

Leik Lim (林麗勤)

(Full name: Lim Lei Kwan)

Born: 1991 in Ipoh, Malaysia

2019 – Degree in Creative Art and Design, Hsuan Chuang University, Taiwan

2012 – Diploma in Illustration, Dasein Academy of Art, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

After graduating from the Dasein Academy of Art, Leik Lim worked as a typesetter and illustrator for three years in an International Children Education Group, after which she furthered her studies at the Department of Art and Creative Design, Hsuan Chuang University in Taiwan.

As a child, her unbounded imagination conjured a world that was powerful and unconstrained. But as she grew older, the realities of the real world and adulthood constantly smothered and stifled her fantasies and imaginative energies. Thus, she became determined to create her own childhood wonderland through her art.

In the world of Leik Lim, Disney characters or small babies often appear, her mapping to a more innocent time. These represent symbols of love, purity and liberty in her heart and mind. Influenced by pop surrealism art movements, Leik Lim combines characters rendered cartoon style with issues she observes through the lens of her adult realities, creating vivid and sharp contrasts.

For Leik Lim, this is a sort of soft confrontation. She feels most adults have chosen to strike a compromise with the world, to face the many challenges and intrigue in it. However, voices from the bottom of her heart still call out, to remind everyone that the memories and feelings of childhood cannot be left behind. The pure colours, cherubic and vivid characters in her paintings, coalesce to form an intimation for us to revisit the beauty and innocence of our childhood.

Awards

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| 2020 | Top 20 Finalists, Spotlight Competition 2020, Penang Art District
Asia Illustrations Annual Award 2020 |
| 2018 | 1 st Prize, Lions Club 100 th Anniversary Creative Awards, Taiwan |
| 2017 | 1 st Prize, 2 nd China Trend Hazzys Illustration Competition, China |

Group Exhibitions (selected)

2022	Art Jakarta 2022	Jakarta Convention Center, Jakarta, Indonesia (with Artemis Art)
	Art Taichung 2022	The Lin Hotel, Taichung, Taiwan
	Art For All	GMBB KL, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (with Artemis Art)
	The Realms of Spirit	Imavision Gallery, Taipei, Taiwan
	One Art Taipei 2022	The Sherwood Taipei, Taipei, Taiwan
2021	Art Taichung 2021	Millennium Hotel, Taichung, Taiwan
	JingArt Art Fair	Beijing Exhibition Center, Beijing, China
	Art Tainan 2021	Shangri-La Far Eastern, Tainan, Taiwan
	Let A Thousand Flowers Bloom	Imavision Gallery, Taipei, Taiwan
	Spotlight 2020 by Penang Art District	179 The House, George Town, Penang, Malaysia
2020	Colour - Parallel Universe Asia Illustrations Annual Awards Exhibition	Shanghai, China
	Color Rhapsody	Leevan Art Museum, Shenzhen, China
2019	Asia Heat Festival Asia Illustrations Annual Awards Exhibition	Xi'an, China
	Leevan Art Fair	Shangri-La Hotel, Shenzhen, China
2018	得體 DIRTY	Idea Dejia Art Space, Hsinchu, Taiwan

Collections

Dr. Naresh Aggarwal, President, Lions Club International (2017-2018), Delhi, India