the Committee member in question must excuse himself from deliberating on that particular acquisition.

Name	Designation	Date of Re-Appointment
Jose Isidro Navato Camacho	Chairman	1 Jul 2015
Kwok Kenson	Member	1 Jul 2015
Shareen Khattar-Harrison	Member	1 Jul 2015
Founder & Director		
Platform Projects Limited		

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# **1.2.5 Acquisition Committee** (continued)

<b>Ahmad Mashadi</b> Head NUS Museum	Member	1 Jul 2015
Suriani Bte Suratman	Member	1 Jul 2015
<b>Teo Han Wue</b> Independent Curator, Art Writer and Editor	Member	1 Jul 2015
Professor Somporn Rodboon Senior Lecturer at the Faculty of Fine Art, Chiang Mai University	Member	1 Jul 2015

# 1.2.6 Development Committee (DC)

The DC assists the Board in overseeing and providing strategic direction in the Gallery's fundraising activities and in ensuring that good governance is in place in respect of all fundraising activities, particularly with regards to transparency, ethics and upholding public's confidence in the cause of the Gallery.

Name	Designation	Date of Re-Appointment
Kwee Liong Seen	Chairman	1 Jul 2015
Jose Isidro Navato Camacho	Member	1 Jul 2015
Chong Siak Ching	Member	1 Jul 2015
Kwok Kenson	Member	1 Jul 2015
Wee Sin Tho	Member	1 Jul 2015

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# **1.2.6 Development Committee (DC)** (continued)

In the financial year ended 31 March 2016, DC has reviewed the following key Development Policies and Programmes:

- Gallery Donor Stewardship Programme
- Gallery Sponsorship Programme
- Gallery Patron Programme
- Art Adoption Program
- Gallery Fund Raising Gala
- Gallery Fund Raising Roadmap for the financial year ended 31 March 2017

# 1.2.7 Investment Committee (IC)

The IC assists the Board to guide the management in setting the investment strategy of the Gallery Funds and monitoring the performance of the investment portfolio relative to benchmarks. After shortlisting several investment and fund managers through a Request for Proposal Process (RFP), the Gallery is in the process of awarding the investment mandate to a fund manager. The money will be invested according to Gallery's investment objectives and guidelines.

Name	Designation	Date of Appointment
Wee Sin Tho	Chairman	16 Jul 2015
Jose Isidro Navato Camacho	Member	16 Jul 2015
Phoon Chiong Tuck Head of Fixed Income Lion Global Investors	Member	16 Jul 2015
Nicolas Kong Chief Investment Officer Investment Office National University Singapore	Member	16 Jul 2015

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# 1.3 Board and Board Committees Meetings

The matrix on the number of Board and Board Committees Meetings held in the financial year and the attendance of directors and co-opted members during these meetings is as follows:

Attendance at Board and Board Committees Meetings for Financial Year ended 31 Mar 2016																		
	Date of First Appointment	Date of Last Re-Appointment	Board Executive Committee		Nomination & Audit Remuneration Commit Committee			Development Committee		t Acquisition Committee		Investment Committee		Project Development Committee				
				Number of Meetings														
Board Directors			Held	Attended	Held	Attended	Held	Attended	Held	Attended	Held	Attended	Held	Attended	Held	Attended	Held	Attended
Hsieh Fu Hua	01 Apr 2009	01 Jul 2015	3	3	4	4	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jose Isidro Navato Camacho	01 Jul 2013	01 Jul 2015	3	1	4	3	4	3	-	-	3	2	2	2	1	1	-	-
Chen Huey Rosa	01 Mar 2013	01 Jul 2015	3	1	-	-	-	-	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chew Choon Seng	01 Jan 2015	01 Jul 2015	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chong Siak Ching	15 Oct 2012	01 Jul 2015	3	3	4	4	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	1	1
Jane Ittogi	01 Apr 2009	01 Jul 2015	3	3	4	2	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kwee Liong Seen	01 Jul 2011	01 Jul 2015	3	2	4	3	4	3	-	-	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kwok Kenson	01 Jul 2013	01 Jul 2015	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	2	2	-	-	-	-
Kathy Lai Sou Tien	01 Dec 2013	01 Jul 2015	3	3	-	-	-	-	4	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puah Tuan Soon Benson	01 Aug 2009	01 Jul 2015	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Suriani Bte Suratman	01 Jul 2011	01 Jul 2015	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-
Wee Sin Tho	01 Jul 2013	01 Jul 2015	3	2	-	-	-	-	4	3	3	3	-	-	1	1	-	-

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# **1.3 Board and Board Committees Meetings** (continued)

Attendance at Board and Board Committees Meetings for Financial Year ended 31 Mar 2016																		
	Date of First Appointment	Date of Last Re-Appointment	В	oard		cutive mittee	Remu	nation & neration imittee		udit ımittee		opment mittee		uisition nmittee	_	stment nmittee	Deve	oject lopment nmittee
			Number of Meetings															
Co-Opted Members			Held	Attended	Held	Attended	Held	Attended	Held	Attended	Held	Attended	Held	Attended	Held	Attended	Held	Attended
Yeo Lian Sim	25 Jul 2013	01 Jul 2015	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kyle Lee	25 Jul 2013	01 Jul 2015	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shareen Khattar-Harrison	25 Jul 2013	01 Jul 2015	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-
Ahmad Mashadi	25 Jul 2013	01 Jul 2015	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-
Teo Han Wue	16 Jan 2009	01 Jul 2015	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-
Somporn Rodboon	25 Jul 2013	01 Jul 2015	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-
Phoon Chiong Tuck	16 Jul 2015	NA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
Nicholas Kong	16 Jul 2015	NA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
Koh Seow Chuan	01 Jun 2012	01 Jul 2015	-	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Lee Chuan Seng	25 Jul 2013	01 Jul 2015	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Seah Choo Meng	01 Jun 2012	01 Jul 2015	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Tan Kian Huay	01 Feb 2013	01 Jul 2015	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Teh Hee Seang	01 Jun 2012	01 Jul 2015	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Raymond Woo	01 Jun 2012	01 Jul 2015	-	_	-	-	-	-	-	_	-	_	-		-	-	1	1

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### 2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Gallery's Memorandum and Articles of Association state that a Director should ensure he does not place himself in a position whereby, directly or indirectly his duties or interests might be in conflict with his duties or interests as a Director. Disclosure of interests is required should a Director be in conflict with his duties and interests as a Director. He should not participate or vote on the matter.

The Gallery has put in place a Conflict of Interest Policy for Staff and a Code of Ethics for Board Directors and Board Committee Members.

### 3. STRATEGIC PLANNING

The vision and mission of the Gallery are clearly articulated, reviewed and approved by the Board. They are also shared on the Charity Portal for public viewing. The Board has endorsed the Gallery's corporate strategy for the short-term till year 2020 ("Vision 2020") which is supporting the Gallery's vision and mission. The Gallery uses the Balanced Scorecard as a strategic development and management framework.

### 4. PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT

The Gallery plans its public programme in line with the mission and vision of the Gallery. Programmes are planned closely with the exhibition themes with the aim to increase audience engagement. Participants' feedback from programmes is collected through feedback forms at end of the programmes for learning and improvement.

### 5. HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

The Gallery's approach towards human capital is guided by the Gallery's Vision 2020. The Gallery seeks to attract and compete for top talents across all markets, retain them through a fair and competitive pay package, and provide career progression through a structured developmental programme so as to ensure a pipeline of competent successors who are passionate about the arts.

The Gallery has committed to create a fair and inclusive workplace through its pledge with the Tripartite Alliance for Fair & Progressive Employment Practices (TAFEP). In addition, the Human Resource Philosophy, Appraisal and Rewards Framework, and appointment of key management positions are guided by the Nomination & Remuneration Committee.

The Gallery recognizes and promotes increasing diversity in the workplace. In line with the Gallery's commitment to strive towards creating a favourable working environment, the Grievance Handling Procedure aims to provide an avenue for employees to raise concerns and grievances and offer reassurance that equality and fairness would be safeguarded in the mediation process. For more serious observations, there is an additional feedback channel via the Whistleblowing policy.

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### 5. HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (continued)

The Gallery is committed to a high standard of ethical conduct and adopts a zero-tolerance approach to fraud. As part of good governance, the Gallery has put in place a Gift Declaration Policy which provides employees with clear and defined guidelines on the acceptance of gifts and hospitality. The Gallery also sends out half yearly reminders to all employees on the Conflict of Interest (COI) Policy and the need to make a declaration should a potential COI situation arises. In addition, the Gallery takes a stringent view on all external engagements, outside employment and business interests that may directly or indirectly result in a conflict of interest situation.

### 6. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND CONTROLS

# 6.1 Operational Controls

The Gallery has, in place, a set of internal controls in the key operational areas. These controls are reviewed from time to time to assess their effectiveness and relevance.

# 6.2 Budget Planning and Monitoring

The Board approves the annual budget for the Gallery and is updated quarterly on the financial status of the Gallery.

# 6.3 Capital Asset Management

A fixed assets register is maintained to account for the acquisition, use and disposal of fixed assets. The assets are tagged, and physical confirmation of the assets is performed periodically.

# 6.4 Reserves Management

The Gallery has a Reserve Management Policy to ensure adequate reserves for long-term financial sustainability and to meet unexpected contingency funding needs. Reserve is the part of the Gallery's income funds that is freely available for its operating purposes. Over time, there could be cumulative surplus reserves being built up when grant and operating revenues exceed the Gallery's annual expenditure. The cumulative reserves together with the interest and investment income generated can be drawn upon for operating purposes such as to fund any deficit or the Board can designate reserves to be used for non-operating purposes including special projects that further the Gallery's organisational goals, vision and mission. The Board or a committee appointed by the Board has to approve the utilisation of reserves and designation for special projects.

Reserves are placed in short term bank deposits with financial institutions which have good credit rating and that are incorporated in Singapore. Placement in fixed deposits is approved by CEO. Any proposed investments other than placement in fixed deposits, must be approved by the Board or a committee appointed by the Board.

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### 7. FUNDRAISING PRACTICES

The Gallery does not actively pursue fund raising from the general public. The Gallery seeks the help of corporations, foundations and individuals to support the Gallery in carrying out our mission. With the generous support from our donors, we are able to collect, research and present art from Southeast Asia to our audience. Donors have also supported us by making art education and programming accessible to the general public.

Through our partnership and sponsorship programme, art acquisition and adoption programme and patron programme, donors can either make an unrestricted donation to support the Gallery's mission generally or a restricted donation to fund selected exhibitions, programming and artwork acquisition.

All donations and sponsorships are cultivated by and channelled through the Partnership Development Division with strategic guidance provided by DC. Our fund raising policies are developed to be in line with best practices promoted by the office of the Commissioner of Charities. We are careful to ensure that support from donors and sponsors does not compromise the independence and integrity of our exhibitions and programmes. We also caution that any products and services provided by sponsors on an in-kind basis are not seen as endorsement by the Gallery.

The impact of the donors' support is shared and peppered throughout relevant sections of the Annual Report.

### 8. DISCLOSURE AND TRANSPARENCY

The Annual Report of the Gallery is published on our website at www.nationalgallery.sg. Non-executive directors do not receive any remuneration.

### 9. PUBLIC IMAGE

The Gallery's exhibitions, programmes and activities are published on our various online and offline media platforms including our website, monthly electronic direct mailer, quarterly Gallery guide, marketing brochures, on-site posters and multimedia screens, indoor and outdoor banners, press and out-of-home advertisements, corporate collaterals and social media pages such as Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. The Gallery's Marketing & Media department also covers the Gallery's broad government and stakeholder relations, media relations, board communications, issues management, crisis communications, development of corporate collaterals such as our annual report, corporate kit, public and media feedback channels/inbox and coordination and management of filming and photography requests. The department also actively tracks the Gallery's online and offline press coverage and social media traction, overall coverage tonality and spread of coverage (e.g. international, local, programme-specific).

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The directors present their statement to the members together with the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2016.

In the opinion of the directors,

- (a) the financial statements as set out on pages 108 to 130 are drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company as at 31 March 2016 and the financial performance, changes in equity and cash flows of the Company for the financial year covered by the financial statements; and
- (b) at the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

### **Directors**

The directors in office at the date of this statement are as follows:

Hsieh Fu Hua
Jose Isidro Navato Camacho
Chen Huey Rosa
Chew Choon Seng
Chong Siak Ching
Jane Ittogi
Kwee Liong Seen
Kwok Kenson
Kathy Lai Sou Tien
Puah Tuan Soon Benson
Suriani Bte Suratman
Wee Sin Tho

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# **Principal activities**

The Company is registered as a charity under the Charities Act, Chapter 37.

The objectives of the charity are to research and exhibit Southeast Asian artworks and promote Southeast Asian art, including Singapore art, for the enjoyment of all. The Company will play an active role in driving, developing and fostering visual arts development in Singapore and the larger Southeast Asian region and establish its function as a regional connecting hub and knowledge centre.

The Company has a Board comprising twelve (12) Directors. The Board has delegated specific responsibilities to seven (7) committees, namely the Executive Committee, Nomination & Remuneration Committee, Project Development Committee, Acquisition Committee, Audit Committee, Development Committee and Investment Committee.

The assets of the charity consists mainly cash held as working capital of the Company. The charity will utilise the cash to develop exciting content and programmes in preparation for the opening of the Gallery. National Gallery Singapore aims to capture the artistic spirit of Singapore and Southeast Asia. By sharing stories of our region's unique art within the global context, the Gallery seeks to be a leading visual arts institution that inspires and engages our people and our neighbours, creating a dialogue between the art of Singapore, Southeast Asia and the world. At the same time, the Gallery will partner reputable institutions, collectors and artists from all over the world to co-curate exhibitions, co-develop programmes, and develop joint research projects.

# Review of activities during the financial year

In the financial year from 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016, the Company (herein known as "the Gallery") oversaw the successful completion of the building and Grand Opening of National Gallery Singapore on 27 November 2015.

A series of events and activities were organised to generate interest in the Gallery in the months leading up to its grand opening.

Over the weekends from 25 April to 3 May 2015, the Gallery unveiled its restored building for the first time to 1,500 guests through 72 Naked Museum tours. Guests included students, teachers, community leaders, media and members of the public who won an online contest, as well as dignitaries such as former Ministers George Yeo and Dr Lee Boon Yang who played an instrumental role in the conception of National Gallery Singapore.

The Worlds of Georgette Chen, a three-part docudrama presented by the Gallery, aired on Channel NewsAsia on 29 April 2015. This important initiative portrayed the life of one of Singapore's most prominent pioneer artists and raised awareness of her works on display in the DBS Singapore Gallery. It also educated the public on Singapore's art history in an engaging and accessible way.

On 16 September 2015, the Gallery confirmed the family of the late Ng Teng Fong, founder of the Far East Organization, as its fifth founding partner. The Ng family's S\$20 million donation will contribute to the Gallery's general mission, with a focus on outdoor presentations of commissioned art. To commemorate the partnership, the Gallery's roof garden exhibition space at Level 5 of the City Hall Wing was named Ng Teng Fong Roof Garden Gallery. This Gallery will feature the annual Ng Teng Fong Roof Garden Commission series.

On 3 November 2015, the Gallery and Innovation Partner Accenture launched the Gallery Explorer, a ground-breaking mobile application designed to enhance the art experience for visitors. The Gallery Explorer's features include audio guided tours of the Gallery's exhibitions and building history, as well as content on 100 key artworks in the National Collection.

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# **Review of activities during the financial year (continued)**

National Gallery Singapore officially opened in November 2015. This milestone was celebrated with events including the following:

On 23 November 2015, Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong unveiled the new National Gallery Singapore at a celebration attended by delegates, artists, donors, partners and others who contributed to the making of the Gallery over the past 10 years. The Prime Minister toured the DBS Singapore Gallery, UOB Southeast Asia Gallery and Keppel Centre for Art Education, where he viewed iconic works and interacted with artists including Singapore's Cultural Medallion recipients Chua Mia Tee and Iskandar Jalil. The following day, Minister for Culture, Community and Youth Grace Fu welcomed the Gallery's first visitors at 10am. These included over 50 children and community volunteers invited as part of 50 experiences for 500 Kids, an initiative by social enterprise The Collective Effort.

On 26 November 2015, the Wu Guanzhong Gallery and a special exhibition on the works of Singaporean artist Chua Ek Kay were launched by Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office and Ministry of Manpower Sam Tan. The depth and breadth of these displays invite visitors to explore the significance and development of modern ink painting. Wu Guanzhong: Beauty Beyond Form showcases donations by the artist and his family as well as key loans from major museums in China and private collections. Chua Ek Kay: After the Rain is the first major survey of Chua's practice and commemorates the significant donation of 38 works by the artist's family to the National Collection in 2010-2011.

On 27 November 2015, President Tony Tan Keng Yam officially opened National Gallery Singapore. As part of the Gallery's Grand Opening, the President launched the Art Connector, a 290-metre permanent sheltered walkway linking City Hall MRT to the Gallery's entrance at Coleman Street, and inaugurated the *Share the Hope* art carnival at the Padang.

The Share the Hope art carnival featured 20 free events and activities over two weeks, extending the art experience for the community at large. The Share the Hope façade show, exclusively sponsored by Cartier, was a major highlight. This stunning display of light and sound—set against the Gallery's building exterior and inspired by key artworks

in the collection—attracted more than 86,000 visitors to the Padang and into the Gallery.

Over the two-week opening celebrations, more than 170,000 visitors viewed the Gallery's exhibitions and participated in art-related activities. Visitorship exceeded initial expectations by more than 40%.

On 21 January 2016, the Gallery inaugurated its Concourse Galleries with two concurrent exhibitions that presented artists renowned for breaking new ground in the 1970s, and included works not seen by the public for more than 30 years. A Fact Has No Appearance: Art Beyond the Object brought together three key artists: Tan Teng-Kee (Singapore/Malaysia), Redza Piyadasa (Malaysia) and Johnny Manahan (Philippines) for the first time, while Earth Work 1979 recreated the original exhibition of Tang Da Wu (Singapore) at National Museum Art Gallery in 1980.

In February 2016, the Gallery launched the Art Adoption and Acquisition Programme. Through this initiative, donors are invited to make a cash donation to adopt an artwork from the National Gallery Singapore Collection or to support the general mission of the Gallery. To date, the programme has garnered approximately S\$9 million in donations from organisations and individuals including Yong Hon Kong Foundation, Lam Soon Cannery, BinjaiTree, among others.

On 31 March 2016, the Gallery opened its first international special exhibition at the Singtel Special Exhibition Gallery. *Reframing Modernism*, co-curated with the Centre Pompidou, Paris, was a landmark show that displayed more than 200 works from European masters such as Picasso, Kandinsky and Matisse alongside Southeast Asian ones like Le Pho, Georgette Chen and Affandi.

The Gallery has continued to expand its outreach efforts over the course of the year. To develop a personal connection and an appreciation for our artists and artworks, the Gallery's education team conducted a range of master classes for over 300 teachers and students. These provided an opportunity for close interaction and dialogue between local artists, teachers and students.

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Since opening in November 2015, the Keppel Centre for Art Education has also welcomed close to 117,000 visitors. Families, students and teachers have participated in self-guided art activities and free guided exhibition tours that have allowed them to explore art and art making in fun ways.

The Gallery continued to build its talent pool. Staff strength increased from 127 as at 31 March 2015 to 190 as at 31 March 2016.

### Arrangements to enable directors to acquire shares and debentures

Neither at the end of nor at any time during the financial year was the Company a party to any arrangement whose object was to enable the directors of the Company to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in, or debentures of, the Company or any other body corporate.

### Directors' interests in shares or debentures

The Company is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital or debentures. Therefore, there are no matters to be disclosed under Section 9, Twelfth Schedule of the Companies Act, Cap 50.

# Independent auditor

The independent auditor, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, has expressed its willingness to accept re-appointment.

On behalf of the Board of Directors

Melzil

Hsieh Fu Hua Chairman Chong Siak Ching

Director

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# **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of National Gallery Singapore set out on pages 108 to 130, which comprise the balance sheet as at 31 March 2016, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with the provisions of the Singapore Companies Act (the "Act"), the Singapore Charities Act, Chapter 37 (the "Charities Act") and Singapore Financial Reporting Standards, and for devising and maintaining a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide a reasonable assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorised use or disposition; and transactions are properly authorised and that they are recorded as necessary to permit the preparation of true and fair financial statements and to maintain accountability of assets.

# Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Singapore Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

# Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements of the Company are properly drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Act, the Charities Act and Singapore Financial Reporting Standards so as to give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company as at 31 March 2016 and the financial performance, changes in equity and cash flows of the Company for the year ended on that date.

# **Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements**

In our opinion, the accounting and other records required by the Act to be kept by the Company have been properly kept in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

During the course of our audit, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that during the year:

- (a) the use of the donation moneys was not in accordance with the objectives of the Company as required under regulation 16 of the Charities (Institutions of a Public Character) Regulations; and
- (b) The Company has not complied with the requirements of regulation 15 (Fundraising expenses) of the Charities (Institutions of a Public Character) Regulations.

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Public Accountants and Chartered Accountants

Singapore

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	Note	2016	2015
		\$	\$
Income			
Contribution and cash donations		55,682,839	17,560,372
Rental income		1,857,610	-
Admission fees		885,855	-
Interest income		417,936	38,407
Carpark collection		240,357	-
Other income	_	601,982	10,828
		59,686,579	17,609,607
Expenditure			
- Employee compensation	4	(16,466,916)	(11,128,988)
- Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	8	(292,798)	(160,451)
- Rental on operating leases		(7,795,452)	(5,309,901)
- Utilities		(1,560,702)	(105,384)
- Exhibition expenses		(2,237,269)	(208,789)
- Repairs and maintenance		(2,963,224)	(750,878)
- Recruitment expenses		(63,049)	(150,783)
- Other services and fees		(4,486,679)	(186,771)
- Consultancy and professional fees		(3,925,563)	(1,874,474)
- IT expenses		(1,517,767)	(1,138,976)
- Art handling services		(3,003,574)	(233,948)
- Supplies and materials		(917,716)	(317,782)
- Publicity and public relations		(2,584,380)	(1,481,039)
- Programme expenses		(4,120,793)	(1,853,989)
- Staff welfare and development		(741,840)	(457,808)
- Travel, transport, postages and communications		(614,619)	(412,851)
- Publication expenses		(216,458)	(42,200)
- Security services		(1,872,750)	(350,203)

- GST input tax	(1,427,965)	-
Total expenditure	(56,809,514)	(26,165,215)
Surplus/(deficit) before grants Grants	2,877,065	(8,555,608)
- Deferred capital grants amortised 12	292,798	160,451
- Grants received from Government 10	54,962,468	26,004,764
	55,255,266	26,165,215
Net surplus and total comprehensive income	58,132,331	17,609,607

ASSETS	Note	2016 \$	2015 \$
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	113,238,049	32,389,774
Other receivables	7	, ,	
Other receivables	/ -	5,443,510	297,055
	-	118,681,559	32,686,829
Non-current assets			
Plant and equipment	8	1,028,438	321,872
Other receivables	7	350,000	-
	-	1,378,438	321,872
Total assets	_	120,059,997	33,008,701
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Other payables	9	9,678,402	5,634,609
Grants received in advance	10	15,042,109	4,943,930
Deferred donations	11	18,131,402	4,060,975
	-	42,851,913	14,639,514
Non-current liability			
Deferred capital grants	12	1,028,438	321,872
. •	-	1,028,438	321,872
Total liabilities	-	43,880,351	14,961,386

NET ASSETS	76,179,646	18,047,315
EQUITY		
Accumulated surplus	76,179,646	18,047,315
Total equity	76,179,646	18,047,315

	Accumulated surplus
2016 Beginning of financial year	18,047,315
Total comprehensive income	58,132,331
End of financial year	76,179,646
2015 Beginning of financial year	437,708
Total comprehensive income	17,609,607
End of financial year	18,047,315

For the financial year ended 31 March 2016	Note	2016 \$	2015 \$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Surplus/(deficit) before grants		2,877,065	(8,555,608)
Adjustments for:		, ,	
- Depreciation		292,798	160,451
- Donations income		(55,682,839)	(17,560,372)
- Interest income		(417,936)	(38,407)
	-	(52,930,912)	(25,993,936)
Changes in working capital:			
- Other receivables		(5,026,455)	622,079
- Other payables		4,043,793	3,849,431
Net cash used in operating activities		(53,913,574)	(21,522,426)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest received		417,936	38,407
Product development loan	7(b)	(470,000)	-
Additions to plant and equipment		(570,406)	(278,316)
Net cash used in investing activities	-	(622,470)	(239,909)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Grants received		67,005,772	22,335,732
Grants utilised for the building of Art Connector	10	(1,374,719)	-
Cash donations received		69,753,266	19,610,372
Net cash provided by financing activities		135,384,319	41,946,104
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		80,848,275	20,183,769
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Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year		32,389,774	12,206,005

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These notes form an integral part of and should be read in conjunction with the accompanying financial statements.

#### 1. General information

National Gallery Singapore (the "Company") is incorporated in the Republic of Singapore. The address of the registered office is 1 St. Andrew's Road, #01-01, Singapore 178957.

The principal activities of the Company are to contribute to building Singapore as a regional hub for visual arts and to focus on the display, promotion, research and study of Southeast Asian art, including Singapore art.

The Company is registered as a charity under the Singapore Charities Act, Chapter 37. With effect from 14 November 2013, the Company has obtained Institute of a Public Character (IPC) status.

#### 2. Significant accounting policies

### 2.1 Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Singapore Financial Reporting Standards ("FRS") under the historical cost convention except as disclosed in the accounting policies below.

The preparation of these financial statements in conformity with FRS requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Company's accounting policies. It also requires the use of certain critical accouning estimates and assumptions. Management has assessed that there are no estimates or judgements used that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the Company's assets and liabilities in these financial statements.

### Interpretations and amendments to published standards effective in 2016

On 1 April 2015, the Company adopted the new or amended FRS and Interpretations to FRS ("INT FRS") that are mandatory for application for the financial year. Changes to the Company's accounting policies have been made as required, in accordance with the transitional provisions in the respective FRS and INT FRS.

The adoption of these new or amended FRS and INT FRS did not result in substantial changes to the Company's accounting policies and had no material effect on the amounts reported for the current or prior financial years.

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### 2.2 Revenue recognition

Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Company and the revenue can be reliably measured. Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable.

(i) Contributions and other sponsorships

Contributions and other sponsorships (other than those for capital expenditure), are recognised as income when the right to receive the contributions and other sponsorships has been established.

(ii) Donations

Donations, whether of cash or assets, shall be recognised as income in the period it is received or receivable when the Company has obtained control of the donation or the right to receive the donation, the amount of the donation can be measured reliably and it is probable that the economic benefits comprising the donation will flow to the Company.

Donations with restriction and/or conditions attached shall be recognised as surplus if the restrictions and conditions are under the Company's purview and it is probable that these restrictions and conditions would be met. Otherwise, these donations are recognised and taken to the "deferred donations" account until the above criteria are fulfilled or when the restrictions and/or conditions are met.

(iii) Rental income

Rental income is recognised on a straight-line basis over the lease and service period.

(iv) Admission fees

Admission fees are recognised upon the sale of tickets to visitors at the Gallery.

(v) Interest income

Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method.

(vi) Income from rendering of services

Income from rendering of services are recognised when the services have been rendered.

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#### 2.3 Employee compensation

#### (a) Defined contribution plans

The Company's contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as employee compensation expense when the contributions are due.

### (b) Employee leave entitlement

Employee entitlements to annual leave are recognised when they accrue to employees. A provision is made for the estimated liability for annual leave as a result of services rendered by employees up to the balance sheet date.

### 2.4 Operating lease payments

Payments made under operating leases (net of any incentives received from the lessors) are recognised in profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

### 2.5 Plant and equipment

Plant and equipment are recognised at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses.

Subsequent expenditure relating to plant and equipment that has already been recognised is added to the carrying amount of the asset only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Company and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. Depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method to allocate depreciable amounts over their estimated useful lives. The estimated useful lives are as follows:

	Useful lives
Leasehold improvements	3 years
Computers	3 years
Office equipment	6 years
Audio visual equipment	5 years
Furniture & Fittings	8 years
Mechanical and electrical equipment	8 years

The residual values, estimated useful lives and depreciation method of plant and equipment are reviewed, and adjusted as appropriate, at each balance sheet date. The effects of any revision are recognised in profit or loss when the changes arise. No depreciation is provided for assets under construction-in-progress until construction is completed and the asset is transferred to its appropriate category.

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#### 2.6 Impairment of non-financial assets

Plant and equipment are tested for impairment whenever there is any objective evidence or indication that these assets may be impaired.

If the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable amount. The difference between the carrying amount and recoverable amount is recognised as an impairment loss in profit or loss.

An impairment loss for an asset is reversed if, and only if, there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the asset's recoverable amount since the last impairment loss was recognised. The carrying amount of this asset is increased to its revised recoverable amount, provided that this amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined (net of accumulated depreciation) had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior years.

A reversal of impairment loss for an asset is recognised in profit or loss.

### 2.7 Cash and cash equivalents and other receivables

Cash and cash equivalents and other receivables are initially recognised at their fair values plus transaction costs and subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less accumulated impairment losses.

The Company assesses at each balance sheet date whether there is objective evidence that these financial assets are impaired and recognises an allowance for impairment when such evidence exists. Significant financial difficulties of the debtor, probability that the debtor will enter bankruptcy and default or significant delay in payments are objective evidence that these financial assets are impaired.

The carrying amount of these assets is reduced through the use of an impairment allowance account which is calculated as the difference between the carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at the original effective interest rate.

These assets are presented as current assets except for those that are expected to be realised later than 12 months after the balance sheet date, which are presented as noncurrent assets.

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#### 2.8 Grants

Government grants are recognised at their fair value where there is reasonable assurance that the grant will be received and all required conditions will be complied with.

Government grants for the purchase of depreciable assets are taken to the deferred capital grant account. The deferred capital grants are recognised in the profit or loss over the periods necessary to match the depreciation of the related assets purchased with the grants. Upon the disposal of the assets, the balance of the related deferred capital grants is recognised in profit or loss to match the net book value of the assets written off.

Government grants in respect of the current year's operating expenses are recognised in the same year.

Other government grants are received but not utilised are included in the grants received in advance account.

### 2.9 Other payables

Other payables represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Company prior to the end of financial year which are unpaid. They are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less (or in the normal operating cycle of the business, if longer). If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Other payables are initially recognised at fair value, and subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

### 2.10 Provisions

A provision is recognised if, as a result of a past event, the Company has a present legal or constructive obligation that can be estimated reliably, and it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation. Provisions are determined by discounting the expected future cash flows at a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as accretion expense in profit or loss.

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### 2.11 Currency translation

The financial statements are presented in Singapore Dollar, which is the functional currency of the Company.

Transactions in a currency other than Singapore Dollar ("foreign currency") are translated into Singapore Dollar using the exchange rates at the dates of the transactions. Currency translation differences resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the closing rates at the balance sheet date are recognised in profit or loss.

### 3. Members' guarantee

The Company is limited by guarantee whereby each member of the Company undertakes to meet the debts and liabilities of the Company, in the event of its liquidation, to an amount not exceeding \$10 per member.

As at 31 March 2016, the Company has 3 members (2015: 3 members).

### 4. Employee compensation

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
Wages and salaries	14,879,227	9,882,110
Employer's contribution to Central Provident Fund	1,587,689	1,246,878
	16,466,916	11,128,988

### 5. Income tax expense

The Company is registered as a charity under the Singapore Charities Act. With effect from Year of Assessment 2008, all registered charities will enjoy automatic income tax exemption and the Company is exempted from filing income tax returns.

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### 6. Cash and cash equivalents

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
Cash and bank balances	15,738,049	12,859,367
Fixed deposit	97,500,000	19,530,407
	113,238,049	32,389,774

The weighted average effective interest rate for fixed deposits for the Company at the reporting date was 1.00% (2015: 0.75%) per annum.

### 7. Other receivables

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
Current		
Amount due from supervisory ministry (Note a)	3,427,967	3,718
Deposits	3,390	1,240
Other receivables	1,791,996	84,856
Amount due from third party (Note b)	120,000	-
Prepayment	100,157	207,241
	5,443,510	297,055
Non-current		
Amount due from third party (Note b)	350,000	-

- (a) The amount due from the supervisory ministry is unsecured, interest-free and repayable on demand.
- (b) The amount due from third party is a loan for product development of the Gallery proprietary products for the museum shop. The loan is interest-free and repayable through monthly instalments up to 30 September 2018.

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### 8. Plant and equipment

						Mechanical		
	Leasehold		Office	Audio visual	Furniture &	& Electrical	Construction	
	improvement	Computers	equipment	equipment	Fittings	equipment	in-progress	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
2016								
Cost								
Beginning of financial year	1,284	619,638	27,575	2,952	-	-	89,098	740,547
Additions	-	317,900	11,071	141,358	79,147	20,930	-	570,406
Transfer from MCCY	-	-	-	117,908	311,050	-	-	428,958
Reclassification	-	-	-	89,098	-	-	(89,098)	-
End of financial year	1,284	937,538	38,646	351,316	390,197	20,930	-	1,739,911
Accumulated depreciation								
Beginning of financial year	1,284	409,077	6,051	2,263	-	-	-	418,675
Depreciation charge	-	180,933	6,113	20,262	7,090	2,444	-	216,842
Transfer from MCCY	-	-	_	28,570	47,386	-	-	75,956
End of financial year	1,284	590,010	12,164	51,095	54,476	2,444	-	711,473
Net book value								
End of financial year	-	347,528	26,482	300,221	335,721	18,486	-	1,028,438

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# 8. Plant and equipment (continued)

	Leasehold		Office	Audio visual	Construction	
	improvement	Computers	equipment	equipment	in-progress	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
2015						
Cost						
Beginning of financial year	284,566	456,797	-	2,952	-	744,315
Additions	-	173,038	16,180	-	89,098	278,316
Disposals	(282,084)	-	-	-	-	(282,084)
Reclassification	(1,198)	(10,197)	11,395	-	-	-
End of financial year	1,284	619,638	27,575	2,952	89,098	740,547
Accumulated depreciation						
Beginning of financial year	284,481	254,154	-	1,673	-	540,308
Depreciation charge	85	155,442	4,334	590	-	160,451
Disposals	(282,084)	-	-	-	-	(282,084)
Reclassification	(1,198)	(519)	1,717	-	-	-
End of financial year	1,284	409,077	6,051	2,263		418,675
Net book value						
End of financial year		210,561	21,524	689	89,098	321,872

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### 9. Other payables

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
Other payables	4,487,859	2,831,320
Deposits	625,122	-
Amount due to supervisory ministry	-	9,389
Advances received	331,563	-
Accrued operating expenses	4,233,858	2,793,900
	9,678,402	5,634,609

#### 10. Grants received in advance

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
Beginning of financial year	4,943,930	8,891,278
Grants received during the year	67,005,772	22,335,732
Transferred to deferred capital grants (Note 12)	(570,406)	(278,316)
Transferred to Art Connector on behalf of MCCY (Note a)	(1,374,719)	-
Transferred to income statement	(54,962,468)	(26,004,764)
End of financial year	15,042,109	4,943,930

<sup>(</sup>a) Funds of \$1,374,719 were received from MCCY in the prior financial year. These funds were used for payments of the building of the Art Connector, on behalf of MCCY during the financial year ended 31 March 2016.

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### 11. Deferred donations

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
Beginning of financial year	4,060,975	2,010,975
Additions	15,451,250	2,050,000
Transferred to income statement	(1,380,823)	-
End of financial year	18,131,402	4,060,975

### 12. Deferred capital grants

2016	2015
\$	\$
321,872	204,007
570,406	278,316
428,958	-
(292,798)	(160,451)
1,028,438	321,872
	321,872 570,406 428,958 (292,798)

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#### 13. Net assets of trust fund

The trust fund of the Company relates to the National Gallery Singapore Development Fund that is held on behalf of the Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth (MCCY) for the use in the development of the National Gallery Singapore project. The Company oversees the development of the National Gallery Singapore project until its completion and acts as an agent to MCCY to operate the funds from Singapore Totalisator Board in relation to the development of the National Gallery Singapore project.

The following details of the assets and liabilities of the trust fund have been prepared from the records of the trust fund held by the Company.

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	35,443,233	38,288,937
Liabilities		
Grants received in advance	35,443,233	38,288,937
Net assets		

### 14. Charities Act and Regulations

As required for disclosure under regulation 17 of the Charities (Institutions of Public Character) Regulations, the Company has received tax deductible donations of \$69,378,818 (2015: \$19,610,000) in the current financial year.

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### 15. Commitments

Operating lease commitments - where the Company is a lessee

The Company leases state land, buildings, office and storage premises under operating lease agreements.

The future minimum lease payables under non-cancellable operating leases contracted for at the balance sheet date but not recognised as liabilities, are as follow:

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
Not later than one year	4,539,669	4,440,000
Between one and five years	-	2,590,000
	4,539,669	7,030,000

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### 16. Related party transactions

(i) Key management personnel compensation

Key management personnel of the Company are those persons having the authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Company. The Chief Executive Officer and senior management are considered key management personnel of the Company.

Key management personnel compensation is as follows:

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
Short-term employee benefits	2,815,704	2,377,673
Post-employment benefits	139,027	105,801
	2,954,731	2,483,474

Number of key management who each receives remuneration exceeding \$100,000 by remuneration bands, excluding 11 (2015: 11) directors who do not receive remuneration from the Company, is as follows:

	2016	2015
\$800,000 and above	1	-
\$700,000 to below \$800,000	-	1
\$400,000 to below \$500,000	1	1
\$300,000 to below \$400,000	2	-
\$200,000 to below \$300,000	4	3
\$100,000 to below \$200,000	-	3
	8	8

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#### 17. Financial risk management

Financial risk factors

The Company has a system of controls in place to create an acceptable balance between the cost of risks occurring and the cost of managing the risks. Management continually monitors the Company's risk management process to ensure that an appropriate balance between risk and control is achieved.

The information presented below is based on information received by the management team.

- (a) Market risk
  - (i) Currency risk

    The Company's operations is not exposed to significant foreign currency risks as it has no significant transactions denominated in foreign currencies.
  - (ii) Interest rate risk

The Company has interest-bearing assets in cash at bank. These interest bearing assets are short-term in nature, therefore, any future variations in interest rates will not have a material impact on the results of the Company.

(b) Credit risk

Credit risk refers to the risk that a counterparty will default on its contractual obligations resulting in financial loss to the Company.

The maximum exposure to credit risk for each class of financial assets is the carrying amount of that class of financial asset presented on the statement of financial position. The Company's major classes of financial assets are cash at bank and other receivables. These classes of financial assets are neither past due nor impaired.

The Company places its cash with a reputable financial institution which is regulated. For other receivables, the Company adopts the policy of dealing with other counterparties with high credit ratings.

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### (b) Credit risk (continued)

The ageing of other receivables (excluding prepayments) is as follows:

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
Past due 0 - 3 months	629,431	-
Past due 3 to 6 months	63,892	-
Past due over 6 months	45,590	-
	738,913	-

### (c) Liquidity risk

There is minimal liquidity risk as the Company maintains an adequate level of highly liquid assets in the form of cash at bank.

The table below analyses the Company's liabilities based on contractual undiscounted cash flows.

Less than
1 year
\$

### At 31 March 2016

Other payables

Other payables 9,678,402

At 31 March 2015 5,634,609

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### (d) Capital risk

The Company is limited by guarantee with no share capital and is funded by government grants. The Company is not subject to any externally imposed capital requirements.

### (e) Financial instruments by category

The aggregate carrying amounts of loans and receivables and financial liabilities at amortised cost are as follows:

	2016 \$	2015 \$
Loans and receivables	118,931,40	32,479,588
Financial liabilities at amortised cost	9,678,402	5,634,609

### 18. New or revised accounting standards and interpretations

Certain new accounting standards, amendments and interpretations to existing standards have been published that are mandatory for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 April 2016. The Company does not expect that the adoption of these accounting standards or interpretations will have a material impact on the Company's financial statements.

#### 19. Authorisation of financial statements

These financial statements were authorised for issue in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Company on 16 August 2016.

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# **GALLERY ADVISORY PANELS**

### Research Panel

### T K Sabapathy (Chairman)

Adjunct Professor, Department of Architecture, National University of Singapore

#### Ahmad Mashadi

Head of NUS Museum

#### **Daniel Goh**

Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, National University of Singapore

#### **Kwa Chong Guan**

Adjunct Associate Professor (Honorary), Department of History, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, National University of Singapore

### **Ute Meta Bauer**

Founding Director, Nanyang Technological University Centre for Contemporary Art

#### **Patrick Flores**

Professor, Art Studies at the Department of Art Studies, University of the Philippines; and Curator, Vargas Museum, Manila

The role of the Research Panel is to:

- provide advice on research directions for the Gallery in terms of its collections development, exhibitions, publications, archival resources and other curatorial programmes
- provide advice on museological issues related to collections and exhibitions
- work with the Gallery's curators on research projects
- facilitate access to international networks of artists, curators, researchers,
   collectors and relevant institutions to further the Gallery's vision and mission

# **Marketing Advisory Panel**

#### Chew Choon Seng (Chairman)

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President, Starcom MediaVest Group APAC

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Chief Operating Officer, Rubina Watch Company

#### **Paul Soon**

Chief Executive Officer, APAC, Possible

### **Roxanne Taylor**

Chief Marketing & Communications Officer, Accenture

The role of the Marketing Advisory Panel is to:

- provide advice, support and recommendations on the development and implementation of innovative marketing strategies and initiatives
- provide ideas and advice to ensure the Gallery's brand is protected, managed and marketed globally in a consistent "best-in-class" approach
- provide regional and global perspectives on trends and new developments in the marketing of museums or attractions, especially on the digital front
- facilitate access to industry networks that can help promote the Gallery and its objectives

# Information Technology & Digital Advisory Panel (ITDAP)

### Yap Chee Yuen (Chairman)

Executive Vice President, Corporate Services, Genting Singapore PLC

#### **Amit Sood**

Director, Google Cultural Institute

### Loo Cheng Chuan

Vice President, Amobee, Group Digital Life, Singtel

### Dr Ng See-Kiong

Director, Strategic Alliances; and Science and Engineering Research Council (SERC) Programme Director, Urban Systems Initiative

#### Jane Alexander

Chief Information Officer, The Cleveland Museum of Art

### Deepak S Lyer

Managing Director, APAC Lead - Applications Services, Accenture Singapore

#### The role of the ITDAP is to:

- provide advice on the strategic development and implementation of the Gallery's IT master plan and digital strategy
- provide advice on strategic partnerships and opportunities
- assist in identifying, monitoring and addressing risks related to the overall IT & digital strategy
- provide technical advice in the assessment of the Gallery's technical choices and planning

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### **ACQUISITIONS**

### **Purchases**

Tan Kian Por Red Jade Vine 1987 Chinese ink and colour on paper 176 x 96 cm

Tan Kian Por Life 1982 Chinese ink and colour on paper 149 x 82 cm

Tumadi Patri Memburu Gajah di Hutan Batik 1988 Mixed media on board 86 x 75.5 cm

Zai Kuning
Installing Memory (Box Number 12 of 12)
1992
Mixed media
46.5 x 67.8 x 45 cm

Tan Teo Kwang
Patacasso
1972
Acrylic and ink on rice paper
140.5 x 153 cm

Tan Teo Kwang
Calligraphy or Paintings
1967
Chinese ink on rice paper
235 x 136 cm

Tan Teo Kwang
Wondering Words I
1968
Acrylic and ink on rice paper
40 x 60 cm

Tan Teo Kwang
Wondering Words 2
1968
Acrylic and ink on rice paper
46 x 72 cm

Tan Teo Kwang
Wondering Words 3
1968
Acrylic and ink on rice paper
46 x 100 cm

Yip Cheong Fun Morning Round 1949 Gelatin silver print 37.4 x 27 cm

Yip Cheong Fun Homeward Bound c. 1960s Gelatin silver print 43 x 35 cm Yip Cheong Fun Amidst the Nets c. 1940s Gelatin silver print 43 x 36 cm

Yip Cheong Fun The Fishermen's Daughter late 1950s Gelatin silver print 42.6 x 35.5 cm

Yip Cheong Fun Untitled Undated Gelatin silver print 37.8 x 30.6 cm

Yip Cheong Fun Net Arranging Undated Gelatin silver print 37.8 x 30.6 cm

Yip Cheong Fun Ebb Tide c. 1950s Gelatin silver print 37.5 x 43 cm

Yip Cheong Fun Tropical Scene undated Gelatin silver print 38 x 46.5 cm Yip Cheong Fun The First Cast c. 1968 Gelatin silver print 35.5 x 43 cm

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Yip Cheong Fun Rowing at Dawn 1955 Gelatin silver print 30.5 x 39 cm

Yip Cheong Fun
Dawn Break
c. 1950s
Gelatin silver print
42.6 x 35.4 cm

Yip Cheong Fun Lunchtime 1950 Gelatin silver print 30 x 37.5 cm

Yip Cheong Fun Laundry 1940 Gelatin silver print 39.2 x 49.2 cm

Yip Cheong Fun Tough Job II 1948 Gelatin silver print 37.5 x 44.5 cm Yip Cheong Fun

An Old Chinatown Teacher
c. 1950s
Gelatin silver print

Yip Cheong Fun Anxiety c. 1960s Gelatin silver print 38.5 x 17 cm

Yip Cheong Fun Scolding/ Anguish late 1960s Gelatin silver print 42 x 33 cm

Yip Cheong Fun Long Hair 1960 Gelatin silver print 45 x 35.2 cm

Yip Cheong Fun Untitled Undated Gelatin silver print 44 x 34.5 cm

Yip Cheong Fun Forbidden Apple Undated Gelatin silver print 44 x 34.5 cm Cheo Chai Hiang 5' X 5' (Inched Deep) 1972, remade for display in 2015 Mixed media 150 x 150 cm

Lee Hock Moh
Flamboyance
1983
Chinese ink and colour on paper
132 x 67 cm

Simryn Gill Standing Still 2000-2003 C-print 31.4 x 31.4 cm

Tan Oe Pang
Han Acrobatics
1983
Chinese ink and colour on paper
141.6 x 74.5 cm

Tang Da Wu
Don't Give Money to the Arts
1995
Mixed media
78 x 45 cm

Ang Ah Tee Alley- Chinatown 1983 Acrylic on paper 43 x 43 cm

Ang Ah Tee Telok Ayer Temple 1983 Watercolour on paper 43 x 43 cm

Ang Ah Tee Robertson Quay 1983 Acrylic on paper 46 x 61 cm

Ang Ah Tee Little India 1977 Acrylic on paper 38 x 48 cm

Ang Ah Tee
Teochew Street
1980
Acrylic on paper
38 x 48 cm

Ang Ah Tee

Mama Stall (Sophia Road)
1986
Oil on canvas
60 x 76 cm

Ang Ah Tee Raffles Primary School 1971 Oil on canvas 76 x 52 cm Chong Fah Cheong Woodscape I 1981 Chengal wood 133 x 39 x 14 cm

Chong Fah Cheong Cube Gate 2012 Teak wood 190 x 120 x 90 cm

Lee Boon Ngan Singapore Breakfast 1973 Oil on canvas 37.5 x 48 cm

Lee Boon Ngan Laundry 1964 Oil on canvas 63 x 48 cm

Hua Chai Yong
Portrait 1
1964
Watercolour on paper
38 x 27 cm

Hua Chai Yong
Portrait 2
1964
Watercolour on paper
38 x 27 cm

Tay Boon Pin
Three Quarter View- Old Man
1959
Pencil on paper
49 x 32 cm

Tay Boon Pin Study of Face- Boy 2 1962 Pencil on paper 49 x 32 cm

Tay Boon Pin
Three Quarter View- Girl with curly hair
1962
Pencil on paper
49 x 32 cm

Tay Boon Pin Seated Man 4 1969 Pencil on paper 49 x 32 cm

Tay Boon Pin Seated Boy 2 1962 Pencil on paper 49 x 32 cm

Lee Boon Wang Seated Man 1 1963 Pencil on paper 42 x 30 cm Lee Boon Wang Seated Boy 1 1962 Pencil on paper

30 x 44 cm

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Lee Boon Wang Seated Boy 2 1962 Pencil on paper 30 x 44 cm

Lee Boon Wang
Three Quarter View- Girl with ribbon
1962
Pencil on paper
45 x 30 cm

Lee Boon Wang
Figure Drawing- Sleeping Boy
1962
Pencil on paper
45 x 30 cm

Lee Boon Wang Front View- Man 1953 Pencil on paper 31 x 23 cm

Lee Boon Wang
Figure Drawing- Seated Man 2
1962
Pencil on paper
44 x 30 cm

Lee Boon Wang
Figure Drawing- Seated Man 3
1963
Pencil on paper
45 x 30 cm

Lee Boon Wang
Three Quarter View- Man 1
1961
Pencil on paper
46 x 32 cm

Ong Tian Soo
Three Quarter View- Man 1
1960
Pencil on paper
43 x 29 cm

Ong Tian Soo
Profile- Boy with Glasses
1961
Pencil on paper
43 x 29 cm

Ong Tian Soo
Three Quarter View- Man 2
1962
Pencil on paper
43 x 29 cm

Ong Tian Soo
Figure Drawing- Seated Boy
1962
Pencil on paper
43 x 29 cm

Ong Tian Soo Three Quarter View- Man 3 1960 Pencil on paper 48 x 32 cm

Ong Tian Soo Figure Drawing- Standing Man 1962 Pencil on paper 48 x 32 cm

Tay Boon Pin
Profile- Girl with ribbon
1963
Pencil on paper
49 x 32 cm

Tay Boon Pin
Figure Drawing- Seated Boy 1
1961
Pencil on paper
56 x 47 cm

Tay Boon Pin
Figure Drawing- Seated Man 1
1959
Pencil on paper
49 x 32 cm

Tay Boon Pin
Figure Drawing- Seated Man 2
1963
Pencil on paper
49 x 32 cm

Tay Boon Pin
Figure Drawing- Seated Man 3
1963
Pencil on paper
49 x 32 cm

Tay Boon Pin
Figure Drawing- Seated Old Man 1
1963
Pencil on paper
49 x 32 cm

Tay Boon Pin
Figure Drawing- Seated Old Man 2
1972
Pencil on paper
62 x 45 cm

Tay Boon Pin
Study of Face- Boy 1
1962
Pencil on paper
32 x 49 cm

Tay Boon Pin
Three Quarter View- Old Lady
1963
Pencil on paper
32 x 49 cm

Tay Boon Pin
Figure Drawing- Seated Old Man 3
1971
Pencil on paper
59 x 47 cm

Chen Wen Hsi Gibbons 1977 Ink and colour on paper 190 x 488 cm

Kim Lim
A Minor
1979
Woodcut (Silver on brown)
48 x 48 cm

Kim Lim
C Major
1979
Woodcut (Silver on brown)
48 x 48 cm

Kim Lim
Gate
1974
Woodcut (Blue on white)
46.5 x 62 cm

Kim Lim
Gate
1974
Woodcut (White on white)
46.5 x 62 cm

Kim Lim

Gate
1974

Woodcut (White on japanese paper)
41 x 53 cm

Kim Lim
Stack
1975
Woodcut (Silver on white)
43 x 60.5 cm

Kim Lim
Stack
1975
Woodcut (Silver on beige)
43 x 60.5 cm

Kim Lim
Jaune Fonce
1972
Aquatint
44 x 44 cm

Kim Lim
Brown Aquatint
1972
Aquatint on paper
44.5 x 43.8 cm

Kim Lim
Ladder Series
1972
Ink on paper
59 x 45 cm

Kim Lim
Ladder Series V
1972
Ink on paper
58 x 45 cm

Kim Lim
Time Shift 3
1993
Screenprint
39 x 52 cm

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Kim Lim
Time Shift D
1993
Screenprint
39 x 52 cm

Kim Lim
BX Series
1975
Relief print on paper
40.5 x 50.5 cm

Kim Lim
BX
1975
Relief print on paper
19.7 x 23.2 cm

Kim Lim
Abacus
1959
Plaster and wood
44.4 x 55.9 x 5.1 cm

Kim Lim Pegasus 1962 Wood 106.7 cm Kim Lim Column 1971-72 1971-1972 Stainless steel 190.5 x 50.8 x 22.2 cm

Kim Lim Intervals II 1973 Wood 182.8 cm height

Kim Lim
Interstices III
1977
Wood- mahogany
289.5 cm height

Kim Lim Irrawaddy 1979 Wood- pine 81.3 x 10.2 x 5.1 cm

Kim Lim Long Wall Piece 1987 Marble- Churinsa 95 x 7 cm

Kim Lim *River- Run* 1992-1993 Hoptonwood Stone 47.6 x 115.57 x 15.24 cm Kim Lim
Naga
1984
Portland Stone
20 cm each section

S. Mohidir

Dalam

1975

Acrylic on canvas
66 x 92 cm

Ho Tzu Nyen *Utama: Every Name in History is I* 2003/2015 Video and oil on canvas Variable dimensions

Lim Yew Kuan Young Teacher 1963 Oil on canvas 76 x 61 cm

Lim Yew Kuan
Celebrities in Strathmore
1958
Oil on canvas
42 x 50 cm

Lim Yew Kuan Ether 1959 Oil on board 28 x 60 cm Lim Yew Kuan See Hear Speak 1955 Oil on board 66 x 40.5 cm

Lim Yew Kuan Malay Boy 1957 Oil on canvas 66 x 40.5 cm

Lim Yew Kuan Docking 1957 Oil on canvas 41 x 71 cm

Lim Yew Kuan Blocks and Rose 1959 Oil on canvas 85.5 x 53 cm

Lim Yew Kuan Monday Blues 1959 Oil on canvas 68.5 x 101.5 cm

Lim Yew Kuan Nude- The Back 1960 Oil on canvas 66.5 x 101 cm Lim Yew Kuan Self Portrait 1959 Oil on canvas 76 x 50.5 cm

Lim Yew Kuan FN- 017 1960 Pencil on paper 42 x 29 cm

Lim Yew Kuan Young Lady 1963 Oil on canvas 74 x 60 cm

Lim Hak Tai Hill 1955 Oil on board 41 x 51 cm

Lim Hak Tai Shipyard 1956 Oil on board

Lim Hak Tai Tanjong Rhu 1952 Oil on board 40.5 x 50.5 cm Lim Hak Tai Still Life Flowers 1938 Oil on canvas 40.5 x 30.5 cm

Lim Hak Tai Malay Wedding 1952 Acrylic on board 70.5 x 96 cm

Lim Hak Tai Woes of the Poor 1953 Collage 17.5 x 15 cm

Li Dezhuang
Water Margin I
1980s
Chinese ink and acrylic on paper
240 x 120 cm

Charles Henry Cazalet
Title not known (View of Penang Hill)
1856
Watercolour laid down on card
34.8 x 24.5 cm

Charles Henry Cazalet Rock on the road to Western Hill 1856 Watercolour laid down on card 34.8 x 24.5 cm annex

William Daniell

View of the Great Tree, Prince of Wales Island

1821

Aquatint engraving on paper

58.5 x 43 cm

William Daniell

View of Glugor House and the Spice

**Plantations** 

1821

Aquatint engraving on paper

71 x 46 cm

William Daniell

View from Halliburton's Hill

1821

Aquatint engraving on paper

71 x 46 cm

San Minn

Age of Full Bloom

1979

Oil and metal chain on canvas

89 x 59 cm

San Minn

The Drunkard

1971-1979

Pastel and enamel on paper

60 x 76 cm

San Minn

Building

1979

Oil on canvas

116 x 61 cm

San Minn

Agony

1983

Oil on canvas

36 x 153 cm

Michael Shaowanasai

Exotic 101

1997

Metal pole, circular platform and performance video

Svay Ken

Monthly Mandatory Meeting, 1975-1979

1994

Oil on canvas

70 x 130 cm

Fua Haribhitak

Face

c. 1956

Oil on canvas

65 x 55 cm

Chamruang Vichienket

Group

1965

Bronze

147 x 33 cm

Sompot Upa-In

Mother

1961

**Bronze** 

65 x 35 x 30 cm

Melati Suryodarmo

Der Sekundentraum

1998-1999

Lambda prints, video and used clothes

Tran Trung Tin

You, Hanoi

1973

Oil on newsprint

54.9 x 38.7 cm

Tran Trung Tin

Naivity

1973

Oil on newsprint

55.6 x 39.4 cm

Tran Trung Tin

People of Hanoi

1972

Oil on newsprint

39.3 x 56 cm

Tran Trung Tin

Questions Amidst Life

1973

Oil on newsprint

54.7 x 38.3 cm

Tran Trung Tin

Untitled (Abstract)

1972

Oil on newsprint

56.2 x 38.9 cm

Tran Trung Tin Untitled (Abstract) 1971 Oil on newsprint 55.1 x 39.2 cm

Tran Trung Tin Untitled (Abstract) 1971 Oil on newsprint 54.5 x 39.2 cm

Tran Trung Tin Untitled (Abstract) 1972 Oil on newsprint 54.2 x 39 cm

Krisna Murti
12 Hours in the Life of Agung Rai, the Dancer
1993, reconstructed in 2014
Video installation, white images, tree branches and rice husks
13 x 18 cm

Nirmala Dutt Shanmughalingam Your Beautiful Home 1975 Collage and acrylic on board 76.6 x 61 cm Nirmala Dutt Shanmughalingam

Vietnamese Refugees, Cycle I, Vietnamese Refugees
1979

Collage and acrylic on board
132 x 81 cm

Nirmala Dutt Shanmughalingam
Kampong Polo I
1981
Silkscreen and acrylic on canvas
122 x 122 cm

Nirmala Dutt Shanmughalingam Self Portrait 1999 Collage and acrylic on canvas 101.5 x 91.5 cm

Hernando R. Ocampo Scrapbook 1999 Scrapbook containing various papers 42 x 33 x 14 cm

J. Elizalde Navarro
Untitled (Sculpture)
c. 1960s
Welded Metal
208 x 113 x 87.5 cm

Ismail Zain
Phantom
1988
B/W digital prints
55 x 47.5 cm

Ismail Zain
The Eye has a Veil
1988
B/W digital prints
55 x 47.5 cm

Ismail Zain

Lalat Makan Hati Siti Mastura

1988

B/W digital prints

55 x 47.5 cm

Ismail Zain
Bruce Springteen
1988
B/W digital prints
55 x 47.5 cm

Navin Rawanchaikul & Rikrit Tiravanija Cities on the Move 6, Bangkok 1999 Acrylic on canvas 170 x 120 cm

Albert Hahn. Sr

Poster for Colonial Exhibition, Semarang
1912
Lithograph on paper mounted on linen
108.5 x 82.5 cm

Kassian Cephas *Untitled (Woman Working)* c. 1990 Photography (Albumen Prints) 9.8 x 13.9 cm

Kassian Cephas

Untitled (Steaming rice in bamboo baskets)

c. 1990

Photography (Albumen Prints)

10 x 14.1 cm

Kassian Cephas

Untitled (Weaving cotton cloth for sarong)

c. 1990

Photography (Albumen Prints)

10 x 14.1 cm

Kassian Cephas

Untitled (Grating coconut for tiffin)

c. 1990

Photography (Albumen Prints)

9.8 x 14 cm

Kassian Cephas

Untitled (Javanese selling native drink)

c. 1990

Photography (Albumen Prints)

9.8 x 13.9 cm

Kassian Cephas

Untitled (Playing cards)

c. 1990

Photography (Albumen Prints)

10.1 x 13.9 cm

Kassian Cephas

Untitled (Spinning cotton)

c. 1990

Photography (Albumen Prints)

10.1 x 14.1 cm

Kassian Cephas

Untitled (Javanese smoking)

c. 1990

Photography (Albumen Prints)

10 x 14.1 cm

Kassian Cephas

Untitled (Selling fruit)

c. 1990

Photography (Albumen Prints)

9.8 x 14 cm

Kassian Cephas

Untitled (Water carrier)

c. 1990

Photography (Albumen Prints)

9.9 x 14.1 cm

Kassian Cephas

Untitled (Caboe, Servant Maid)

c. 1990

Photography (Albumen Prints)

10.1 x 14 cm

Kassian Cephas

Untitled (Girls dressing their hair)

c. 1990

Photography (Albumen Prints)

13.9 x 9.8 cm

Kassian Cephas

Untitled (Portrait of a Javanese girl)

c. 1990

Photography (Albumen Prints)

13.8 x 9.8 cm

Kassian Cephas

Untitled (Over the balcony)

c. 1990

Photography (Albumen Prints)

9.9 x 14 cm

Kassian Cephas

Untitled (Javanese lady)

c. 1990

Photography (Albumen Prints)

10 x 14 cm

Kassian Cephas

Untitled (Girls in sarong)

c. 1990

Photography (Albumen Prints)

9.9 x 14 cm

Kassian Cephas

Untitled (Javanese massage)

c. 1990

Photography (Albumen Prints)

9.7 x 14.1 cm

Kassian Cephas

Untitled (Girl in sarong)

c. 1990

Photography (Albumen Prints)

9.9 x 14 cm

# **Donations**

Fan Chang Tien
Bamboo and Rock
1983
Chinese ink on paper
179 x 95 cm
Gift of Chua Eik Seng

Wang Zhen
Old Man of the South Pole
1924
Chinese ink and colour on paper
110 x 38 cm
Gift of Chua Eik Seng

Zhu Wenyun

Bamboo and Rock
1930

Chinese ink on paper
39.5 x 289.5 cm

Gift of Chua Eik Seng

Lim Hak Tai
Seal Stamps of Lim Hak Tai with Calligraphy by
Tan Tee Chie
1991
Ink
69 x 38 cm
Gift of Mr Lim Yew Kuan

Lim Hak Tai

Calligraphy Couplet in Clerical Script
Undated
Ink on rice paper
108 x 22 cm
Gift of Mr Lim Yew Kuan

Lim Hak Tai

Calligraphy Couplet in Clerical Script
Undated
Ink on rice paper
132 x 40 cm
Gift of Mr Lim Yew Kuan

Lim Hak Tai
Seal Stamps of Lim Hak Tai with Calligraphy by Tan
Kian Por
2011
Ink on rice paper
90 x 34 cm
Gift of Mr Lim Yew Kuan

Lim Hak Tai
Peony
1947
Ink and colour on rice paper
141 x 34 cm
Gift of Mr Lim Yew Kuan

Lim Hak Tai

Calligraphy in Clerical Script
Undated
Ink on rice paper
78.5 x 35.5 cm
Gift of Mr Lim Yew Kuan

Lim Hak Tai

Bamboo 6
1959
Ink on rice paper
130 x 29 cm
Gift of Mr Lim Yew Kuan

Lim Hak Tai

Plum Blossoms

Undated
Ink on rice paper
65 x 25 cm

Gift of Mr Lim Yew Kuan

Lim Hak Tai
Fire
1961
Acrylic on board
59 x 75.5 cm
Gift of Mr Lim Yew Kuan

Lim Hak Tai

Bamboo 4

1952
Ink on rice paper
107 x 37 cm
Gift of Mr Lim Yew Kuan

Lim Yew Kuan
FN1958-013
1958
Pencil on paper
30.5 x 21 cm
Gift of Mr Lim Yew Kuan

Lim Yew Kuan MN1959-030 1959 Pencil on paper 37 x 21 cm Gift of Mr Lim Yew Kuan

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Lim Yew Kuan
Nanyang University
1956
Oil on canvas
48 x 68 cm
Gift of Mr Lim Yew Kuan

Lim Yew Kuan
St. Thomas Walk Campus
1952
Oil on canvas
61.5 x 76.5 cm
Gift of Mr Lim Yew Kuan

Lim Yew Kuan
For the Future Generation II
1954
Etching
20.5 x 18.5 cm
Gift of Mr Lim Yew Kuan

Lim Yew Kuan

Vagrant

1954

Etching

13.5 x 9.5 cm

Gift of Mr Lim Yew Kuan

Lim Yew Kuan SK1954-07 1954 Pencil 36.5 x 55 cm Gift of Mr Lim Yew Kuan Lim Yew Kuan SK1954-22 1954 Pencil 33 x 55 cm Gift of Mr Lim Yew Kuan

Lim Yew Kuan

By the Rail 1

1961

Etching

29.5 x 25 cm

Gift of Mr Lim Yew Kuan

Lim Yew Kuan
By the Rail 2
1961
Etching
29.5 x 25 cm
Gift of Mr Lim Yew Kuan

Lim Yew Kuan
Winter in London
1961
Litography
35 x 24 cm
Gift of Mr Lim Yew Kuan

Lim Yew Kuan

Hyde Park

1961

Oil on canvas

51 x 76 cm

Gift of Mr Lim Yew Kuan

Lim Yew Kuan
Symphony 3
1965
Etching
15 x 10.2 cm
Gift of Mr Lim Yew Kuan

Lim Yew Kuan
Place Vendome 1
1961
Etching
28.3 x 18 cm
Gift of Mr Lim Yew Kuan

Lim Yew Kuan
Place Vendome 3
1961
Etching
28.3 x 18 cm
Gift of Mr Lim Yew Kuan

Lim Yew Kuan
Place Vendome 5
1961
Etching
28.3 x 18 cm
Gift of Mr Lim Yew Kuan

Lim Yew Kuan
Place Vendome 7
1961
Etching
28.3 x 18 cm
Gift of Mr Lim Yew Kuan

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Kim Lim

Woodcut 'A Minor'

1979

Woodcut on hand-made Japanese paper

58 x 57.3 cm

Gift of Lim Jen Howe

Kim Lim

Woodcut 'C Major'

1979

Woodcut on hand-made Japanese paper

58 x 57.3 cm

Gift of Lim Jen Howe

Kim Lim

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1995

Screenprint

50.5 x 57.5 cm

Gift of Ms Yu-Chee Chong

Richard Walker

Tranquility - The Old Sage

c. 1950s

Oil on canvas

50 x 40 cm

Gift of the family of the late Madam Tan Chwee Neo

Richard Walker

Where East Meets West

1952

Oil on canvas

50 x 60 cm

Gift of the family of the late Madam Tan Chwee Neo

Richard Walker

Hari Raya - Gathering at the Ferry

c. 1940s - 50s

Oil on canvas

60 x 40 cm

Gift of the family of the late Madam Tan Chwee Neo

Richard Walker

Anak Laut

c. 1940s - 50s

Oil on canvas

60 x 40 cm

Gift of the family of the late Madam Tan Chwee Neo

Richard Walker

The Madonna

c. 1940s - 50s

Oil on canvas

45 x 30 cm

Gift of the family of the late Madam Tan Chwee Neo

Richard Walker

Duck

1957

Ink and watercolour on paper

50 x 30 cm

Gift of the family of the late Madam Tan Chwee Neo

Richard Walker

Cockerel

1959

Ink and watercolour on paper

50 x 30 cm

Gift of the family of the late Madam Tan Chwee Neo

Richard Walker

Rabbit

1957

Ink and watercolour on paper

50 x 30 cm

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Richard Walker

Cockatoo

1957

Ink and watercolour on paper

50 x 30 cm

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