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BIOGRAPHY

Jason Lee is an artist from Singapore who works with several media which includes photography, installation, and performance. His current works deal with wide issues that revolve around the urban environment and contemporary society that inspires him. He has participated in group exhibitions, curatorial projects and collaborations with varying roles as artist, organizer, photographer, web publisher and designer. He has presented works extensively in Singapore and various countries including Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Macao, Philippines, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam. He hold a Master of Fine Arts from the Taipei National University of the Arts. He is a present member of The Artists Village.

ARTIST'S STATEMENT

"My work responds to scenes and changes that exist in my immediate urban environment. It stems from an interest in understanding the relationships between land, architectures, objects and people. I am intrigued as well by how the state of things influence our ways of living and thinking and vice versa. My process involves observing situations, gaining access to subjects and revealing insignificant or unfamiliar territories. The objective is to create artworks that convey ideas through symbolic visuals while leaving room for viewers to formulate their own opinions."

Academic Qualification

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| 2019 | Master of Fine Arts in Trans-disciplinary Production
Taipei National University of the Arts, Taiwan |
| 2010 | Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Fine Art: Painting & Drawing
University of Huddersfield, UK |
| 2006 | Diploma in Visual Communication (Photography Design major)
Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts, Singapore |

Solo Exhibition

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| Dec 2018 | SingaMosa: Rediscovering Home
Yongfu No.5, New Taipei City, Taiwan |
| Mar 2016 | Seeking the Otherwise of the Busy Streets
Flaneur Gallery, Singapore |
| Jan 2011 | Under Wraps
273B New Bridge Road, Singapore |

Duo Exhibition

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| Feb 2009 | Free Fall (Hit) Float
Photography & installation exhibition (collaboration with Gisela Sim)
2902Gallery, Singapore |
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Selected Group Exhibitions

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| Apr 2019 | Pacific Pirate
Kuandu Museum of Fine Arts, Taipei City, Taiwan |
| Mar 2019 | Pacific Pirate
RRD kiosk, Mexico City |
| Mar 2019 | Portraiture
Mairangi Arts Centre, Auckland, New Zealand |
| Nov 2018 | The Artists Village Presents "Portraiture"
Rebel Art Space, Bangkok, Thailand |
| Sep 2018 | The Artists Village Presents "Portraiture"
Banksy Gallery, Singapore |
| Apr 2018 | Still Life with The Artists Village
Ngee Ann Kongsi Gallery, Singapore |
| Dec 2017 | META-GRAPHY
MeMe Space, Taipei City, Taiwan |
| Nov 2017 | META-GRAPHY |

May 2015 DECK, Singapore
New Directions – Singapore Contemporary Artists Exhibition
 Vietnam Fine Arts Association, Hanoi, Vietnam

May 2015 **Easy Come Easy Go**
 LATENT SPACES @ Haw Par Villa, Singapore

Mar 2015 **(CON)TEMPORARY OSMOSIS – Audiovisual Media festival 2015**
 Polymer, Taipei, Taiwan

Mar 2015 */*semble*/*
 former Tanjong Pagar Railway Station, Singapore

Jan 2015 **A Modest Affair: Fundraiser for the Independent Archive**
 Independent Archive & Resource Centre, Singapore

May 2014 **[en]counters 2014 – Is there love in this air?** (Documentation show)
 C&G Artpartment, Hong Kong

Apr 2014 **Seni Mini**
 Mi Casa Su Casa, Singapore

Apr 2014 **Artists For Artist – A fundraiser Exhibition**
 Utterly Art, Singapore

Nov 2013 **The Artists Village SHOW**
 Institute of Contemporary Arts Singapore (ICAS), Singapore

Aug 2013 **Mi Casa Su Casa – Opening Launch**
 Mi Casa Su Casa, Singapore

May 2013 **The Artists Village Presents**
 The Substation Gallery, Singapore

Apr 2013 **Small Singapore Show**
 Kanto Artists-Run Space, Makati City, The Philippines

Jul 2012 **Autoidentity**
 Arts Space @ dbl O, Singapore

Jul 2012 **Life.Body,Existence**
 ARTrium@MICA, Singapore

May 2012 **Handsome: IVSG**
 The Substation Gallery, Singapore

Apr 2012 **Shifting Homes**
 5footway.atelier, Singapore

Feb 2012 **Noise Singapore 2012 Showcase Exhibition** (open category)
 ION Orchard, Singapore

Oct 2011 **Image, Materiality and Space**
 Goodman Arts Centre gallery, Singapore

Oct 2011 **Small Sculpture Show 2011**
 Sculpture Square, Singapore

Mar 2011 **All Woks of Life**
 Your Mother Gallery, Singapore

Jun 2010 **Striking Distance**
 NAFA Fine Arts Degree graduation show
 Lim Hak Tai Gallery, Singapore

Jan 2010 **Curiouser & Curiouser**
 NAFA BA Fine Arts class Travelogue Show
 Monsoon Asia Gallery, Singapore

Nov 2009 **Reversible Destiny**
 Collaborative project by NAFA BA Fine Arts class
 Project Space, University of Huddersfield, UK

Oct 2009 **Framing The City**
 Photography workshop exhibition
 Goethe Institut Singapore

Sep 2009 **4th NAFA Fine Art Award**
 Showcase of winning artworks by NAFA students and alumni
 Lim Hak Tai Gallery, Singapore

Sep 2008 **To Each Their Own: Our Home**
 Mini photography exhibition for SEPTFEST
 The Substation Random Room, Singapore

Oct 2007 **We Don't Need No Education**
 Group visual arts exhibition
 La Libreria Gallery, Singapore

Apr 2006 **Ignite**
 NAFA School of Visual Arts Graduation Show 2006
 NAFA Gallery 1, Singapore

Oct 2005 **Re: saturate**
 Group photography exhibition

NAFA Gallery 3, Singapore

Online Exhibitions

Feb 2011 **2010 Ten/Twentyfour Project**
Group photography exhibition
<http://www.perceptionthree.net/1024/gallery.html>

Performance Art / Public Presentation

Aug 2019 "Island-Life"
Journey and Guide – ArTrend Performance Group 2003-2019
Xinying Cultural Center, Tainan, Taiwan

Jul 2017 "Inevitable Encounters"
Performance Art Resource Orchestrator
Zarch Collectives, Singapore

May 2017 "TNUA-Guandu Plain Excursion Project"
To No Future Place: Guandu Plain No Exhibition
Guandu Plain, Taipei, Taiwan

Jan 2015 "Relieve, Retrieve, Relive"
The Other Stage
Gillman Barracks, Singapore

May 2014 "Air Interception #2"
[en]counters 2014 – Is there love in this air?
Cattle Depot, Hong Kong

Feb 2014 "Air Interception #1"
[en]counters 2014 – Is there love in this air?
Carter Road, Mumbai, India

Jan 2014 "Same Fight, Different Jargon"
Singapore Art Week 2014
Independent Archive & Resource Centre, Singapore

Mar 2013 "The Finest City"
MinimART 4.0
The Substation Gallery, Singapore

Nov 2012 "Don't Forget the Story, Don't Forget the Struggle #2"
14th Asiatopia Performance Art Festival
Bangkok Art & Cultural Centre, Bangkok, Thailand

Nov 2012 "Don't Forget the Story, Don't Forget the Struggle #1.5"
Tupada Action and Media Art 2012 (TAMA X)
Luneta Park, Manila City, The Philippines

Nov 2012 "Don't Forget the Story, Don't Forget the Struggle #1"
Tupada Action and Media Art 2012 (TAMA X)
Luneta Park, Manila City, The Philippines

Oct 2012 "In-between Nature and Man-Made"
Performance Art Malang Festival #3
Sendang Biru / Pulau Sempu, Malang, Indonesia

Sep 2012 "Eagle Cat Project" (collaboration with 7 other artists)
SeptFest 2012: Remembering Kuo Pao Kun
The Substation, Singapore

Aug 2012 "Rootless Generation"
Future Of Imagination 8 – International Performance Art Event
Goodman Arts Centre, Singapore

Jul 2012 "Aligned Interstellar Echoes" (collaborations with Arif Ayab, Lee Wen and Dennis Tan)
Action Parties #3
Arts Space @ dbi O, Singapore

May 2012 "In Translation"
O.O.P.S.
Singapore Art Museum

Mar 2012 "An Exchange Visit to the Past And Present #2"
Rooted In The Ephemeral Speak #02-2012
Goodman Arts Centre, Singapore

Nov 2011 "Untitled"
Macao Fringe Festival 2011
Parade In Inner Harbour
Hong Kung Temple Square, Macao

Nov 2011 "An Exchange Visit to the Past And Present"
Macau International Performance Art Festival 2011
Currents: From Singapore, in Macau
Ox Warehouse, Macao

- Aug 2011 "Act By The Radio #2"
NOW! For the second time
School of Art, Design & Media, NTU, Singapore
- Jul 2011 "Born From the Wasted" (collaboration with Arif Ayab)
Rooted In The Ephemeral Speak #04-2011: New Threads #1
The Substation, Singapore
- Jul 2011 "Act By The Radio #1"
MinimART
The Substation, Singapore

Curatorial Projects

- Feb 2019 **Small Singapore Show 2.1: TaiSing Conversation** (organised under The Artists Village)
Supernormal, Singapore
- Oct 2018 **Small Singapore Show 2.0: TaiSing Conversation** (organised under The Artists Village)
Open Contemporary Art Center, Taipei City, Taiwan
- Jun 2018 **Difference & Identity: Contemporary Cross-Cultural Encounter Through Arts**
"I Belong: Questions of Identity" (with 4 other co-curators)
Beitou Public Assembly Hall, Taipei City, Taiwan
- Mar 2015 **/*semble*/** (organised under The Artists Village)
former Tanjong Pagar Railway Station, Singapore
- Apr 2013 **Small Singapore Show** (organised under The Artists Village)
Kanto Artists-Run Space, Makati City, The Philippines
- Oct 2011 **Image, Materiality and Space** (co-curated with Kelvin Atmadibrata)
Goodman Arts Centre gallery, Singapore

Text Contributions

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Related Projects

- Jun 2018 Marketing
Difference & Identity: Contemporary Cross-Cultural Encounter Through Arts
Beitou Public Assembly Hall, Taipei, Taiwan
- Dec 2017 Coordinator
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MeMe Space, Taipei, Taiwan
- Mar 2015 Administrator & Researcher
Urban Heritage Walk
- Jan 2014 Co-organiser
"Performance Art At The Archive"
Singapore Art Week 2014
Independent Archive & Resource Centre
- Apr 2013 Publication designer
The Artists Village – Pulau Ubin Artists-In-Residency Programme 2011-2012
- Aug 2012 Website/publication designer and Logistic Manager
Future Of Imagination #8 – International Performance Art Event
- Apr 2012 Assistant & collaborator
Lee Wen: Lucid Dream in the Reverie of the Real
Singapore Art Museum
- Nov 2011 Website designer and Logistics Support
Future Of Imagination #7 – International performance art event, Singapore
- Mar 2011 Photographer
NOW! Performance Art Event
Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
- Jun 2010 – 2013 Photographer / website administrator / Programme Manager
Rooted In The Ephemeral Speak
Monthly performance art event, Singapore
- Apr 2010 Volunteer
Future of Imagination #6 - International performance art event
Sculpture Square, Singapore

Other Projects

2004 - 2008 **AWARENESS** zine
Independent fanzine publication about underground music and sub-culture
Designer and editor

Awards and Other Achievements

Nov 2010 Digital Camera Photographer of the Year 2010 (UK)
Commended portfolio category (*Under Wraps*)
<http://www.photoradar.com/news/story/photographer-of-the-year-2010-commended-portfolios - ad-image30>

Sep 2009 4th NAFA Fine Art Award (Singapore)
Metal Award (for *The Art of Silence*)

Grants

Mar 2016 Presentation and Participation Grant
(for **Seeking the Otherwise of the Busy Streets**)
National Arts Council, Singapore

Mar 2015 Project Grant
(on behalf of The Artists Village for */*semble**)
Toteboard Arts Fund, Singapore

Mar 2015 Presentation and Participation Grant
(on behalf of The Artists Village for */*semble**)
National Arts Council, Singapore

May 2014 Singapore Internationale
(for **[en]counters 2014 – Is there love in this air?**)
Singapore International Foundation

Apr 2013 Singapore Internationale
(on behalf of The Artists Village for **Small Singapore Show**)
Singapore International Foundation

Apr 2013 International Development Grant Scheme
(on behalf of The Artists Village for **Small Singapore Show**)
National Arts Council, Singapore

Oct 2011 Project Grant
(for **Image, Materiality and Space**)
Toteboard Arts Fund, Singapore

Oct 2011 Presentation & Promotion Grant
(for **Image, Materiality and Space**)
National Arts Council, Singapore

Groups & Societies

2011 – Member, **The Artists Village**, Singapore
Vice-President: 2012 – 2013
Assistant Treasurer: 2014
Secretary: 2015

Related Work Employment / Experience

Jul 2014 –
Jul 2016 **Manager**, The Artists Village – Pulau Ubin Artists-In-Residency Programme

Aug 2011 –
Jun 2014 **Publicist**, The Artists Village – Pulau Ubin Artists-In-Residency Programme

Aug 2012 –
Jan 2014 **New Media Manager**, Independent Archive & Resource Centre

Sep 2008 –
Dec 2009 **Photographer**, 36frames

Jul 2007 **Actor**, Abstinence
First prize winning short video for Reel Revolution 2007 competition by Phisherman's
Friend Production

Nov – Dec 2005 **Photographer's Assistant**, Heng's Photo Shop

Feb 2005 **Photographer**, World Harmony Day 2005

Workshops Attended

Jun 2011 **Jungle Fever**
Performance art workshop, conducted by Emmanulle Waeckerle

May 2011 **Fragile Limits**
Performance art workshop, conducted by VestAndPage

Oct 2009 **Framing the City**
3-days photography workshop conducted by Kai-Olaf Hesse
Goethe-Institut Singapore / Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts, Singapore

Feb – May 2003 **Oil Painting Workshop**

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<https://www.cna.com.tw/news/acul/201902200295.aspx> □ 20 Feb 2019)

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