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'MEMORANDUM' BY DEDY SUFRIADI

26 MAY – 18 JUNE 2017



Singapore, 25 May 2017 - REDSEA Gallery proudly presents a solo exhibition by Indonesian artist Dedy Sufriadi. *Memorandum* features a selection of 'The Burning Series', 'Object Series', the 'Dalai Lama' and 'Books' series, combining cultural and political themes which creates a sense of fascination as well as mystery and meaning behind each work.

Blending concentrated study and spontaneous free flow of thought, Sufriadi creates expressionistic compositions inspired by life experiences, symbolic of both his own spiritual journey and the essence of a subject that moves him to paint. The multilayered excerpts, doodle-like symbols and found objects in his works also present broad cultural and political themes. His references to social issues are indirect and analyze community through personal experiences and glimpses into the dilemmas of individual existence.

“The strength of my visual concept is simple with themes and ideas based on experience from everyday life. The emergence of unique and expressive figures, perhaps a little naïve, binding with overlapping texts, lines and colours contribute to provide a visual harmony, stirring visceral emotion and at times raising and pinching on controversial issues. Graffiti



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may have influenced my work but I consider myself more of an expressionist. I simply want to express myself freely and for my artworks to convey messages to viewers. When I face issues in life, the canvas is the place for me to release my feelings, the thoughts on my mind, and above all, a space to let free my intuitive wandering,” states the artist.

Dedy’s works are held in numerous private and corporate collections in and around Asia.

ABOUT DEDY SUFRIADI (B. 1976)

Dedy Sufriadi was born in 1976 in Palembang, Indonesia and started painting at an early age of 20. He studied at the Indonesian Institute of the Arts (ISI) in Yogyakarta. Quickly recognized for his innovative and dynamic style, Sufriadi joined the internationally renowned creative community in Yogyakarta where his large scale abstracts and graffiti (street style) art had captured the imagination of art lovers both within Indonesia and across the globe. In 1998, Dedy was honoured as a finalist in the Winsor & Newton Art Competition, followed by a Nokia Art Award in 1999.

Dedy has mastered the ability to use a variety of different media on canvas, which in turn gives his work a jagged and multi-dimensional effect. The canvas seeks to enlighten each viewer with singed subject matter, asking us to question what it is that is sacred to each of us.

He views his works, as not only a physical object made of paint and canvas, but more importantly physical evidence of the creative process of the human mind. It is his way of self-expression, manifested in abstract and symbolic forms. Dedy currently lives and works in Indonesia.

EXHIBITION OPENING RECEPTION

Thursday 25 May, 2017

6.30pm – 8.30pm

The exhibition runs from 26 May – 18 June

Featuring Live Painting by Dedy Sufriadi at the Opening Reception - Watch the artist in action as the evening unfolds between 6.30 – 7.30 pm

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Founded in 2001, REDSEA Gallery is one of Singapore's leading contemporary art galleries. It has firmly established its reputation, both locally and in the wider Asian art market, as an institution that represents a highly exclusive and international selection of well-respected and emerging artists.

REDSEA Gallery occupies a truly unique 600 square metre space at the heart of Dempsey Hill, once the colonial army barracks and now one of Singapore's architectural and cultural heritage sites. The gallery is used primarily for exhibitions but also as a venue for private and corporate events. In addition, it offers a range of private client and corporate consultancy services, art rentals and art history talks.

SELECTED IMAGES



Dedy Sufriadi
Alice in wonderland
200 x 200cm
Mixed media on canvas, 2016



Dedy Sufriadi
Across the universe
150 x 150cm
Mixed media on canvas, 2016