**Artist:** Chua Say Hua Anthony

**Artist Statement**

I work primarily with Chinese ink to create contemporary interpretations of modern subject such as urban landscape, old buildings as well as abstract compositions based on nudes in my earlier “Nudes in Landscape” series and recent ink field works which try to push the boundary of what ink on paper can create. My paintings’ strength lies in the bold use of brush strokes with various effects created by different types of brushes such as the less conventional feather brushes and direct application from squeezable plastic bottles. My creative processes are informed by both traditional Chinese ink and Modern Western Art strategies such as ink transfer and mark-making. The objective is to enable new artistic surfaces to be created and expressiveness articulated.

My current series based on old shop houses employed excessive ink washes loaded with colour paint enables an all over effect that convey a sense of the city's pace - lively, serendipitous and vibrant.

**Personal Particulars**

**Nationality:** Singaporean

**Date of Birth:** 4th October 1966

**Art Education**

**1996 - 1997** Goldsmiths College - University of London

(Under Chen Chong Swee Overseas Art Scholarship)

Postgraduate Certificate in Fine Art

**1993 - 1994** Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT) Australia

BA in Fine Arts (High Distinction) under Philippe Charriol Foundation Scholarship

**1989 - 1992** Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts (Singapore)

Diploma in Fine Arts

**Solo Exhibitions**

**2012** ‘Spiral Staircases and Round Windows’: Dahlia Art Gallery (Singapore)

**2011 ‘**Beyond Concrete Reality’: Forest Rain Gallery (Singapore)

‘Revisit Chinatown’: Dahlia Art Gallery (Singapore)

**2009** ‘Inscribed Spaces’: Forth Gallery (Singapore)

‘New work on paper’: Black Earth Museum (Singapore)

**2005** ‘Still Painting’: Telok Kurau Art Gallery (Singapore)

**2003**  ‘RETURNS’ from USA Vermont Studio Center: Telok Kurau Art Gallery   
(Singapore)

**2000** Pre-Trimurti Makanart: Telok Kurau Art Gallery (Singapore)

**1998** Fatty's Herbal Tea (Performance): The Substation (Singapore)

**1993** The Last Sunflower: Cosmic Insurance Gallery (Singapore)

**1992 ‘**Bad Painting’: Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts (Singapore)

**1991** Song (Installation): Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts (Singapore)

**Selected Group Exhibitions**

**2012** Home and Beyond- Recent Ink Works of Chua Say Hua and Hong Sek Chern: Artcommune Gallery (Singapore)

Inauguration Show **–** Gillman Barracks: Fost Gallery (Singapore)

**2011** Globalisation of Asian Culture: 26th Asian International Art Exhibition:Hangaram Art Museum, Seoul Art Center (South Korea)

Art Expo Malaysia 2011: Matrade Exhibition and Convention Centre (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia)

The Art of Giving 2011: Dahlia Art Gallery (Singapore)

**2010** The Affordable Art Fair Singapore: F1 Pit Building (Singapore)

Asian Spirit Blue Sky- Environment Balance and Change: 25th Asian International Art Exhibition: Mongolian National Art Gallery (Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia)

**2008** Soul Painting:Black Earth Museum (Singapore)

Asia in Harmony:23rd Asian International Art Exhibition: University City Art Museum Guangzhou Academy of Fine Art (China)

**2006** Spectrum: Telok Kurau Studios Exhibition (Singapore)

Madly in Love Madly in Art: Telok Kurau Studios Exhibition (Singapore)

21st Asian International Art Exhibition: Singapore Art Museum

**2005** 20th Asian International Art Exhibition: Araya Museum (Philippines)

et cetera by Modern Art Society: Telok Kurau Art Gallery (Singapore)

Singapore Art ‘Best collections’: Lee Kong Qian Reference Library (Singapore)

New Works: Exciting and Thought Provoking: Telok Kurau Art Gallery (Singapore)

Celebration: Telok Kurau Art Gallery (Singapore)

New Creation: Telok Kurau Art Gallery (Singapore)

**2004** 19th Asian International Art Exhibition: Fukuoka Museum (Japan)

**2003** 18th Asian International Art Exhibition: Hong Kong Heritage Museum (Hong Kong)

Change: Telok Kurau Art Gallery (Singapore)

**2002** 17th Asian International Art Exhibition: Daejeon Municipal Museum of Art (South Korea)

Urban Artists: MITA Building (Singapore)

**2001** Walking into 2001: MITA Building (Singapore)

Ten Contemporary Young Artists Exhibition: Ministry of Information and the Arts Building (Singapore)

New Creation: Telok Kurau Art Gallery (Singapore)

**2000** NAFA Alumni Annual Show: Paragon Art Gallery (Singapore)

Singapore Art Federation Western Art Exhibition: MITA Building (Singapore)

Karong Guni Trash and Revived Assemblage: Eunos Open Space (Singapore)

Kacang Puteh: Group Exhibition of Small Works by 51 Young Artists: Telok Kurau Art Gallery (Singapore)

15th Asian International Arts Exhibition: Taiwan Country Cultural Affairs Bureau (ROC)

Different Eyes Different Views: Artfolio (Singapore)

**1999** Telok Kurau Studios 2000: Telok Kurau Art Gallery (Singapore)

Nokia Singapore 1999 - Open Section: Singapore Art Museum

Nokia Singapore 1999 - Curated Section: Singapore Art Museum

UOB Painting of the Year Exhibition: UOB Plaza (Singapore)

Asia International Art Exhibition: Fukuoka Art Museum (Japan)

Happy Birthday – 2 Men Show: Substation (Singapore)

**1998** Suara 3: Caldwell House (Singapore)

NYJC Alumni Exhibition: Caldwell House (Singapore)

Tomorrow's Realism: Telok Kurau Art Gallery (Singapore)

**1997** 9 Men Show: Goldsmiths College (London)

Singapore Art Awards 97: Caldwell House (Singapore)

Asian Art Exhibition: Macau Tourist Centre (Macau)

Expressions in Art: Caldwell House (Singapore)

**1996** Figure: LaSalle-SIA Earl Lu Art Gallery (Singapore)

Philippe Charriol Foundation Art Exhibition (Singapore)

NAFA Alumni Annual Show: Orchard Point Art Gallery (Singapore)

Suara 2: LaSalle-SIA Earl Lu Art Gallery (Singapore)

**1995** Spring in Substation: Substation Gallery (Singapore)

Singapore Art Awards 95: Takashimaya Art Gallery (Singapore)

ASEAN Art Awards 95: Conference Centre (Jakarta)

Expressions in Art: Comcentre (Singapore)

**1994** Philippe Charriol Foundation Art Exhibition

One Year after Graduation: National Art Gallery (Singapore)

1st Degree Show: RMIT LaSalle-SIA College of Art (Singapore)

Defense Art 94: Marina Square Foyer (Singapore)

Parco Art 94 (Japan)

Singapore Art Awards 94: Takashimaya Art Gallery (Singapore)

Art Menu - Ten Men Show: Empress Place Exhibition Hall (Singapore)

NAFA Alumni Annual Show: Empress Place Exhibition Hall (Singapore)

Shell Discovery: Shell Towers (Singapore)

**1993** Singapore Artist's Directory Exhibition 1993: Empress Place Exhibition Hall

NAFA Alumni Annual Show: Singapore Conference Hall (Singapore)

Philippe Charriol Foundation Art Exhibition (Singapore)

**1992** Space: Hong Bee Warehouse (Singapore)

**1991** UOB Painting of the Year Exhibition: National Art Gallery (Singapore)

**1990** IBM Art Exhibition: National Art Museum (Singapore)

Australian Art Award for Young Artist: National Art Gallery (Singapore)

Singapore Art Fair 92: IMM Hall

**1989** IBM Art Exhibition: National Art Museum (Singapore)

**Art Awards**

**2008/09** Highly Commended in Chinese ink Category: UOB Painting of the Year

**2004** Highly Commended in Abstract and Figurative Category: UOB Painting of the Year

**2003** Highly Commended: Philip Morris Singapore Art Award

**2003**  Certificate of Distinction: UOB Painting of the Year2003

**2002** Certificate of Distinction: UOB 21st Painting of the Year

**2001** Young Artist Award by National Arts Council Singapore

1st Prize (CHINESE INK) UOB 20th Painting of the Year 2001

**1999** Highly Commended: UOB 18th Painting of the Year

**1998** Certificate of Distinction: UOB 17th Painting of the Year

Certificate of Recognition: Philip Morris Group of Companies Singapore Art Awards 98

Merit Award: Dr Tan Tze Chor Art Award by Dr Tan Tze Chor Foundation

**1997** 1st Prize (Abstract): Expressions in Art by Singapore Telecoms

**1996** Certificate of Distinction: Philippe Charriol Foundation (Singapore)

1st Prize (Figurative): UOB 15th Painting of the Year

Chen Chong Swee Overseas Art Scholarship

**1995** Certificate of Distinction: UOB 14th Painting of the Year

Certificate of Commendation: UOB 14th Painting of the Year

Merit Award: Expressions in Art by Singapore Telecoms

Juror's Prize: Philip Morris Group of Companies Singapore Art Awards 95

**1994** 2 Certificates of Distinction: Philippe Charriol Foundation (Singapore)

Merit Award (Open): Defense Art Competition 94 by Ministry of Defense

Honourable Mention: Philip Morris Group of Companies Singapore Art Awards 94

Merit Award: Parco Art 94 (Singapore)

**1993** Most Promising Young Artist Award: Philippe Charriol Foundation (Singapore)

2nd Prize (Painting): Philippe Charriol Foundation Singapore Art Award

2 Certificates of Distinction: Philippe Charriol Foundation (Singapore)

**1992** 2nd Prize NAFA 54th Anniversary Art Award

**1991** Certificate of Distinction: UOB Painting of the Year

Certificate of Commendation: UOB Painting of the Year

SCF Training Award: Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts

**1990** Merit Award: NAFA Contemporary Art Exhibition

Merit Award: Australian Art Award for Young Artists

**1989** Merit Award: NAFA Contemporary Art Exhibition

**Residency**

**2003** Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, United States of America