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# IT HAO PHEH

## Australian Watercolour Artist



### Profile

It Hao Pheh was born in 1972 in Penang, Malaysia and now resides with his family in Melbourne. He is currently a professional full-time artist and art tutor.

### Education

Surrey Institute of Art and Design, University College, UK  
Bachelor of Arts Degree BA (Honours) Fine Art, 1999

Malaysia Institute of Art, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  
Diploma in Fine Art (Full Scholarship), 1991

### Professional Appointments

#### Art Tutor — 2016 to present

Teaching art classes in watercolour, workshops and art demonstrations. Art Tutor at the Victorian Artists Society, Sherbrooke Art Society, Malvern Artists' Society, Camberwell Community Centre, Ringwood Art Society and Whitehorse Art Association.

#### Judging — Public Art Shows across Melbourne

Kenneth Jack Annual Memorial Drawing Prize (AGRA), Malvern Artists' Society Spring Show and Sherbrooke Art Society Miniature Art Show

#### Academic Art Lecturer — DASIEN Academy of Art, KL, 2007 – 2009

Teaching watercolour, drawing and art theory in the Fine Art Department.

#### Art Gallery Curator — Elle Six Art Gallery, KL, Malaysia, 2002 – 2007

Curated and organised art exhibitions for local well known artists such as Teh Siew Joo (sell-out show), Lim Ah Cheng, Tew Nai Tong and many more.

#### Draughtsman — Ngiom Partnership, Architecture firm, KL, Malaysia

Draughting, artist impression drawings and 3D model making.

### Selected Awards

It Hao Pheh has received over 80 art awards in the past two decades

**2024** Victorian Artists Society, Summer Exhibition – Best in Show

**2024** Sorrento Art Show – Best Watercolour Award

**2024** Yea Rotary Art Show – Best Miniature Award

**2023** Warrandyte Art Show – Best in Show

**2023** Bayside Art Show – Best Drawing Award

**2022** Jack Montgomery Award – Sherbrooke Art Society

**2019** Streeton Roberts McCubbin Awards Exhibition: Arthur Streeton Award, Best Landscape

**2017 Camberwell Art Show** – Best Traditional Work

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**2016** Kenneth Jack Annual Memorial – Drawing Prize

**2015** The Australian Guild of Realist Artists, AAL Winter – Spring, First Place

**2008** 2nd National Putrajaya Watercolour Competition, Malaysia – 3rd Place

**2006** 1st National Putrajaya Watercolour Competition, Malaysia – 3rd Place

**2007** Young Contemporary Awards, National Art Gallery, Malaysia – Jurors Award

### **Selected Solo Exhibitions**

**2024** Vertical and Horizontal – Malvern Artists' Society Galleries, Melbourne, Vic

**2018** Let There Be Light – Five Ways Galleries, Kalorama, Victoria

**2017** The Gift – Five Ways Galleries, Kalorama, Victoria

**2016** In The Beginning – Five Ways Galleries, Kalorama, Victoria

**2015** In The Beginning – David Sumner Gallery, South Australia

**2015** The Gift – Galeri Seni Mutiara, Penang, Malaysia

**2013** The Gift – David Sumner Gallery, South Australia (Published Catalogue)

**2012** The Gift – Golden Grove Art Centre Gallery, South Australia

**2012** The Journey Continues – City of Tea Tree Gully Library, South Australia

**2011** Negative Space: The Boundary – WAF Fine Art Gallery, Straits Quay, Penang, Malaysia

**2011** Negative Space: The Boundary – June Art Space, Petaling Jaya, Selangor, Malaysia

**2009** The Word – Artfolio, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (Published Catalogue)

**2009** Adaptations – Concourse, Bangsar Village II, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (Published Catalogue)

**2008** Negative Space: The Depth of Nothingness – Nelson Hays Gallery, Thailand (Published Catalogue)

**2008** The Unseen-Urban Interpretations – Pelita Hati House of Art, Kuala Lumpur (Published Catalogue)

**2007** Negative Space: The Beauty of Nothingness – Alpha Utara Gallery, Penang, Malaysia (Published Catalogue)

**2006** Negative Space: Window Journey – Artseni Gallery, Starhill Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

**2002** Linear Non-Linear – Elle Six Art Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

### **Group Exhibitions**

Exhibited in over 300 group exhibitions in over ten countries including Australia, Malaysia, UK, China, Korea, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam and Indonesia.

### **Major Collections**

- The National Art Gallery Malaysia
- Malayan Banking Berhad
- The Central Bank of Malaysia
- Aesop-Malaysia
- Akitek LLA Lawrence Loh- Architectural Firm
- Ong & Manecksha, Advocates & Solicitors

**Art Associations** – Watercolour Society of Victoria, Victorian Artists Society, Sherbrooke Art Society and Malvern Artists' Society.