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蘭花系列 • ORCHID SERIES

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「蘭花系列」爲花草系列一部分,也是花草系列衍生出來的作品。

蘭花在檳城比較普遍被稱爲胡姬花。其品種繁多,花朵各種顏色和造型,深受養花人的喜愛。檳城植物園有一年一度的胡姬花展,今年我選購了幾株簡單易養的掛於家中 陽台做寫生題材。

本系列乃應HIKAYAT書店之邀,爲其展覽空間舉辦小型個展而創作。展出作品只有七幅,但均爲我喜愛的誠意之作!這系列我選用了深仿古色熟宣創作,因紙的底色較能 襯托出蘭花顏色,尤其是帶白色的花。我先將紙局部噴濕,以油畫刀刮水溶石墨用寫意手法先處理背景肌理,之後再決定佈局何種蘭花。最後呈現的是背景抽象及植物寫實結合的畫面。畫面可見我慣用的書法線條和留白空間,借鑒東方水墨精神。

此小展覽適逢2023農曆新年,就以蘭花祝福各位「如沐春風,神清氣爽」。

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This small *Orchid Series* exhibition is part of a much larger and ongoing body of work derived from my longstanding interest in flowers and plants, in botanics and nature.

Comprising over a tenth of all the world's flowering plants, the orchid family (*Orchidaceae*) is one of the world's largest plant families. Orchids are identifiable by their bilaterally symmetrical flowers, with the lip being their most prominent characteristic. Almost every region is home to a unique collection of orchids, adapted to the specific environments they grow in. Orchid diversity is especially high in the tropics and Peninsular Malaysia is no exception, with about a thousand species. In a 2017 tally, at least 144 species were recorded on Penang Hill, while the Penang Botanic Gardens hosts an annual orchid exhibition.

This year, I bought a few simple and easy-to-grow orchids and hung them on the balcony of my home for sketching. This series is my initial artistic response to these exquisite flowers. Although there are only seven works on display, they all resonate deeply within me.

For this series, I chose a deep antique tone for the paper since this helps highlight the colours of the orchids, and especially the white flower. I lightly dampened the paper, then scraped the water-soluble graphite with an oil painting knife, and used a freehand technique to deal with the background texture first. I then decided what kind of orchids to lay out. The final result is a mixture of background abstraction – the empty or negative space – and botanical realism. Overall, the calligraphic lines and empty space comprise one of my signature styles, drawing on the spirit of Chinese ink painting.

This small exhibition coincides with the 2023 Lunar New Year. The orchids represent a greeting to everyone – 'like a spring breeze, refreshed and refreshed'.

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ORCHID SERIES II

2021.07.12 Graphite & watercolour on pre-mounted rice paper $22.5 \times 65 \ \mathrm{cm}$

ORCHID SERIES I

2021.07.12

Graphite & watercolour on pre-mounted rice paper 22.5 x 65 cm







ORCHID SERIES VIII

2021.08.05 Graphite & watercolour on pre-mounted rice paper $22.5 \times 65 \text{ cm}$

ORCHID SERIES III

2021.07.20

Graphite & water colour on pre-mounted rice paper 22.5 x 65 cm



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CATTLEYA ORCHID I



DENDROBIUM ORCHID I



DENDROBIUM ORCHID II



ONCIDIUM SPHACELATUM



BULBOPHYLLUM FLABELLUM-VENERIS



DENDROBIUM TAURINUM

CATTLEYA ORCHID II

Graphite & watercolour on pre-mounted rice paper 65 x 45 cm

Collection of Ho Teon Hau



MYRMECATAVOLA FRANCES FOX ORCHID

2023.01.10
Graphite & watercolour on pre-mounted rice paper 65 x 45 cm
Collection of Ho Teon Hau





DENDROBIUM BIGIBBUM



BAMBOO ORCHID

DENDROBIUM CAESAR

2023.05.16 Graphite & watercolour on pre-mounted rice paper $65 \times 45 \text{ cm}$ Artist collection





MOTH ORCHID



BROMHEDIA FINLAYSONIANA

CRIMSON CATTLEYA

2023.06.09 Graphite & watercolour on pre-mounted rice paper 65 x 45 cm



TRICHOCENTRUM LANCEANUM

2023.06.09 Graphite & watercolour on pre-mounted rice paper $65 \times 45 \text{ cm}$



CYMBIDIUM LILLIPUT

2023.09.14 Graphite & watercolour on pre-mounted rice paper 65 x 45 cm



BLACK PEARL ORCHID

2023.11.21 Graphite & watercolour on pre-mounted rice paper 65 x 45 cm



莊 嘉強

1974	出生於馬來西亞檳城
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學歷

1994 檳城鍾靈國民型中學

2000 檳城馬來西亞理科大學建築系

個展

1999

2002

2012

2013

馬來西亞檳城伍拾號人文空間「莊嘉強創作個展」

2000

馬來西亞檳城清荷人文空間「我的素描日記」

檳城馬來西亞理科大學房屋、建築及策劃系

2009 馬來西亞檳城珍珠畫廊「線條的故事」

馬來西亞檳城珍珠畫廊「路線」 2011

台灣埔里鴨子咖啡/國立暨南國際大學「路線貳」

台灣高雄Hotel Dùa「路線參」

馬來西亞檳城唐人厝藝術空間「路線肆」

2014 馬來西亞檳城The Art Gallery「素描檳城」

2015 台灣南投南開科技大學藝術中心/埔里有藝術畫廊「路線伍」 義大利那不勒斯Certosa e Museo di San Martino/伊斯基亞Chiesa dell'

2019 馬來西亞吉隆坡東方人文藝術館「近物」

馬來西亞檳城興巴士公司藝廊「墨間」

Immacolata, Castello Aragonese「路線陸」

2021 台灣南投白屋工坊「近觀」

2016

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2022 馬來西亞檳城世界佛郵館「花草世界」

2023 馬來西亞檳城HIKAYAT書局「蘭花系列」

2024 台灣基隆在河邊展藝空間「河邊花開」

馬來西亞檳城COEX島讀「春風入室」

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1974 Born in Penang, Malaysia Academic Oualifications 1994 Chung Ling High School, Penang, Malaysia 1999 B. Sc. Housing, Building & Planning, Universiti Sains Malaysia 2000 B. Architecture, Universiti Sains Malaysia Selected Solo Exhibitions 2000 Ch'ng Kiah Kiean Solo Art Exhibition, 50 Humanist Space, Penang, Malaysia 2002 My Sketches Diary, Ching Lotus Humanist Space, Penang, Malaysia 2009 Line-line Cerita, Galeri Seni Mutiara, Penang, Malaysia 2011 Line-line Journey, Galeri Seni Mutiara, Penang, Malaysia 2012 Sketching Memories, Art Accent Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia Line-line Journey II, Arts Cafe, Puli, Taiwan & National Chi Nan University, Puli. Taiwan 2013 Line-line Journey III, Hotel Dùa, Kaohsiung, Taiwan Line-line Journey IV, ChinaHouse, Penang, Malaysia 2014 Sketching Penang, The Art Gallery, Penang, Malaysia

Line-line Journey V, Nan Kai University of Technology, Nantou, Taiwan

Ch'ng Kiah Kiean

2016	Ink-Between, Hin Bus Depot, Penang, Malaysia	
	Line-line Journey VI, Certosa e Museo di San Martino, Napoli & Chiesa dell' Immacolata, Castello Aragonese, Ischia, Italy	
2017	Sketching Penang II, The Art Gallery, Penang, Malaysia	
2018	Line-line Journey VII, George Town Wines, Penang, Malaysia	
2019	Close Objects, Oriental Art & Cultural Center, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	
2021	Close Look, White House Studio, Nantou, Taiwan	
2022	Rumput Rampai, World Buddhist Stamps Gallery, Penang, Malaysia	
2023	Orchid Series, Hikayat, Penang, Malaysia	
2024	Flowers Blooms by the River, Art Space by The River, Keelung, Taiwan	

Spring Breeze Graces Book Island, Book Island, COEX, Penang, Malaysia

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