

Jumaldi Alfi

Born: 1973 in Lintau, West Sumatra, Indonesia

Bachelor of Fine Art, *Institut Seni Indonesia (ISI)*, Yogyakarta

Jumaldi Alfi is arguably one of the most dynamic and influential contemporary artists of his generation in the Indonesian art scene. A painter *pur sang*, Alfi came to international attention in the late 1990s as one of the founding members of the influential *Jendela Art Group*, Indonesia's most prominent contemporary art collective, five artists originally from West Sumatra. *Jendela's* focus was on aesthetic and material exploration within a more formalist and personal framework, breaking away from the prevailing fine art conventions of socio-political themes and technical sophistication. This breaking with convention has since earned the group an important place in Indonesian contemporary art history.

Alfi's works are characterized by his use of personal icons and symbols, depicting spiritual and existential struggles at both the personal and more collective levels. He draws from numerous sources simultaneously; from text to natural empirical objects of the natural world, paintings from bygone eras, and from his own memory. But memory, in Alfi's case is not synonymous with nostalgia – rather, he utilizes his experience and memory to come to terms with his present reality, and to shape pathways in order to move forward.

He currently lives and works in Yogyakarta, an artist who not only has exhibited extensively in Indonesia and internationally, but one who is committed in generously giving back to the artistic community he belongs to, and that has helped him succeed.

Awards (selected)

- 2003 **Finalist**, 10th Philip Morris Indonesian Art Awards
- 1998 **Finalist**, 5th Philip Morris Indonesian Art Awards
Best Painting, Institut Seni Indonesia (Indonesian Institute of the Arts), Yogyakarta, Indonesia

Solo Exhibitions (selected)

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| 2020 | Digital Spiritualism | SaRanG Building, Yogyakarta, Indonesia |
| | Footnote | SaRanG Building, Yogyakarta, Indonesia |
| 2018 | Blackboard Paintings | LATAR Art Space, Jakarta, Indonesia |
| 2016 | Jumaldi Alfi | Sanata Dharma University Gallery, Yogyakarta, Indonesia |
| 2014 | Myth Sisyphus | Art Basel Hong Kong (with Edwin's Gallery), Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre, Hong Kong |
| | Melting Memories/Rereading Landscape, Mooi Indies | Arndt Gallery, Singapore |
| 2013 | Jumaldi Alfi's Blackboard Paintings | Primo Marella Gallery, Milan, Italy |
| | Re-PLAY #3 | OFCA International, Yogyakarta, Indonesia |
| 2012 | Asian One | Art Hong Kong (with Sin Sin Gallery), Hong Kong |
| 2011 | Melting Memories #2 | Nadi Gallery, Jakarta, Indonesia |
| | Nightswimmer | Metis Gallery, Amsterdam, The Netherlands |
| | Melting Memories | Singapore Tyler Print Institute (STPI), Singapore |
| 2010 | Life/Art #101: Never Ending Lesson | Sangkring Art Space, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
Valentine Willie Fine Art, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia |
| 2008 | Color Guide Series | Nadi Gallery, Jakarta, Indonesia |
| 2006 | Alfi | iPreciation Fine Art Gallery, Singapore |
| 2003 | Cover | Centre Culturel Français, Yogyakarta, Indonesia |
| | Current Trend | Regent Hotel, Jakarta, Indonesia |
| 2001 | Alfi-Lukis | Lontar Gallery, Jakarta, Indonesia |
| | Derau-Noise | Bentara Budaya Yogyakarta, Yogyakarta, Indonesia |
| 1998 | Rekonstruksi | Aikon, Yogyakarta, Indonesia |

Group Exhibitions (selected)

2021	<p>HERE/THERE – Art Central Hong Kong 2021</p> <p>KSRJ – Art Basel Hong Kong</p> <p>Twentyfive</p> <p>Inauguration</p>	<p>Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, Hong Kong (with Artemis Art)</p> <p>Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, Hong Kong</p> <p>Gajah Gallery, Yogyakarta, Indonesia</p> <p>Ruang Dini, Bandung, Indonesia</p>
2020	<p>Pause, Rewind, Forward #1</p> <p>OPPO Art Jakarta 2020 Virtual (RE) Imagining The Image</p> <p>ArtJog 2020</p> <p><i>Pameran Amal Covid-19</i></p> <p>Roots #1</p>	<p>Kiniko Art, Yogyakarta, Indonesia</p> <p>Online via https://artjakarta.com/</p> <p>Gajah Gallery, Singapore</p> <p>Jogja National Museum, Yogyakarta, Indonesia</p> <p>Various Locations, Yogyakarta, Indonesia</p> <p>Bilai Art Space, Yogyakarta, Indonesia</p>
2019	<p>Recent Works</p> <p>Mind</p> <p><i>80 Nan Ampuh</i></p> <p><i>Bebas</i></p> <p><i>Representasi 3</i></p> <p>Incumbent</p> <p>Art Jakarta 2019</p>	<p>Cult Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia</p> <p>Kiniko Art Room, Yogyakarta, Indonesia</p> <p>Kiniko Art Room, Yogyakarta, Indonesia</p> <p>Sakato Art Community, Jogja Gallery, Yogyakarta, Indonesia</p> <p>Pendopo Art Space, Yogyakarta, Indonesia</p> <p>Sangkring Art Space, Yogyakarta, Indonesia</p> <p>Jakarta Convention Center, Jakarta, Indonesia (with Rachel Gallery)</p>
2018	<p>Taipei DangDai</p> <p><i>Bakaba #7: Zaman Now</i></p> <p>Sketches & Drawing</p> <p>REDRAW III: UGAHARI</p> <p>September Art Project #1</p> <p>Kiniko Art Project</p> <p>Art Jakarta 2018</p> <p>Prisoner Of Hope: 100 Years Hendra Gunawan</p> <p>PostFEst2018</p>	<p>Taipei Nangang Exhibition Center, Taipei, Taiwan (with Roh Project)</p> <p>Sakato Art Community, Jogja Gallery, Yogyakarta, Indonesia</p> <p>LATAR Art Space, Jakarta, Indonesia</p> <p>Edwin's Gallery, Jakarta, Indonesia</p> <p>Studio Jaring, Malang, Indonesia</p> <p>Kiniko Art Management, Yogyakarta, Indonesia</p> <p>Ritz-Carlton Jakarta Pacific Place, Jakarta, Indonesia (with Edwin's Gallery)</p> <p>Ciputra Artpreneur, Jakarta, Indonesia</p> <p>Taman Ismail Marzuki, Jakarta, Indonesia</p>
2017	<p>Art Stage Singapore 2017</p> <p>Written In The Sky by Honold Fine Art</p> <p>Alfi, Zakii, Jai</p> <p>Art Stage Jakarta 2017</p> <p>Celebrating Diversity</p> <p>LINKAGE: 20 Years OHD Museum</p>	<p>Marina Bay Sands Expo and Convention Centre, Singapore (with Nadi Gallery and Edwin's Gallery)</p> <p>Tony Raka Art Gallery, Bali, Indonesia</p> <p>Cult Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia</p> <p>Sheraton Grand Jakarta Gandaria City, Jakarta, Indonesia (with Edwin's Gallery and Rachel Gallery)</p> <p>LATAR Art Space, Jakarta, Indonesia</p> <p>OHD Museum, Magelang, Indonesia</p>



2017 (cont.)	
<i>Senjiong</i>	Pelataran Djoko Pekik, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
<i>Suka Pari Suka</i>	Pelataran Djoko Pekik, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
<i>Ping Project #3</i>	Kiniko Art Management, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
<i>Bakaba #6: indONESIA</i>	Sakato Art Community, Jogja Gallery, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
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2016	
Ritiro, Kayu curated by Lucie Fontaine	Chicken Church, Magelang, Indonesia
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Art Taipei 2016	Taipei World Trade Center, Taipei, Taiwan (with Edwin's Gallery)
Follow the White Cube by Honold Fine Art	Bisma Eight, Ubud, Bali, Indonesia
Bazaar Art Jakarta 2016	Ritz-Carlton Jakarta Pacific Place, Jakarta, Indonesia (with Edwin's Gallery)
Artists' Engagement with Art History	YOS: Yogyakarta Open Studio, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
Poetical State of Mind: Jumaldi Alfi, Yusra Martunus, Handiwirman Saputra	The Ngee Ann Kongsi Galleries 1 & 2, NAFA Campus, Singapore
South East Asia Triennale Plus	National Gallery of Indonesia, Jakarta, Indonesia
The Sea is Calling by Honold Fine Art	Bisma Eight, Ubud, Bali, Indonesia
The Fundamentals in Art, Part 1: Figure	ARNDT Gallery, Singapore
At the Still Point curated by Tony Godfrey	Langgeng Art Foundation, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
<i>Bakaba #5: Cadiak indak mambuang pandai</i>	Sakato Art Community, Jogja Gallery, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
Art Basel Hong Kong	Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre, Hong Kong (with Nadi Gallery)
Redraw II: Discovery	Edwin's Gallery, Jakarta, Indonesia
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2015	
70 Years Republic of Indonesia curated by Jim Supangkat	National Gallery of Indonesia, Jakarta, Indonesia
<i>Don't Shoot the Painter</i> UBS Collection Exhibition	Villa Reale, Galleria d'Arte Moderna, Milan, Italy
Six Degrees of Separation	Canna Gallery, Jakarta, Indonesia
<i>Pameran Dies Natalis</i>	ISI Gallery, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
Archive: Yogyakarta Open Studio #3	OFCA International, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
<i>Bakaba #4: Randang dan Rendang</i>	Sakato Art Community, Jogja Gallery, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
Medium of Living Martell 300 Tricentenaire exhibition	Edwin's Gallery, Jakarta, Indonesia
Art Basel Hong Kong	Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre, Hong Kong (with ARNDT Gallery)
Art Stage Singapore 2015	Marina Bay Sands Expo and Convention Centre, Singapore (with ARNDT Gallery)



2015 (cont.)		
	20+2 Years Anniversary Show	ARNDT Gallery, Singapore
2014	Hospitality, Berlin Open Studio #1	Studio Fendry Ekel, Berlin, Germany
	International Relation, Yogyakarta Open Studio #2	OFCA International, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
	Intersection: Latin America and South East Asian Contemporary	Sangkring Art Space, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
	Intersection: Latin America and South East Asian Contemporary	Gajah Gallery, Singapore and Galeria Habana, Havana, Cuba
	Art Stage Singapore 2014	Marina Bay Sands Expo and Convention Centre, Singapore (with ARNDT Gallery)
	<i>Pameran Fiesta</i>	Kota Tua, Jakarta, Indonesia
	Art Basel Hong Kong	Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre, Hong Kong (with Nadi Gallery)
	<i>Bakaba #3: Kini</i>	Sakato Art Community, Jogja Gallery, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
2013	Map of Association, Yogyakarta Open Studio #1	OFCA International, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
	<i>Forum Cemplang Cemplung: Peristiwa Sebuah Kelas</i>	Sangkring Art Space, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
	Contemporary Istanbul 2013	Istanbul Convention and Exhibition Center, Istanbul, Turkey (with Yavuz Fine Art)
	<i>Pameran Seni Rupa di Rumah Warga</i>	8th Anniversary, Jatiwangi Artfactory, Majalengka, Indonesia
	10 Years After	Sin Sin Gallery, Hong Kong
	<i>Jiwa Ketok dan Kebangsaan</i>	National Gallery of Indonesia, Jakarta, Indonesia
	<i>Non Ekspresi</i>	Taman Budaya Jawa Tengah, Surakarta, Indonesia
	Kindred By Choice	ARNDT Gallery, Singapore
	(with Martin Kippenberger, Fendry Ekel, Andy Warhol, Entang Wiharso and Daniel Richter)	
	ARTJOG 13 – Maritime Culture	Taman Budaya, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
	Me, Jumaldi Alfi and Heri Dono	Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre, Hong Kong (with Edwin's Gallery)
	Art Basel Hong Kong	
	Prague Biennale 6	Prague, Czech Republic
	Art13 London	Grand Hall Olympia, London, United Kingdom (with Primo Marella Gallery)
Art Stage Singapore 2013: Indonesian Pavilion	Marina Bay Sands Expo and Convention Centre, Singapore	
The Collectors Show: Weight of History	Singapore Art Museum, Singapore	
2012	The Window of Jendela	OHD Museum, Magelang, Indonesia
	A Sign of Absence	Edwin's Gallery, Jakarta, Indonesia
	Earthly Evocation	Sin Sin Gallery, Hong Kong, China

Residencies (selected)

2010 Artist in Residence Singapore Tyler Print Institute (STPI), Singapore

In the Media (selected)

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- Suluk Kesenian Jumaldi Alfi** – Langgar.co, September 2 2020
<https://langgar.co/suluk-kesenian-jumaldi-alfi/>
- Isolasi dan Kontemplasi Jumaldi Alfi** – Dewi Magazine, July 12 2020
<https://www.dewimagazine.com/news-art/isolasi-dan-kontemplasi-jumaldi-alfi>
- Pelukis Jumaldi Alfi jadikan masa pandemi sebagai momen kontemplasi** – AntaraNews.com, July 8 2020
<https://www.antaraneews.com/berita/1597174/pelukis-jumaldi-alfi-jadikan-masa-pandemi-sebagai-momen-kontemplasi>
- #Basri Menyapa : Dialog Diri-Lukisan Alfi** – Sugar & Cream, July 7 2020
<https://sugarandcream.co/basri-menyapa-dialog-diri-lukisan-alfi-jumaldialfi-basrimenyapa-seniman-kelompok-jendela-institutseniindonesia-indonesiartaward-onlinemagazine-sugarandcream-sugarandcreamco-sc-jakarta-interiormagaz/>
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<https://www.thejakartapost.com/life/2020/01/27/a-way-with-words-painter-jumaldi-alfi-presents-solo-exhibition-in-yogyakarta.html>
- 2018 **Jumaldi Alfi's Mooi Indie Mood Boards** – Jakarta Globe, August 23 2018
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- Legacies: Real and Imagined, The Artwork of Adam de Boer and Jumaldi Alfi** – NOW! JAKARTA, March 7 2018
<https://nowjakarta.co.id/art-and-culture/arts/legacies-real-and-imagined-the-artwork-of-adam-de-boer-and-jumaldi-alfi>
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<https://lifestyle.bisnis.com/read/20180213/197/738449/seniman-jumaldi-alfi-gelar-pameran-tunggal-pada-april-2018>
- Seniman Adam de Boer dan Jumaldi Alfi Pajang Karya di Jakarta** – Detik.com, February 8 2018
<https://hot.detik.com/art/d-3857208/seniman-adam-de-boer-dan-jumaldi-alfi-pajang-karya-di-jakarta>
- 2016 **Five Indonesian artists that help us rethink nature** – CoBo Social, July 9 2016
<https://www.cobosocial.com/dossiers/five-indonesian-artists-that-help-us-rethink-nature/>
- 2014 **Indonesian artist Jumaldi Alfi says bye-bye to the blackboard** – The Straits Times, May 19 2014
<https://www.straitstimes.com/lifestyle/arts/indonesian-artist-jumaldi-alfi-says-bye-bye-to-the-blackboard>
- 2010 **Provokasi Jumaldi Alfi** – Koran Tempo, September 16 2010
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- 2009 **What is Indonesian style? Jumaldi Alfi on the art, style and Jogja – interview** – Art Radar Asia, November 25 2009
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