

Eston Tan

(Chinese name: 陳鎰森)

Born: 1972 in Penang, Malaysia

1991 Malaysian Institute of Art (MIA), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

1993 The One Academy, Petaling Jaya, Malaysia

Penang-born Eston Tan is an accomplished painter, acknowledged as a master of chiaroscuro both at home and internationally. He is best known for his night scenes, done in rich textures and colors, characterized by adeptly placed dots, sparkles of light that turn urban jungles into mesmerizing tangles of nocturnal visual poetry set on canvas.

His visually rich and textured works mirror Eston's own life journey, reflections of his own experiences, from working in the evenings and nights as a youth, his travels through lush countrysides and bustling urbanity in various parts of the world later in his life, and most recently the emotions felt leading towards the birth of his youngest child. Eston Tan's paintings evoke feelings of hope for the future, drawing from his own positivity and spiritual strength.

The contrasting hues of light and dark in his works represent the balance of life, observations by the artist of the constant flux he sees society to constantly be in, as attitudes and ideals change as time passes, depicted as visual transitions from dark to light often seen in his paintings.

What one feels looking at Eston's paintings is a strong consciousness of being, projected with a sense of hope for what lies ahead, grounded by lessons gained from his experience, yet standing firm in the now, as the artist lives his life, in harmony with the world around him.

Awards

2006 **Finalist**, Malaysian Young Contemporary Awards, National Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

2000 **Major Award** – Penang Young Talent Award, Malaysia

1999 **Minor Award** – Penang Young Talent Award, Malaysia

Auctions

2008	20th Century and Contemporary Asian Art	Bonhams Hong Kong
2009	Fine Chinese Painting and Modern Asian Art	Bonhams Hong Kong
2013	Asian Contemporary Art (Day Sale)	Christie's Hong Kong
2014	Asian Contemporary Art (Day Sale)	Christie's Hong Kong

Solo Exhibitions

2019	The Conversation	Mano Plus, George Town, Penang, Malaysia
2018	The Conversation	Helios Gallery, Taipei, Taiwan
2017	Passing Through	Shanghai Guoman Hotel, Shanghai, China
2016	Creation of Life	Helios Gallery, Taipei, Taiwan
2014	City of Light	Affinity for Art, Hong Kong
2013	Homecoming	The Art Gallery, Penang, Malaysia
2012	26°C	Penang State Museum and Art Gallery, Penang, Malaysia
2011	26°C	NN Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
2009	Down to Earth	Time Gallery, Vienna, Austria
	Down to Earth	NN Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
2008	Poetic Line	NN Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
2006	Green Earth – Green Living	Heena Mir Gallery, Hong Kong
2005	Thought on Life II	NN Gallery, Kuala Lumpur and Alpha Utara Gallery, Penang, Malaysia
2004	Thought on Life	NN Gallery, Kuala Lumpur and Penang State Museum and Art Gallery, Penang, Malaysia
	The Making of Thought on Life (sketches solo)	Stonor Center, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
2003	A Thought of Life	Taiwan

Selected Group Exhibitions (2000 to 2019, chronological)

Selangor Formula One Art Show

Aspiration 2000, Langkawi

3-Men Show, Kuala Lumpur

Penang Open Show, George Town, Penang

**Selected Group Exhibitions (cont.)**

Young Talent Art Show, Penang

“Malaysia Tanah Airku”, Bank Negara Gallery & Museum, Kuala Lumpur

WWF Charity Show, **“Water For Life”**

Penang Watercolour Show, George Town, Penang

Art for Heritage 2000, Penang Heritage Trust, Penang

Space & Spirit, Kulim High-Tech Park, Kedah

Mail Art @ New York, New York, USA

The Journey of A Survivor – Art Auction for Breast Cancer Survivors

Yellow House (Friends of UNICEF), Charity show @ Star Hill, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Contemporary Voices, 2-man Show, The Gallery @ Star Hill, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

10 Years on....., NN Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Malaysia Artists Association Group Show, Shah Alam, Malaysia

Korean International Invitation Exhibition, Seoul, Korea

International Teochew Youth Artist Invitation Exhibition, China

New Expression of Asian Art, Henan, China

New Asian Spirit & Soul, Korea

International Art Symposium, Hungary

Art From Malaysia, Vienna, Austria

Breezing, Taipei

Formosa Visit Venice, Palazzo Albrizzi, Venice, Italy

Fall in Late Autumn (晚秋) – Art & Chinese Orchestra, National Concert Hall, Taipei, Taiwan

Art Jakarta 2019, Jakarta Convention Centre, Jakarta, Indonesia