

Bio

Izat Arif (b. 1986) is an artist based in Kuala Lumpur whose works range from drawings, and installations to videos, and objects. In Izat's work, power structures are given their own personal identities, with him cheekily role-playing the characters of some of our puppet masters in property development, bureaucracy, and art criticism.

Education

2010-2012 Camberwell College of Art, London, BA (hons) in Drawing

2004-2009 Malaysian Institute of Art, Diploma in Fine Art

Solo Exhibitions

- 2020** - Gentle Reminders, Richard Koh Fine Art, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- Kenangan itu, hanya mainan bagimu..., Mutual Aid Projects, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- 2018** - Semangat Kejiranan, Everybody Loves Good Neighbours, The Vitrine, NTU CCA Singapore.
- 2016** - Experience Controversy: Izat Arif, Lorong Kekabu, Malaysia.
- 2010** - Museum Piece 2, "Irritability in Animals", 12 Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2023** - PARAPHRASE Part 1 & 2, A+ Works of Art, Kuala Lumpur
- 2022** - Bilik Sejahtera, Unit A: Seni Tiga, KongsiKL, Kuala Lumpur Malaysia.
- Proximities, Objectifs Center For Photography And Film, Singapore Art Week 2022, Singapore
- Ilham Art Show, ILHAM Gallery, Kuala Lumpur
- Possible Futures, Impossible Present, A+ Works of Art, Kuala Lumpur
- A+ Works of Art Anniversary Show, A+ Works of Art, Kuala Lumpur
- Immediate Conception, A+ Works of Art & Blank Canvas, Pulau Pinang
- Travel Agency, A+ Works of Art & Helu Trans Artspace, Singapore
- Fragmenting Yesterday, Reshaping Tomorrow, ICAD, Jakarta
- Curtain Call, A+ Works of Art, CIMB Art and Soul, Kuala Lumpur
- 2021** - wawasan.directory, Cloud Projects (online)
- dunia/akhirat, Cult Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- No Vacany, A+ Works of Art, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- KL Art Book Fair, The Godown, Kuala Lumpur Malaysia.
- 2020** -In Our Own Frame, 10th Year Anniversary, Richard Koh Fine Art, Gillman Barracks, Singapore
-Locating Malaysian Contemporary Art: The Echo Boomers, Richard Koh Fine Art, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
-Genset, Gajah Gallery, Singapore.
- 2019** -Domestic Bliss, Pollination (The Factory, Vietnam), Ilham Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
-an intimacy that allies us.... organized by Sikap Group, Singapore.
-Genset, Gajah Gallery, Whitebox, Publika, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
-Awan & Tanah, Cult Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
-Only Connect Satellite Show, Tempat Bibah, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
-Only Connect Osaka, Creative Center Osaka, Osaka, Japan.
-Drawing Matters?, HOM Art Trans, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- 2018** -A History of Drawing, Camberwell Space, London, U.K.
-HalalHaram, Cult Gallery, Kuala Lumpur Malaysia.
- 2017** -Hell Heaven, Charity Show, Cult Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
-Malaysian Art New Perspective, Richard Koh Fine Art, Bangsar, Malaysia.
-Only Connect: Drop, Goodman Art Center, Singapore.
- 2016** -Experience Controversy: Izat Arif, Lorong Kekabu, Malaysia.
-Merdeka Show, MAIX, Lorong Kekabu, Malaysia.

- 2015** -Cover Album for PITAHATI 'Selamat Datang ke Panggung Suara'
- 2014** -Padi installation MAIX (collective) in Publika, Malaysia.
- 2013** -Futuremaps, Lethanby Gallery, London, UK.
-Young Malaysian Artist; New Object(ion) II, Galeri Petronas, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
-M50, Whitebox, Publika, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
-Bakat Muda Sezaman 2013, Balai Seni Visual Negara, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- 2012** -BA Drawing Final Year Show, Camberwell College of Art, London, U.K.
- 2011** -Kedai Runcit No. 12, Penang State Gallery, Pulau Pinang, Malaysia.
-Peek Show, Biscuit Factory, Bermondsey, London, UK.
- 2010** -'Black Box: Self Conflict/Social Cohesion'
(Social & Contemporary Values in Contemporary Art) Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- 2009** -Iskandar Malaysia Contemporary Art Show, Johor Bharu, Malaysia
-Print Making Exhibition, National Art Gallery Malaysia.
- 2008** -Divi5ion, Findars Space, Annexe Central Market, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Residencies

- 2022** - ACME-Khazanah Artist Residency, London, United Kingdom.
- 2018** - NTU-CCA Singapore Artist in Residence (5th cycle) Oct-Dec 2018.

Collectives

- 2014-2019** -MAIX (Malaysian Artist Intention Experiment) Founding Member
- 2014-2017** -K E D A I collective (co-founder), Furniture Design Studio

Curatorial Projects

- 2015** - How To Live Your Life According To Someone Else, Group Show, K E D A I, Petaling Jaya, Malaysia. (Curator)
- 2014** - Hidup Terlampau Selesa, K E D A I, Petaling Jaya, Malaysia. (Curator)
- 2012** - Sometimes they call it Untitled, Untitled, Untitled, Group Show, 12 Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. (Curator)
- 2012** - Rearview Forward, Balai Seni Negara & Malaysian Institute of Art, (Assistant Curator).