

Artist Profile

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| Name | : | I Wayan Semara Putra |
| Date of Birth | : | 14 Jul 1955 |
| Place of Birth | : | Central Java, Indonesia |
| Education | : | Indonesian Fine Arts Academy in Yogyakarta, Central Java, 1979 |
| Awards & Exhibition | : | Group exhibitions, Bali Art Festival; Taman Budaya Art Centre, Denpasar, 1979-1992 Group exhibition at Art Centre, Jakarta, 1982 Group exhibitions, Tulungagung, East java, 1989 Group exhibitions; Indonesian Fine Arts Academy (ASRI), Yogyakarta, Central Java, 1991 "From Ritual to Romance: paintings Inspired by Bali", group exhibition; Singapore Art Museum, 1994 First Indonesian Paintings Triennial, Jakarta, 1998 "Living in Harmony", Solo Exhibition, Neka Art Museum, Ubud, Bali, 2002 |

The artist started to paint on his own in 1975, then went on to study at the Indonesian Fine Arts Academy in Yogyakarta, Central Java. He left the academy in 1983 and lived in Bali, where he taught painting at the Central Saraswati High School in Denpasar. As a member of the CITRA artists' group in Bali, he always participated in its exhibitions. He also taught at the Indonesian Fine Arts School in Denpasar. He was constantly inspired by Balinese women in terms of their beauty and honesty. In his most recent works, he has created series of artworks titled "Internal Beauty" to show her sympathy and affection towards obese women.

Artist Comments:

Basically, humans have an immense desire to continue the race. This desire is expressed through behaviours of love and yearning for the opposite gender. People of all ages and eras cannot escape from this intrinsic rule of nature. It is this desire of both sexes that has forced creation of endless imagination and beauty. I would like to portray the emotion of the desire which lives inside us through the expression of imagination, in harmony with the spirit of love and affection.

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