

MULAIKA

I Know You're Somewhere So Far
SOLO EXHIBITION

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2020

60 x 76cm

Oil and industrial paint on canvas

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I KNOW YOU'RE SOMEWHERE FAR

Abstract artist Mulaika's second solo exhibition I Know You're Somewhere So Far was completed in a span of four years and is comprised of 63 works of art.

The artist addresses various themes including mental health and explores concepts of disconnect and isolation.

The works depict the light and dark side of human nature and modern day society as seen through the lens of an empathic teenage artist as she navigated a constantly changing environment culminating in the period of the global pandemic and lockdown in 2020 and 2021.

Despite the show's overarching dark tones, it is ultimately an optimistic nod towards the closure of Mulaika's childhood.

We witness the young artist, who turns 18 in the middle of the show, pay homage to her teenage years as she enters young adulthood.



Flight of the Birds

2019

Acrylic on canvas

122 x 152 cm



Childhood's Faith

2021

Oil and acrylic on canvas

122 x 153 cm



Perennial

2021

Acrylic on canvas

228 x 152 cm



Masih Sayang
2019
Acrylic on canvas
118 x 220 cm





Phoenix
2020
Acrylic on board
122 x 91 cm



Phoenix II
2019
Acrylic on canvas
101 x 127 cm



Bilik Kaunseling II
2020
Acrylic on canvas
46 x 46 cm



Bilik Kaunseling III
2020
Acrylic on canvas
46 x 46 cm



Bilik Kaunseling IV
2017
Acrylic on canvas
46 x 46 cm

Bilik Kaunseling V
2020
Acrylic on canvas
46 x 46 cm



Bilik Kaunseling VI
2020
Acrylic on canvas
46 x 46 cm





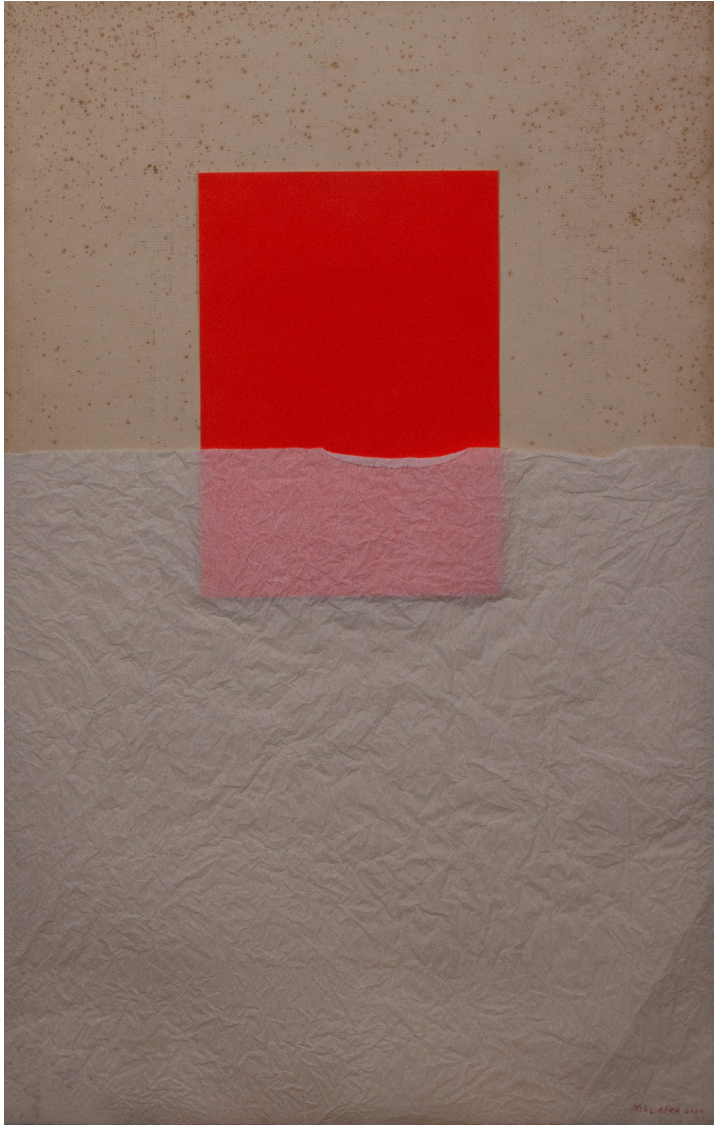
News of the World
2020
Acrylic on canvas
61 x 91.5 cm



Mirror
2020
Acrylic on canvas
61 x 91.5 cm



Underground
2020
Acrylic on canvas
61 x 91.5 cm



Hyperballad
2020
Paper on board
51 x 79 cm



Hyperballad II
2020
Oil and charcoal on board
64 x 64 cm



Aliya
2020
Oil and charcoal on board
60 x 60 cm



Venus

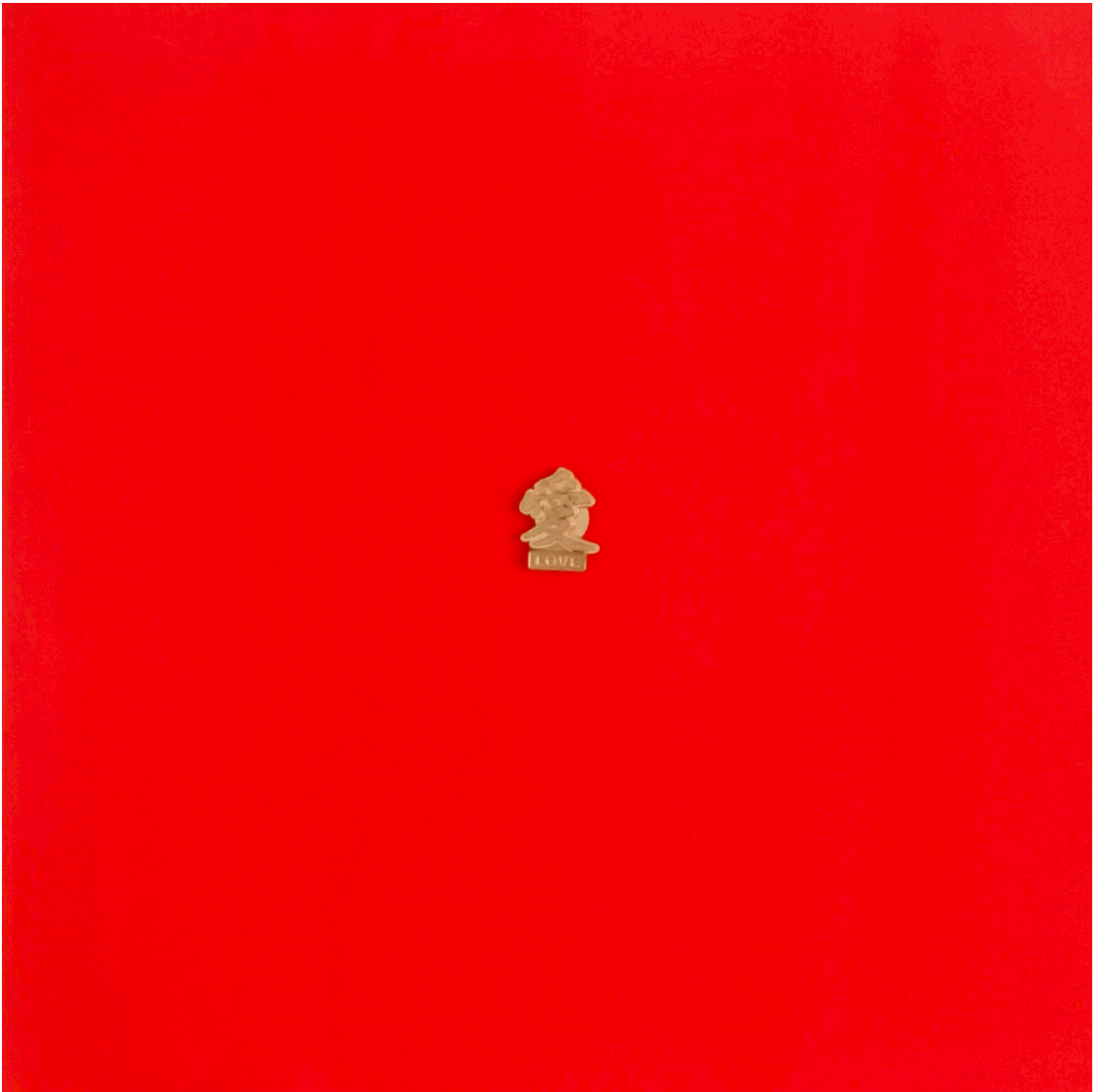
2020

Mixed media on canvas

70 cm diameter



Gemini
2020
Mixed media on canvas
70 cm diameter



TNT

2020

Metal & industrial paint on canvas

50 x 50 cm



Muka Kawan Menipu

2020

Paper & industrial paint on canvas

50 x 50 cm



MCO 2020

2020

Mixed media on canvas

50 x 50 cm



RMO 2020
2020
Mixed media on canvas
50 x 50 cm



Cinta
2020
42 x 30cm
Acrylic on paper



Cinta II
2020
42 x 30cm
Acrylic on paper

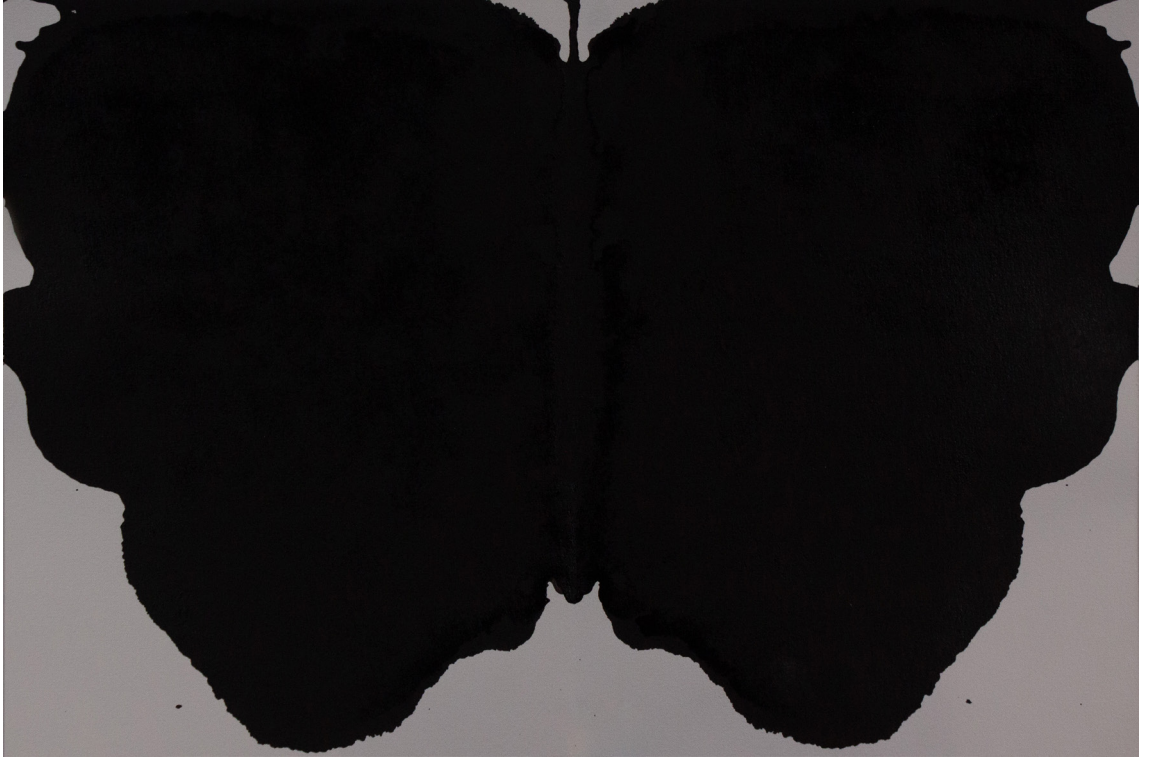


Cinta III

2020

Acrylic on paper

25 x 39 cm



Kongsi Gelap
2020
Industrial paint on paper
42 x 30cm



Semangat

2020

Acrylic, charcoal & industrial paint on
canvas

102 x 102cm



Semangat II
2020

Acrylic & industrial paint on canvas
60 x 91cm



Semangat III
2021
Mixed media on canvas
91 x 122cm



Semangat IV
2021
Acrylic on canvas
101 x 127cm



Semangat V
2021
Mixed media on canvas
101 x 127 cm



Mechanical Spring

2021

Mixed media on canvas

91 x 122 cm



Triumph and Disaster I
2021
Mixed media on canvas
122 x 122 cm



Triumph and Disaster II

2021

Mixed media on canvas

122 x 122 cm



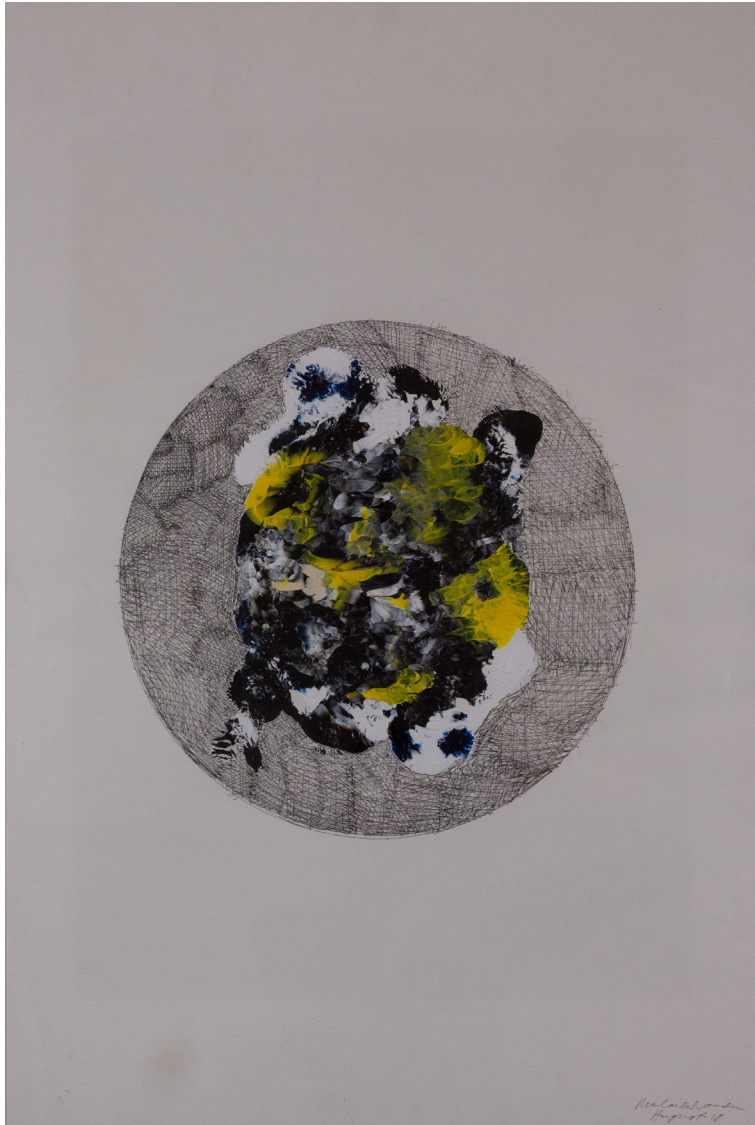
Portrait of People
2019
Oil and acrylic on canvas
121 x 121 cm



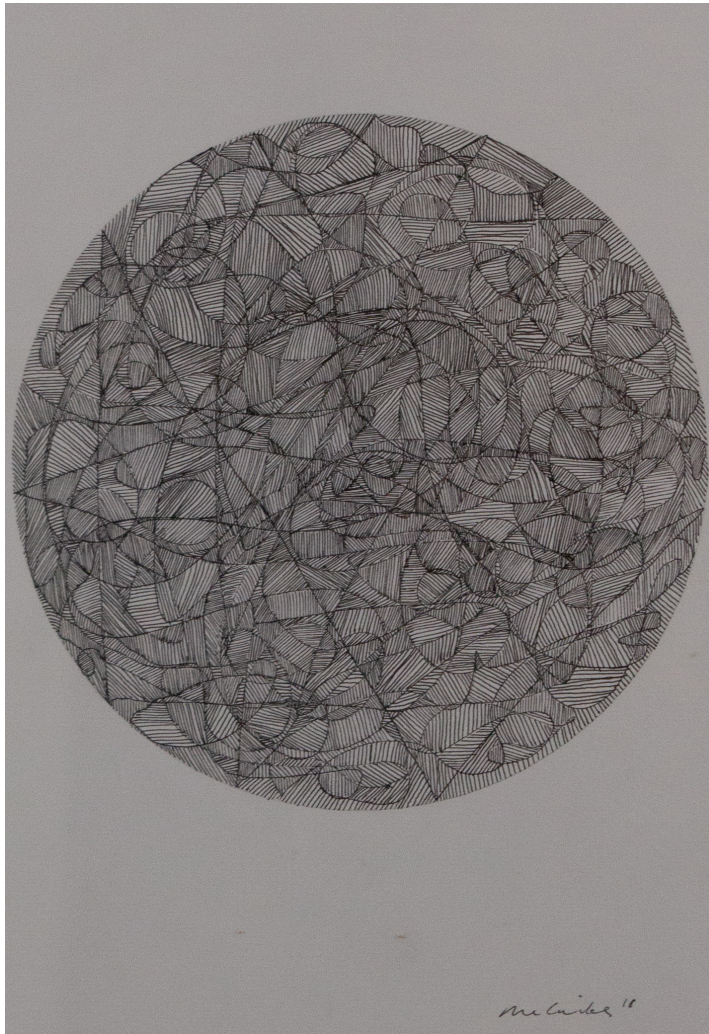
Untitled
2019
Acrylic and oil on canvas
121 x 121 cm



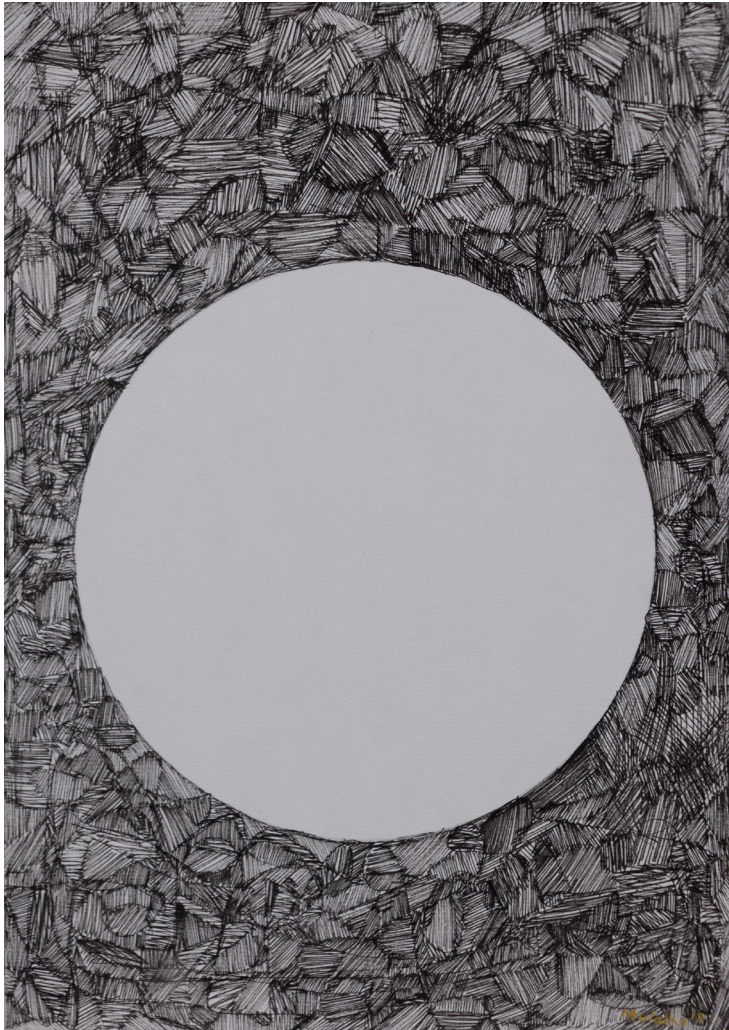
Love; Chance
2020
Acrylic and pen on paper
92 x 61.5 cm



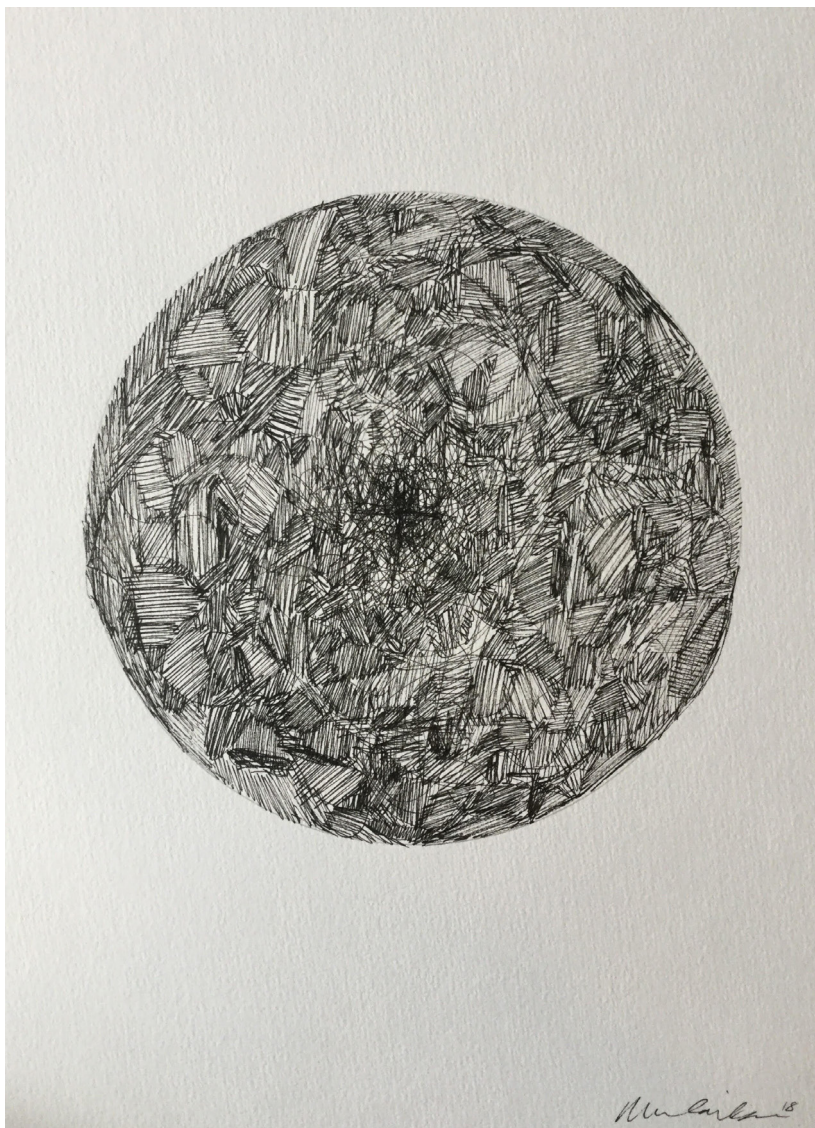
Love; Chance II
2020
Acrylic and pen on paper
92 x 61.5 cm



Muscle Kaleidoscope
2018
Pen on paper
21 x 30 cm



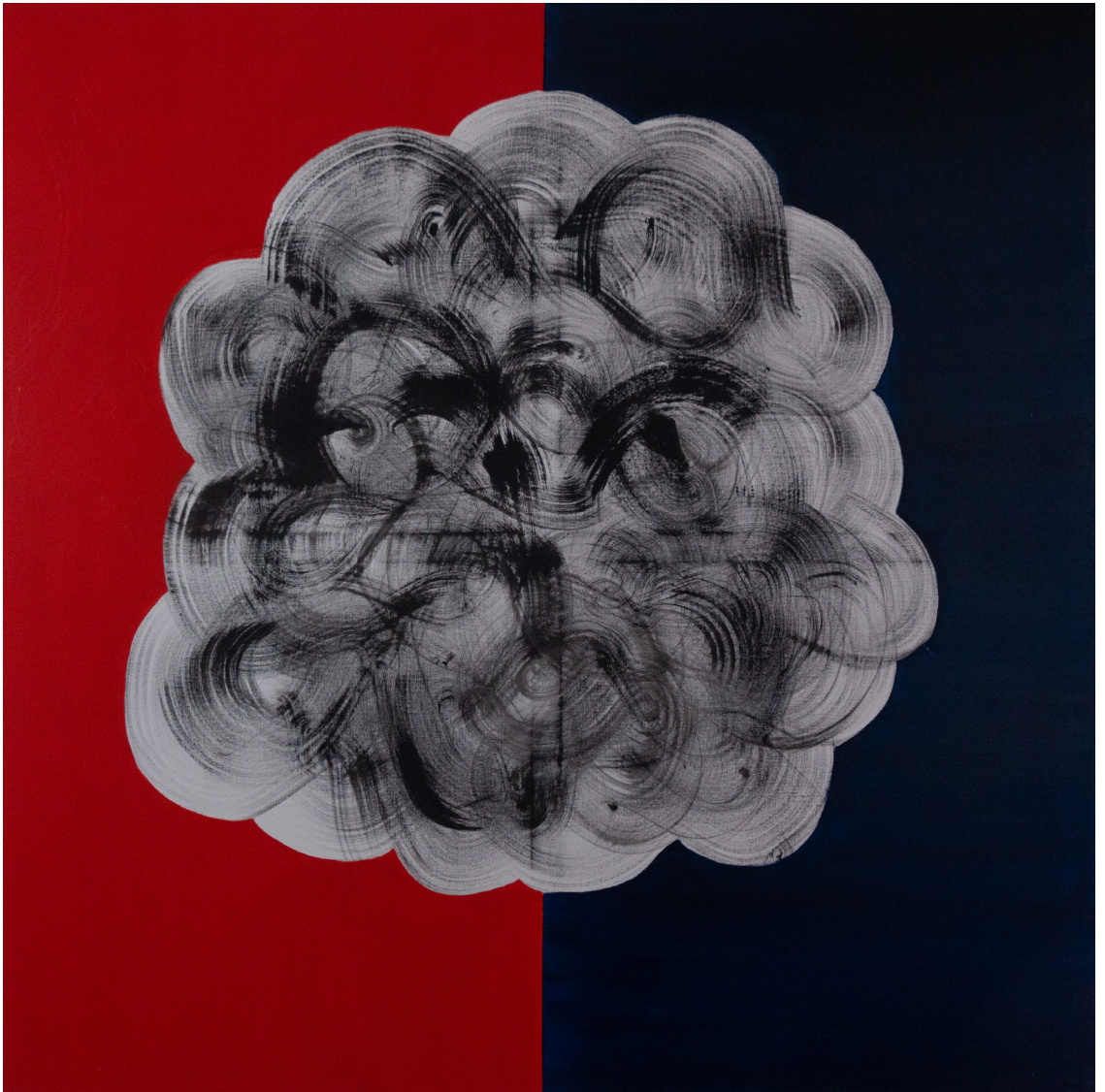
Hole in My Heart
2018
Pen on paper
21 x 30 cm



Anxiety
2018
Pen on paper
21 x 30 cm



Blood Moon
2020
Acrylic on canvas
120 x 120 cm



Makhluk

2019

Acrylic and oil on canvas

122 x 122 cm



Bayang
2019
Acrylic on canvas
122 x 122 cm



Marikh
2019
Industrial paint on canvas
90 x 120 cm



Halkum
2019
Industrial paint on canvas
90 x 120 cm



Post Mortem
2019
Mixed media on canvas
122 x 152 cm



Naga
2020
Acrylic on canvas
46 x 46 cm



Malam
2019
Mixed media on canvas
122 x 153 cm



Malam II
2019
Acrylic on canvas
122 x 153 cm



Puppets
2020
60 x 76cm
Oil on canvas

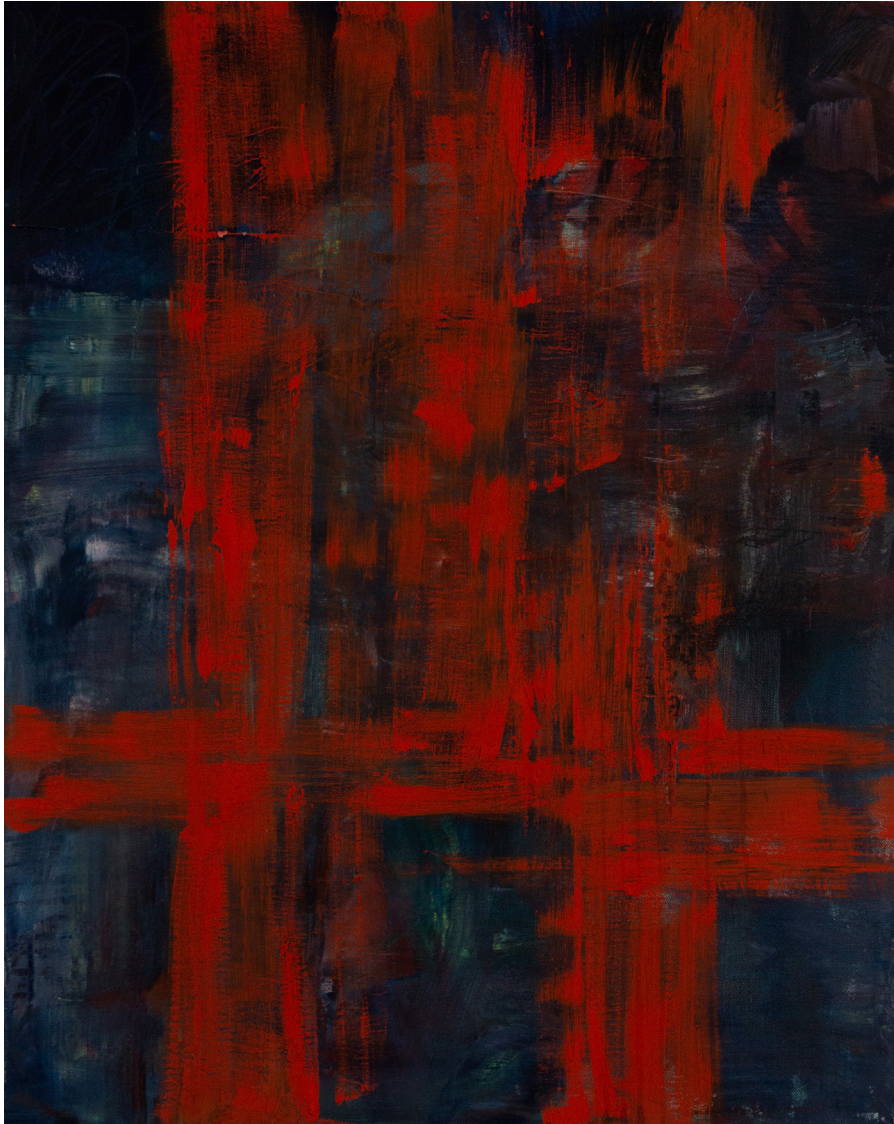


Image 1937
2020
60 x 76cm
Oil and industrial paint on canvas



Aurora

2019

Oil and calligraphy ink on canvas

150 x 120 cm



Monsoon Siren
2021
Oil on canvas
122 x 151 cm



Disunion
2019
Industrial paint on canvas
120 x 180 cm



Homosapiens
2019
Acrylic on canvas
172 x 326 cm

CHRIS AGLAND: HANGING. ART ACORD: INGESTION OF POISON.
GEORGE WASHINGTON ADAMS: DROWNING. ROBERT ADAMS, JR: GUNSHOT.
T. STEPHANIE ADAMS: JUMPED FROM A 25TH FLOOR WINDOW
WITH HER 7 YEAR OLD SON. STUART ADAMSON: HANGING.
SERGEY AKHROMEYEV: HANGING. RYUNOSUKE AKUTAGAWA:
OVERDOSE OF BARBITAL. LEANDRO ALEM: GUNSHOT
TO THE HEAD. LEE LAH ALGORN: WALKED IN FRONT OF
A TRUCK. GIA ALLEMAND: HANGING. JEFF ALM: GUN
SHOT. JASON ALTOM: POTASSIUM CYANIDE. AUGUST
AMES: HANGING. JEAN AMÉRY: OVERDOSE OF SLEEPING
PILLS. FORREST HOWARD ANDERSON: GUNSHOT. KEITH
ANDES: ASPHYXIATION. ROGER ANGLETON: CUT HIMSELF
OVER 50 TIMES WITH A RAZOR. PUBLIUS RUFUS
ANTEJUS: DRANK POISON AND CUT HIS VEINS. MARK
ANTHONY: STABBED WITH A SWORD. DIANE ARBUS:
OVERDOSED ON PILLS AND SLASHED WRISTS.
REINALDO ARENAS: DRUG AND ALCOHOL OVERDOSE.
JOSE MARIA ARGUEDAS: GUNSHOT. EDWIN ARMSTRONG:
JUMPED FROM A 13TH FLOOR WINDOW.

ALBERT AYLER: JUMPED INTO NEW YORK CITY'S EAST RIVER.
LAY ANM: JUMPED FROM 13TH FLOOR OF A BERLIN BUILDING.
IKKI BAGHARACH: SUFFOCATION, USING PLASTIC BAG
AND HELIUM. FAITH BACON: JUMPED FROM HOTEL WINDOW.
DAVID BAIRSTOW: HANGING. MARK BALELO: CARBON MONOXIDE
ASPHYXIATION. JOE BALL: GUNSHOT. PRATYUSHA BANERJEE:
HANGING. RALPH BARTON: GUNSHOT. SIMONE BATTLE: HANGING.
J'OVAN BELCHER: GUNSHOT. HELENA BELMONTE: JUMPED
OFF A BUILDING. MALIK BENDJELLOU: JUMPED IN
FRONT OF A MOVING TRAIN. WALTER BENJAMIN: MORPHINE
OVERDOSE. CHESTER BENNINGTON: HANGING.
LOUIS BENNISON: GUNSHOT. MARY KAY BERGMAN:
GUNSHOT. JOHN BERRYMAN: JUMPED OFF THE WASHINGTON
AVENUE BRIDGE. MIGUEL BLESA: GUNSHOT TO THE CHEST.
ISABELLA BLOW: POISONING. ADRIAN BORLAND: JUMPED IN
FRONT OF A MOVING TRAIN. ANTHONY BOURDAIN: HANGING.
MIKE BRANT: JUMPED FROM HIS PARIS APARTMENT BUILDING.
HERMAN BROOD: JUMPED FROM HOTEL ROOF.

DAVID BUCKEL: SELF IMMOLATION IN PROSPECT PARK, BROOKLYN.
EUSTACE BUDGELL: DROWNED IN THE THAMES. DAN BURROS:
GUNSHOT TO THE HEAD. CAPITAL STEEZ: JUMPED OFF THE
ROOFTOP OF CINEMATIC MUSIC GROUP HEADQUARTERS.
GEORGE CARAGONNE: JUMPED OFF 45TH FLOOR OF THE
MARIOTT MARQUIS HOTEL IN MANHATTAN. KEVIN CARTER:
CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING. PAUL CELAN: DROWNED IN
THE SEINE. IRIS CHANG: GUNSHOT TO THE HEAD. RICHARD
CHASE: ANTI-DEPRESSANT OVERDOSE. GU CHENG:
HANGING. LESLIE CHUNG: LEAPT FROM THE 24TH
FLOOR OF THE MANDARIN ORIENTAL HOTEL. BRIAN
CHRISTOPHER: HANGING. CHRIS CORNELL: HANGING.
MONIKA DANNEMANN: EXHAUST FUMES. OSAMU DAZAI:
DROWNED IN THE TAMAGAWA AQUEDUCT. GUY DEBORD:
GUNSHOT. MICHAEL DURRIS: OVERDOSE OF SLEEPING
PILLS WITH VODKA AND ASPHYXIATION. KEITH EMERSON:
GUNSHOT TO THE HEAD.

VINCE FOSTER: GUNSHOT TO THE MOUTH.
FUJIMURA MISAO: JUMPED FROM THE KEGON
FALLS. ANTON FURST: JUMPED FROM AN EIGHT
STORY PARKING GARAGE. CHARLOTTE PERKINS
GILMAN: CHLORIFORM OVERDOSE. GONGSUN ZIAN
SET HIMSELF AND HIS FAMILY ON FIRE. LUCY
GORDON: HANGING. GORI DAISUKE: CUT HIS WRISTS
JOACHIM GOTTSCHALK: GAS INHALATION.
PHIL GRAHAM: SHOTGUN BLAST. SPALDING
GRAY: JUMPED OFF THE STATEN ISLAND FERRY
PAUL GRUCHOW: DRUG OVERDOSE. RYAN HALLIGAN:
HANGING. BERNADINE HAMMEKERS: CUT HIS THROAT
WITH A SHATTERED DRINKING GLASS. KATE SPADE
HANGING. JEAN STEIN: JUMPED FROM A NEW YORK
LITT HIGH RISE. VINCENT VAN COGH: GUNSHOT
BERNADINE VANNER: GUNSHOT TO THE HEAD.

KURT COBAIN: GUNSHOT. JACK COLE: GUNSHOT
TO THE HEAD WITH A RIFLE. DARBY CRASH:
HEROIN OVERDOSE. DEMONAX: STARVED HIMSELF
TO DEATH. CHARMINE DRAGON: JUMPED OFF
THE GAP. NICK DRAKE: OVERDOSE OF AMITRIPTZIN
TABLETS. ROBERT ENKE: STRUCK BY TRAIN.
PEG ENTWISTLE: LEAPT FROM THE 'H' OF
THE HOLLYWOOD SIGN. MORI FANAN: HANGING
RENÉ FAVALORO: GUNSHOT TO THE HEART.
JOSE FEGHALI: GUNSHOT TO THE HEAD. ROBERT
FITZROY: SLIT THROAT WITH RAZOR. KEITH
FLINT: HANGING. CHARLEY FORD: GUNSHOT
AFTER A PERIOD OF DEEP DEPRESSION, TERMINAL
ILLNESS AND A MORPHINE ADDICTION.

Every 40 Seconds
2019
Pen on paper
90 x 119 cm

*Every 40 seconds
someone commits
suicide. This is the list
of famous people who
have committed
suicide and how they
did it. A single pen
was used until it ran
out of ink.*



Harajuku Portrait
2018
Pen on paper
30 x 21 cm



Slave of the 21st Century

2018

Mixed media on paper

60 x 84 cm



Interchange
2018
Mixed media on paper
92 x 61.5 cm



Anonymous
2019
Oil on canvas
137 x 100 cm

Still Life Sorbet
2019
Acrylic on canvas
220 x 160 cm





for you

ARTIST STATEMENT

I think I saw something

Mulaika
Kuala Lumpur
2021

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK BOTH OF MY PARENTS; **DAD**, YOU ARE QUITE A FUNNY GUY, THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR DAD JOKES (THEY ARE VERY GOOD), SUPPORT AND GENEROUS HEART. **MOM**, I THINK I GET A LOT OF THIS FROM YOU - THANK YOU FOR ALWAYS REMINDING ME OF HIM AND GUIDING ME TO LIGHTER PLACES. **ZAHARA NORDIN**, YOU ARE IN MANY WAYS MY OLDER SISTER (SORRY!) THANK YOU FOR UNDERSTANDING MY EXPLOSIONS ON CANVAS AND OTHER MATERIALS, AS WELL AS PUTTING ME BACK TOGETHER. **OMAR NORDIN**, THANK YOU FOR SHOWING ME THE EMOTIONAL RED FLAGS I DIDN'T SEE IN MY OWN WORK... AND ELSEWHERE. **ANNI NATASHA**, THANK YOU FOR THE LATE NIGHT PAINTING COMPANY AND ALL THE COFFEE WE'VE ORDERED TOGETHER (I HAVE NO CHOICE!). **WAN**, FOR ALWAYS GETTING ME TO COME HOME. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MY FRIENDS, **GREGORY WONG**, FOR OUR AMAZING, BEAUTIFUL, FUNNY FRIENDSHIP OF ELEVEN YEARS. **RAZIQUE MIRZA**, FOR OUR CRAYON DRAWINGS AND LITTLE ART IDEAS. **ZARA RAISSA**, FOR ALWAYS CALLING ME BACK. **BRENDA HO**, FOR MAKING ME LAUGH AND HEARING ME CRY, AND BEING MY "PUBLIC ART" ACCOMPLICE. **HYDHEER AKSON**, FOR ALWAYS SHOWING UP AND BEING THERE. **MIKAEL HASHIM**, FOR VISITING THE SEVEN WONDERS OF THE WORLD WITH ME, ALL IN ONE DAY (SALUT!). **NOLAN HILMAN**, FOR YOUR CURIOSITY AND ALWAYS HONEST COMMENTS (I UNDERSTAND THEM MORE NOW). **JOHANN SAHA**, FOR TRYING TO UNDERSTAND... EVERYTHING. **AKEYSH SINGH**, FOR OUR FRIM TRIPS AND OTHER ADVENTURES. **DINA**, FOR MAILING ME YOUR LOVE THROUGH PICTURES AND LETTERS, THEY INSPIRE ME SO MUCH, I STILL HAVE ALL OF THEM. **AARON JOHAN**, FOR GIVING ME YOUR TIME EVEN WHEN YOU NEEDED PERSONAL SPACE. **NAIM MAZLAN**, FOR ALL THE DAYS WE SPENT BUILDING OUR EMPIRES... THEY HIT ROCK BOTTOM EVERY TIME. **AMIRA KAMIL**, FOR BEING MY CRAZY PRETTY PELUK BUDDY. **KEANE CHAI**, FOR BEING THERE FOR ME ON THAT DAY - WHEN WE WERE ALL AT YOUR HOUSE, I'LL NEVER FORGET THAT. **ADAM ALEXIS**, FOR ALMOST BEING ABLE TO TOLERATE MY MEKDONELZ MOMENTS. **MATTHEW TAN**, FOR YOUR ENTHUSIASM! **TENGKU ADAM**, FOR ALWAYS SUPPORTING ME VIA WHATSAPP. THE ARTISTS, THANK YOU **DANA KARINA**, FOR OUR SUDDEN AND UNEXPECTED FRIENDSHIP. **ENGMU IMAN**, FOR THAT DAY WE SPENT AT PELITA. **UNIVORSO**, FOR THE HUG YOU GAVE ME AT MOMO'S. **AHMAD ZAKIL ANWAR**, FOR TRYING TO GET ME TO GO TO ART SCHOOL (I'M SORRY THAT IT'S NOT HAPPENING). **PUTRA AL**, FOR OUR ONLINE COLLABORATIONS AND THOSE STICKERS, I LOVE THEM! **ALYA HATTA**, FOR THE ADVICE YOU GAVE ME A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO, SOMEWHERE IN BUKIT DAMANSARA. **ZERO, TIMMY, JONIPATRONI, TOBI**, I LOVE YOU! THANK YOU **ENCIK ZAIN AZAHARI** FOR CARING ABOUT MY ARTISTIC GROWTH. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MY GOD MOTHER, **SALWAH SHUKOR**, FOR ALWAYS BELIEVING IN ME AND APPRECIATING THE DARKER SIDE OF THINGS. THANK YOU TO **ADELEENA LIM, JOANNE** AND **USTAD KAMARUDDIN** FOR YOUR GUIDANCE. THANK YOU TO MY TEACHERS, **MS MAJEEDAH SHUKOR**, FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND IN PARTICULAR THAT DAY WHEN YOU PULLED ME OUT OF CLASS SO I COULD CALM DOWN. **MR BRYAN CHAI**, FOR OUR AMAZING LITERATURE CLASSES AND FOR BEING AN AMAZING TEACHER. **MR CHEAH YEOW**, FOR BEING MY ONLY ART TEACHER, I'VE LEARNT A LOT FROM OUR CERAMIC CLASSES. **MR MAKSIM**, FOR OUR RUSSIAN CLASSES AND YOUR FUN ENERGY! EVEN THOUGH THEY WILL NEVER SEE THIS, THANK YOU **APHEX TWIN, BJORK, HAMID AL SHAERI, JOHN ADAMS, LAMB, MAURICE RAVEL, MAX RICHTER, MGMT, PEGGY GOU, PARADIS, PHOENIX.**

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with love,

