



Message from the Chairman UOB Group Art Committee

"The artist sees what others only catch a glimpse of."

- Leonardo da Vinci

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UOB is proud to be the leading patron of art in Asia. We have been championing Southeast Asian art and artists in the region over the past four decades, particularly through our regional flagship art programme, the UOB Painting of the Year (POY) competition.

We believe that art plays a fundamental role in enriching lives and strengthening societal bonds in our communities. It is a unifying force – connecting people and cultures across language, geography and time. It illuminates our lives and opens our minds to possibilities. It makes us feel and inspires us to act.

With our regional heritage and long-standing support of Southeast Asian art, we aim to draw out the next generation of great artists from the region through the UOB POY competition, which is now in its 38th year. In nurturing artistic talent and profiling our UOB POY winners, we showcase their artworks in international art fairs, including the inaugural S.E.A. Focus in 2019 where UOB was a Lead Partner. We are honoured that our efforts continue to be recognised with the conferment of the Distinguished Patron of the Arts award from the National Arts Council in 2019, our 15th in as many years.

We also expanded our Artist's Conversation programme to draw in more than 1,000 students from art institutions and schools in Singapore that offer the Art Elective Programme and the Enhanced Art Programme. Through our UOB POY alumni artists sharing their experiences and artistic processes with aspiring artists, these sessions aim to inspire and to encourage the young talent to pursue their passion in this field.

Across the region, our programmes continued to raise interest and appreciation in visual arts. In Indonesia, UOB is the Major Education Partner of Museum MACAN. In 2018, the UOB Museum MACAN Children's Art Space welcomed more than 100,000 visitors. We continued our partnership with Art Central Hong Kong and Art Jakarta as the art fairs' Lead Partner. In Malaysia, the UOB POY Gallery at the UOB Bangsar Branch exhibits winning paintings from UOB POY competitions. In Thailand, our art roadshows at universities and colleges saw more than 1,500 students exchange their perspectives on Southeast Asian art. In China, we showcased the best of contemporary ink art at the new UOB Art Gallery at our Shanghai headquarters building.

As we celebrate the finest artistic talent from across the region and continue to promote the appreciation of art, I am excited to see how the region's art scene will grow and reflect the unique and diverse stories of individuals and cultures. I would like to congratulate the winners and thank our judges, participants and partners who have helped make our journey in art possible.

We look forward to your continued support in our championing of Southeast Asian art.

Mr Wee Ee Cheong

Deputy Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, United Overseas Bank Chairman, UOB Group Art Committee



Message from Guest-of-Honour



My heartiest congratulations to the winners of the 2019 UOB Painting of the Year competition! To all participants – I would also like to wish you every success in your artistic aspirations.

The UOB Painting of the Year competition is Singapore's longest-running for visual arts. As one of the most prestigious competitions in Southeast Asia, it has helped nurture many talented Singaporean artists and profiled them to audiences here and abroad. UOB's participation in the inaugural S.E.A. Focus art fair in 2019 also provided an additional opportunity for the public to appreciate artworks by competition winners.

I would like to thank UOB for its strong and sustained support for the arts. A Distinguished Patron of the Arts, UOB has been a champion of the Singapore arts scene for over four decades. I hope it will inspire others to contribute to a more vibrant arts scene in Singapore.

Ms Grace FuMinister for Culture, Community and Youth

Art opens your eyes to the unexpected.



2019 UOB Painting of the Year

SINGAPORE

Established Artist Category



SINGAPORE • Established Artist Category

Established Artist Category
Singapore

2019 UOB Painting of the Year

Artist: Wong Tze Chau
Title: War and Peace

Gold

Artist: Keane Tan Jin Howe

From Early Settlers, to a Newly Envisioned World, Chartered by a Set of Ideals Silver

Artist: Gerald Tay Chao Siong
Title: The Elemental Kingdom

Bronze

Artist: Stefanie Hauger
Title: Stone Stack: Year 8:
Struggle, 2019

Highly Commended

Artist: Billy Soh Wee Leong
Title: Lift Up My Eyes to the Mountains

Highly Commended
Artist: Om Mee Ai

Artist: Om Mee Artist: N-BIN92

Highly Commended

Artist: Tan Seng Kok
Title: 9th of August (9/8) #1



2019 UOB Painting of the Year Established Artist Category SINGAPORE

Wong Tze Chau Artist: War and Peace Title: Medium: Acrylic on cotton canvas Size (cm): 122 x 182 (Diptych)



Gold Established Artist Category SINGAPORE

Keane Tan Jin Howe

From Early Settlers, to a Newly Envisioned World, Chartered by a Set of Ideals

Medium: Oil on canvas Size (cm): 95 x 166



Silver Established Artist Category SINGAPORE

Gerald Tay Chao Siong The Elemental Kingdom Artist: Title:

Medium: Oil on canvas Size (cm): 203 x 152



Bronze Established Artist Category SINGAPORE

Artist: Stefanie Hauger Stone Stack: Year 8:

Struggle, 2019
Medium: Acrylic on canvas

Size (cm): 180 x 150



Highly Commended **Established Artist Category** SINGAPORE

Billy Soh Wee Leong Title:

I Lift Up My Eyes to the

Mountains

Medium: Cyanotype sensitiser on Korean bark paper toned with soda ash solution

Size (cm): 68 x 203



Highly Commended Established Artist Category SINGAPORE

Om Mee Ai N-BIN92 Title:

Medium: Mixed media on canvas (Glossy medium, oil and tapes)

Size (cm): 92 x 92

Emerging Artist Category Singapore



Highly Commended
Established Artist Category
SINGAPORE

rtist: Tan Seng Kok

Title: 9th of August (9/8) #1

Medium: Mixed media on canvas
(Acrylic with collage)

Size (cm): 90 x 140 (Diptych)



2019 UOB Painting of the Year SINGAPORE

Emerging Artist Category

Best of 2019 UOB Painting of the Year

SINGAPORE • Emerging Artist Category

Emerging Artist Category Singapore

2019 Most Promising Artist of the Year Artist: Casey Tan Jie Wei

Title: The Water is Wide

Gold

Artist: Vanessa Liem Xi Qian Through Years and Seconds Silver

Artist: He Shu Golf Lady

Bronze

Artist: Tan Woon Choor

Title: Another

Highly Commended

Artist: Liao Liyao

Title: Five Parks on a Passenger, Passing by a Sunny Morning on a Train

Emerging Artist Category
Singapore



2019 Most Promising Artist of the Year Emerging Artist Category SINGAPORE

Artist: Casey Tan Jie Wei
Title: The Water is Wide
Medium: Acrylic on canvas
Size (cm): 120 x 100



Gold
Emerging Artist Category
SINGAPORE

Artist: Vanessa Liem Xi Qian
Title: Through Years and Seconds
Medium: Mixed media on canvas
(Oil and thread)

Size (cm): 175 x 88 (Diptych)

Emerging Artist Category Singapore



Silver Emerging Artist Category SINGAPORE

He Shu Artist: Title: Golf Lady

Medium: Chinese painting on rice paper

Size (cm): 69 x 69



Bronze **Emerging Artist Category** SINGAPORE

Tan Woon Choor

Title: Another

Medium: Mixed media on cotton canvas (Cotton embroidery thread and sequins)

Size (cm): **76 x 61**



Highly Commended **Emerging Artist Category** SINGAPORE

Liao Liyao

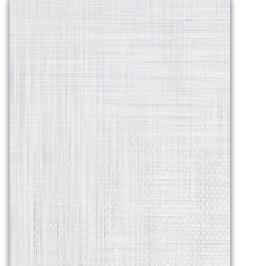
Five Parks on a Passenger, Passing by a Sunny Morning

on a Train

Medium: Oil on canvas Size (cm): 61 x 182 (Diptych)



Established Artist Category



Best of 2019 UOB Painting of the Year

INDONESIA • Established Artist Category



2019 UOB Painting of the Year

Artist: Anagard

tle: Welcome Perdamaian,

Goodbye Kedengkian (Welcome Peace, Goodbye Hostility) Gold

st: **Dwi Januartanto** e: **Eat Pray Love** Silver

Artist: Galih Adika Paripurna
Title: White Square: Two of a Kind

Bronze

Artist: Ayu Arista Murti
Title: Recycle is the
New Enlightenment





2019 UOB Painting of the Year Established Artist Category INDONESIA

Artist: Anagard

Welcome Perdamaian, Title: Goodbye Kedengkian

(Welcome Peace, Goodbye Hostility)

Medium: Stencil spray paint on aluminium

Size (cm): 176 x 95.5



Gold **Established Artist Category** INDONESIA

Dwi Januartanto

Title: Eat Pray Love
Medium: Rice sack and plastic rope

Size (cm): 100 x 180



Silver
Established Artist Category
INDONESIA

Artist: Galih Adika Paripurna
Title: White Square: Two of a Kind
Medium: Mixed media on bended

aluminum sheet

Size (cm): 160 x 174 (Diptych)



Bronze
Established Artist Category
INDONESIA

Artist: Ayu Arista Murti

le: Recycle is the New

Enlightenment
Medium: Mixed media on canvas

(Acrylic, upcycled plastic and yarn)

Size (cm): 173 x 91

Emerging Artist Category
Indonesia 2019 UOB Painting of the Year INDONESIA **Emerging Artist Category**



INDONESIA • Emerging Artist Category

Emerging Artist Category Indonesia

2019 Most Promising Artist of the Year

Artist: Muhammad Yakin

itle: Human, Human, Human,

Copy of Mimetic Desire

Gold

Artist: Nanang Sarifudin
Title: The Scream of the Rangers

Silver

: Nadya Jiwa Saraswati

Bukankah Redam Membuat Ceruk Yang Gaduh (Doesn't the Silence Create Noise

the Nook)

in the Nook)

Bronze

Artist: Yawara Oky Rahmawati
Title: Jalan-Jalan Bersama Bunda

(Strolling with Mother)

Emerging Artist Category Indonesia



2019 Most Promising Artist of the Year Emerging Artist Category INDONESIA

Muhammad Yakin Artist:

Human, Human, Human,

Copy of Mimetic Desire

Medium: Mixed media on paper
(Acrylic and Chinese ink)

Size (cm): 180 x 84



Gold **Emerging Artist Category** INDONESIA

Nanang Sarifudin
The Scream of the Rangers Title:

Medium: Oil on canvas Size (cm): 150 x 120

Emerging Artist Category Indonesia



Silver
Emerging Artist Category
INDONESIA

Artist: Nadya Jiwa Saraswati
Title: Bukankah Redam
Membuat Ceruk Yang
Gaduh (Doesn't the
Silence Create Noise in
the Nook)

Medium: Oil on canvas Size (cm): 100 x 150



Bronze
Emerging Artist Category
INDONESIA

Artist: Yawara Oky Rahmawati
Title: Jalan-Jalan Bersama Bunda
(Strolling with Mother)

Medium: Cross stitch and patch work

Size (cm): 150 x 85

Established Artist Category
Malaysia 2019 UOB Painting of the Year MALAYSIA **Established Artist Category**



MALAYSIA • Established Artist Category

Established Artist Category
Malaysia

2019 UOB Painting of the Year

Artist: Cheng Yen Pheng
Title: Tug of War: My Homeland

Gold

Ong Hieng Fuong

Town, No. 578

Silver

Artist: Haslin Bin Ismail

Title: Tulang Belut (Eel Bone)

Bronze

Artist: Low Kar Lai

Into Each Life, Some Rain Must Fall

Established Artist Category Malaysia



2019 UOB Painting of the Year **Established Artist Category** MALAYSIA

Cheng Yen Pheng Artist:

Tug of War: My Homeland Title: Medium: Mixed media on mulberry

pulp paper
(Grass roots stitching, thread and wood)
Size (cm): 95 x 130



Gold Established Artist Category MALAYSIA

Ong Hieng Fuong Town, No. 578 Title:

Medium: Mixed media on paper

(Ink wash, technical pen and watercolour)

Size (cm): 100 x 180

Established Artist Category Malaysia



Silver Established Artist Category MALAYSIA

Haslin Bin Ismail Artist: Title: Tulang Belut (Eel Bone) Medium: Mixed media on canvas
(Acrylic, Chinese ink, pencil and paper collage)

Size (cm): 122 x 153



Bronze **Established Artist Category** MALAYSIA

Low Kar Lai Artist:

Into Each Life, Some Rain

Must Fall

Medium: Mixed media on canvas (Embroidery and plaster)

Size (cm): 94 x 165 (Triptych)

Emerging Artist Category
Malaysia 2019 UOB Painting of the Year MALAYSIA

Emerging Artist Category



MALAYSIA • Emerging Artist Category

Emerging Artist Category
Malaysia

2019 Most Promising Artist of the Year

Artist: Nurul Asikin Binti Roslan

Bunga Moyang (Flower of the Spirits)

Gold Artist: Ho Su San

The Moon Swimmers

Silver

Artist:

Wong Joo Yee The Clock of Ageing of a Flower

Bronze

Artist: Tan Siew San Digitisation of Life





2019 Most Promising Artist of the Year Emerging Artist Category MALAYSIA

Nurul Asikin Binti Roslan Artist:

Bunga Moyang

(Flower of the Spirits)

Medium: Mixed media on canvas
(Acrylic, lino ink, palm leaves and pandan)

Size (cm): 122 x 122



Gold Emerging Artist Category MALAYSIA

Ho Su San Artist:

Title: The Moon Swimmers

Medium: Oil on wood Size (cm): 54 x 124.5

Emerging Artist Category
Malaysia



Silver
Emerging Artist Category
MALAYSIA

Artist: Wong Joo Yee
Title: The Clock of Ageing

of a Flower

Medium: Oil on wood Size (cm): 28.5 x 28.5



Bronze
Emerging Artist Category
MALAYSIA

Artist: Tan Siew San
Title: Digitisation of Life
Medium: Oil on canvas
Size (cm): 80 x 150

2019 UOB Painting of the Year THAILAND

Established Artist Category
Thailand

Established Artist Category



THAILAND • Established Artist Category

Established Artist Category
Thailand

2019 UOB Painting of the Year

Artist: Chaichana Luetrakun

Wastescape

Gold

Artist: Witthaya Hosap
Title: Me and My World

Silver

Artist: Sakchai Uttitho

Ancestral Heart & Soul

Bronze

Artist: Chukiat Sutin

Last Breath of Ananda





2019 UOB Painting of the Year Established Artist Category THAILAND

Artist: Chaichana Luetrakun Title: Wastescape

Medium: Acrylic on canvas Size (cm): 180 x 180



Gold
Established Artist Category
THAILAND

Artist: Title: Witthaya Hosap

Me and My World

Mixed media on car

Medium: Mixed media on canvas (Acrylic and marker pen)

Size (cm): 180 x 140

Established Artist Category Thailand



Silver **Established Artist Category** THAILAND

Sakchai Uttitho Artist: Ancestral Heart & Soul

Medium: Oil on canvas Size (cm): 180 x 180



Bronze Established Artist Category THAILAND

Chukiat Sutin Artist:

Title: Last Breath of Ananda Medium: Mixed media on tissue paper (Acrylic, ashes, charcoal, fishing nets,

plastic caps and seashells)

Size (cm): 180 x 150

2019 UOB Painting of the Year

THAILAND

Emerging Artist Category

Emerging Artist Category
Thailand

Emerging Artist Category
Thailand

2019 Most Promising Artist of the Year Artist: Somchai Sidamon

Faces – Reflections of Life No. 2

Gold

Artist: Asmah Bungatayong Memory: Creator 2

Silver

Artist: Chanachai Wongpinphet Nostalgia and Yearning

Bronze

Artist: Phatthara Thongkhajorn

Back to Basic 08

Emerging Artist Category
Thailand



2019 Most Promising Artist of the Year Emerging Artist Category THAILAND

Artist: Somchai Sidamon

Title: Faces – Reflections of Life No. 2

Medium: Mixed media on wood (Cow leather and food colouring)

Size (cm): 120 x 180



Gold
Emerging Artist Category
THAILAND

Artist: Asmah
Title: Memo

Asmah Bungatayong
Memory: Creator 2

Medium: Photo silkscreen on

satin fabric

Size (cm): 120 x 80





Silver
Emerging Artist Category
THAILAND

Artist: Chanachai Wongpinphet
Title: Nostalgia and Yearning

Medium: Oil on canvas Size (cm): 133 x 100



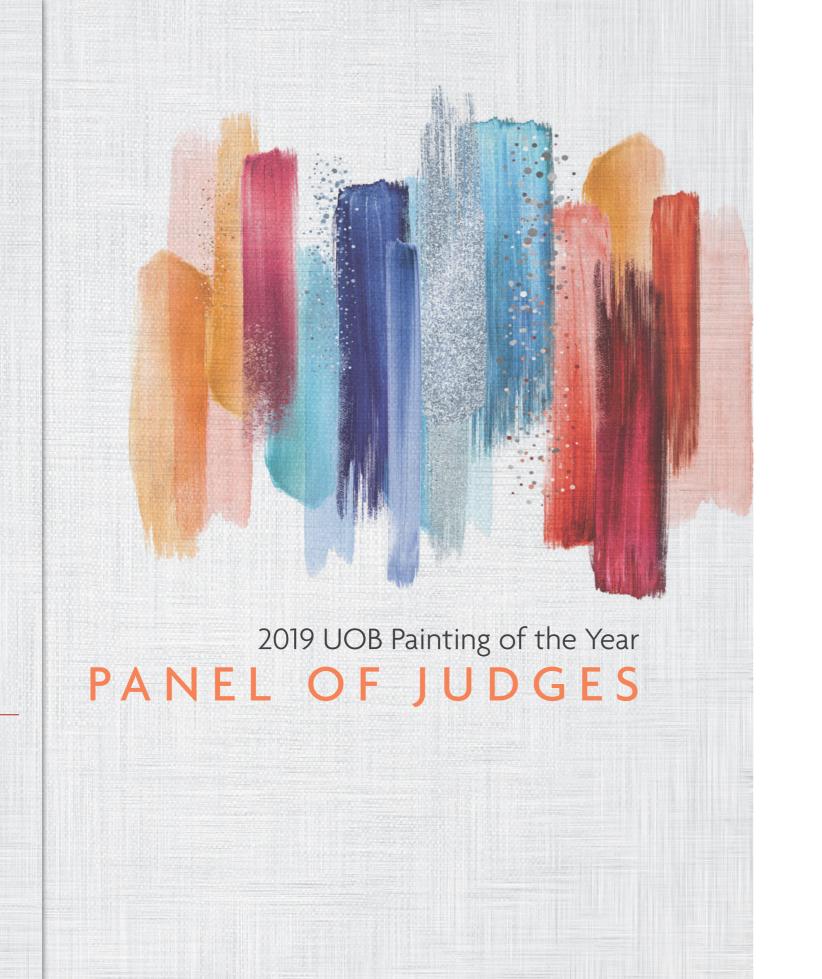
Bronze
Emerging Artist Category
T H A I L A N D

Artist: Phatthara Thongkhajorn
Title: Back to Basic 08

Medium: Drawing on white clay filler

on canvas

Size (cm): 124 x 172



Singapore

Dr Bridget Tracy Tan

Director, Institute of Southeast Asian Arts and Art Galleries Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts

Mr Khairuddin bin Hori

Curatorial Director and Partner Chan + Hori Contemporary

Mr Vincent Leow

Leading Singaporean Artist
Art Educator, School of the Arts Singapore (SOTA)

Malaysia

Ms Bibi Chew

Multi-disciplinary Artist Head of Illustration, Malaysian Institute of Art

Mr Gan Chin Lee

Leading Malaysian Artist

Ms Nur Hanim Khairuddin

Co-director, Malaysian Art Archive and Research Owner and Editor-in-chief, Teratak Nuromar

Indonesia

Mr Agung Hujatnikajennong

Independent Curator

Ms Arahmaiani

Leading Indonesian Artist

Mr Nirwan Dewanto

Poet, Curator and Cultural Critic

Thailand

Assistant Professor Somporn Rodboon

Independent Curator and Writer Board of Directors, Faculty of Fine and Applied Arts, Chiang Mai University

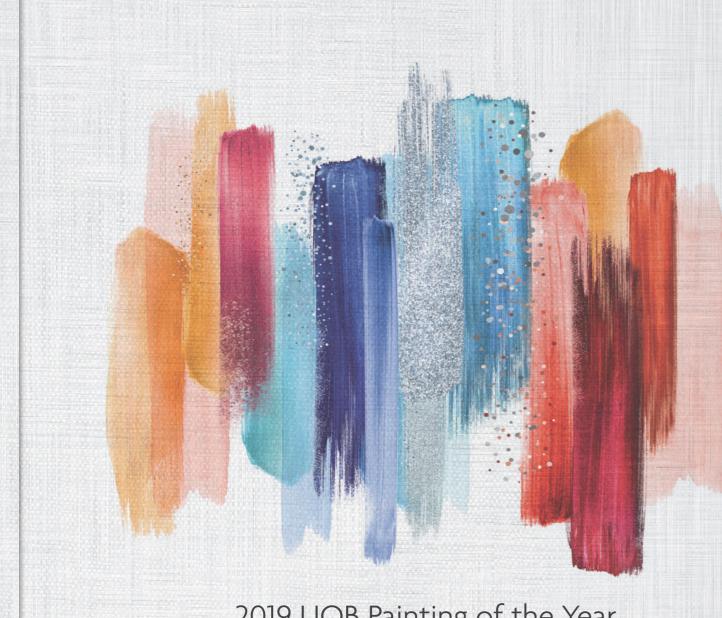
Mr Amrit Chusuwan

Vice President for Arts and Culture, Silpakom University Consultant and Curator, Art Mill, Songkhla Art Center

Emeritus Professor Parinya Tantisuk

Leading Thai Artist Thailand's National Artist in Visual Arts (Painting), 2018

Panel of Judges



2019 UOB Painting of the Year ROLL OF HONOUR

Roll of Honour

Singapore

1982

Goh Beng Kwan
The Dune

1983

Anthony Poon
Waves

Wee Shoo Leong
Yuen (Affinity)

1985

Ng Keng Seng

1004

Sandy Wong Shin
Exhibit '86

1987

Baet Yeok Kuan
Man and Environment I

1988

Ang Yian Sann One's Habitat

989

Lim Tiong Ghee
From the Turtledove

1990

Lim Poh Teck

1991

Chua Ek Kay

1992

Soh Chee Hui
Blue Balloon

1993

Raymond Lau Poo Seng Echoes of the Window (I)

1994

Hong Zhu An Yi-Er-San (One, Two, Three)

1995

Tan Chin Chin The Statue of Gods, 1995

1996

Chen Shi Jin

1997

Kit Tan Juat Lee Endless Love

1998

Chng Chin Kang She Loves Me But She's Not My Mummy

1999

Tan Kay Nguan Trifling Matter

2000

Fan Shao Hua They

2001

Erzan B Adam It's Hip 2 B Square 2002

Gong Yao Min The Impression of Singapore, Series Three, Colour Space

2003

Luis Lee Jin Min

2004

Kit Tan Juat Lee
The World of Xi You Ji

2005

Alvin Ong Liang Jie
The Window

2006

Namiko Chan Takahashi

2007

Hong Sek Chern Aspects of the City II

2008

Joel Yuen Kong Chong Anatomical Fantasies of Meat

2009

Zhao Ren Hui The Space In Between #1, #6, #63

2010

Bai Tianyuan What

2011

Gong Yao Min My Dream Land

Roll of Honour

Singapore

2012

Esmond Loh Fah Rong Just Let Me Sleep

2013

Stefanie Hauger*
Space Odyssey

2014

Om Mee Ai N-PIN56L

2015

Benjamin F. Cruz

2016

Carey Ngai Industry 2.0 III

2017

Sunny Chyun Dyspraxia

2018

Khairulddin Bin Abdul Wahab Rite of Passage

2019

Wong Tze Chau
War and Peace

Indonesia

2011

Gatot Indrajati
Repacking

2012

Y. Indra Wahyu Himne Sekolah (School Hymns)

2013

Suroso Isur Indonesian Artist's Studio

2014

Antonius Subiyanto*
Old Stock Fresh Menu

2015

Anggar Prasetyo*

Exploitation of Fish

2016

Gatot Indrajati*
Right or Wrong My Home

2017

Kukuh Nuswantoro Kegelapan (Darkness)

2018

Suvi Wahyudianto*

Angs't (ANGST)

2019

Anagard

Welcome Perdamaian, Goodbye Kedengkian (Welcome Peace, Goodbye Hostility) Malaysia

2011

Ng Swee Keat Portrayal of Development

2012

Mohd Azri Bin Abdullah

2013

Gan Tee Sheng Old Man

2014

Minstrel Kuik Ching Chieh 16 Sept 1963

2015

Tiong Chai Heing Stifling

2016

Yim Yen Sum The Floating Castle

2017

Chok Yue Zan
I Thought, We Can Stay Strong Like Stones

2018

Cheong Kiet Cheng
Through the Eye of the Flower

2019

Cheng Yen Pheng
Tug of War: My Homeland

Thailand

2010

Pannaphan Yodmanee Berg Fah Mai (Open New Sky)

2011

Suwannee Sarakana Hug of Love From My Family

2012

Imron Yunu

Faith

2013

Aphiphol Techamangkhalanon Hope on the Ruins No. 3

2014

Sinlapachai Chuchan White Lines

2015

Thidarat Chantachua

Jamaah 2

2016

Jongjit Moolmat

Awaiting Enlightenment 2

2017

Sukit Choosri*
One Life

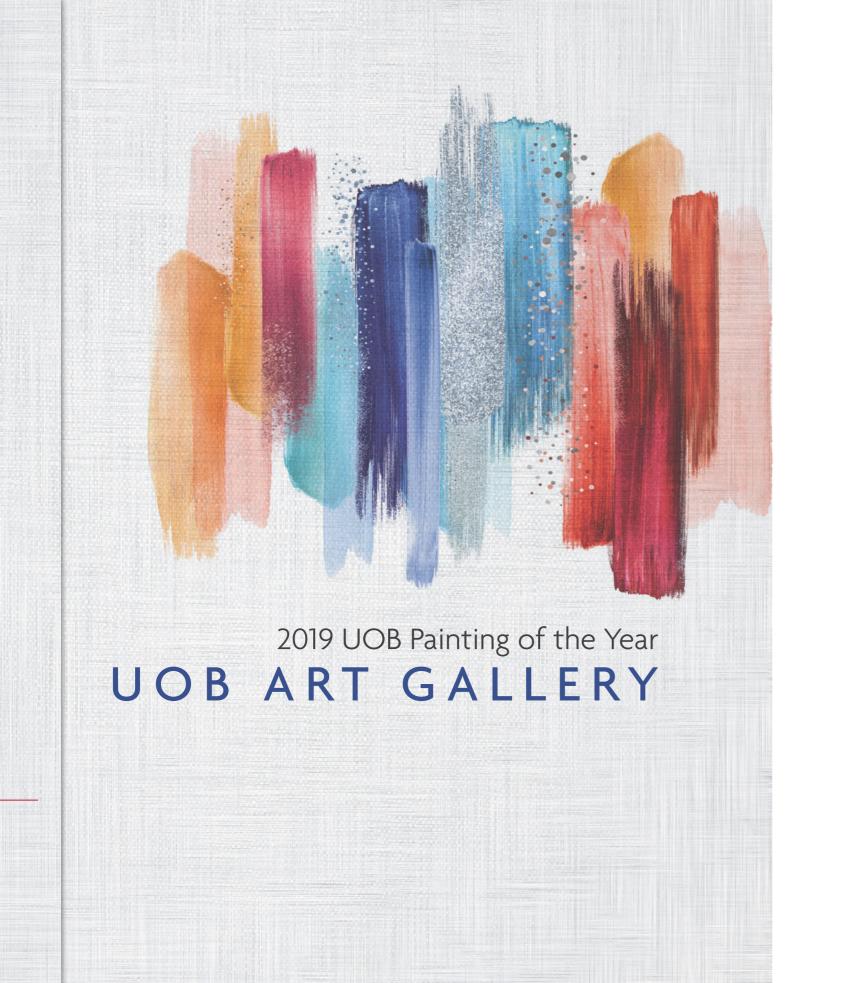
2018

Apiwat Banler
Persistent Problems

2019

Chaichana Luetrakun Wastescape

^{*}Winner of UOB Southeast Asian Painting of the Year



UOB Art Gallery

The UOB Art Gallery was set up to support local and regional artists, and to share their art with the wider community.

Located at the heart of the Central Business District, the UOB Art Gallery is a place where members of the public can appreciate works from the UOB Art Collection and winning artworks from the UOB Painting of the Year competition. From time to time, we use the Gallery as a space for exhibitions by the competition's winning artists, guest artists and community partners.

We invite you to visit the UOB Art Gallery at the Ground floor of UOB Plaza 1, 80 Raffles Place, Singapore 048624.





UOB Art Gallery