

Ronald Apriyan

Born: 1979 in Prabumulih, South Sumatra, Indonesia

Studied at Padjadjaran University, Bandung; Universitas Sarjanawiyata Tamansiswa Yogyakarta; and *Institut Seni Indonesia (ISI)*, Yogyakarta

Originally from Prabumulih in South Sumatra, Ronald Apriyan's artworks articulate the artist's own experiences and observations, through the lens of children's innocence and joyfulness expressed in the drawings and paintings they create.

The colorful artworks by Ronald, rendered in his unique style, borrow from current pop culture, and often contain interesting takes on very recognizable icons, often subtle critiques about human nature as observed by the artist. Ronald sees a certain truth in rudimentary drawings and paintings created by children and is often in awe of the colors and lines expressed by them. This observation has become an inspiration for the artist in his own paintings, creating his own fantastical scenes elicited from the innocent imaginative creations of children.

For Ronald, his canvas becomes a diary, his stories told in colors, forms, and lines. His art evokes pure joy, an expression of his own *joie de vivre*, created to be shared with art lovers, in their own quest to find morsels of joy and happiness in life.

Awards

- 2015 **Finalist**, UOB Art Award 2015
- 2003 to 2005 **Best Caricature** for *Hari Kartini* (Commemorating Kartini), Yogyakarta
- Best Sketch of Fine Art**, Indonesia Institute of the Arts, Yogyakarta
- Best Mural**, STP AMPTA, Yogyakarta

Solo Exhibitions

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| 2018 | The Metropolis | Element Art Space, Singapore |
| 2017 | Batik meet Shio | Art Jakarta 2017 Special Solo Project, Ritz-Carlton Jakarta Pacific Place, Jakarta, Indonesia |
| | <i>Persembahan Cinta Ronald Apriyan</i> | Bentara Budaya, Jakarta, Indonesia |
| 2015 | Rainbow Breakfast | Via Via Resto and Art Space, Yogyakarta, Indonesia |
| 2014 | Lure and Rules | Tirana Art Space Yogyakarta, Indonesia |
| 2011 | Meet the Rabbit | Arya Duta Art Space, Surabaya, Indonesia |
| 2008 | ALHAMDULLILAH | Affandi Museum, Yogyakarta, Indonesia |
| 2007 | HUMAN AND HOUSE | Nagano, Japan |
| 2005 | Football, Politics, and Entertainment | Indonesia Institute of Arts, Yogyakarta, Indonesia |
| | Footballism | Kedai Kebun Forum, Yogyakarta, Indonesia |

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Group Exhibitions (selected)

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| 2019 | <p>Nothing Gold Can Stay Shenzhen International Art Fair 2019</p> <p><i>Sepuluh Perantau</i> Art Plus Shanghai</p> <p>BEDA OPPO X Ronald Apriyan Keep The Fire On #5: Obah Gumergah <i>Saya Berani</i></p> <p>Duo Exhibition: Patrick Owen X Ronald Apriyan</p> <p><i>Pantene Perfect + On Art Experience</i> KADO Partron</p> | <p>Modeka Creative Space, Manila, Philippines Shenzhen Convention & Exhibition Center, Shenzhen, China (with Artemis Art) Jogja Gallery, Yogyakarta, Indonesia Shanghai World Expo Exhibition and Convention Center, Shanghai, China Segaris Art Center, Publika, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia Pacific Place, Jakarta, Indonesia SURVIVE!garage, Yogyakarta, Indonesia UNAIDS Art Exhibition (curated by Artsphere), Gran Mahakam Hotel, Jakarta, Indonesia Plaza Indonesia, Jakarta, Indonesia Pacific Place, Jakarta, Indonesia Miracle Print, Yogyakarta, Indonesia</p> |
| 2018 | <p>Into the Space of Time</p> <p><i>Caraka</i> Pick Season PING Project Art Jakarta 2018 Group Show</p> <p>Simply Life Celebration of the Future</p> <p>CD Cover Mahandini Dewa Bujana</p> | <p>IMAGINARIUM 2018, Singapore Art Museum, Singapore Sanggar Anak Alam, Yogyakarta, Indonesia Simply Life, Melia Purosani Hotel, Yogyakarta Yunizar Studio, Yogyakarta Ritz-Carlton Jakarta Pacific Place, Jakarta, Indonesia Miracle Prints Artshop & Studio, Yogyakarta, Indonesia Element by Westin, Ubud, Bali, Indonesia ABBC Building, Nusa Dua, Bali, Indonesia Group Show Sangkring Art Project, Yogyakarta, Indonesia</p> |
| 2017 | <p>Back To Basics Group Show Simply Life Yogya Annual Art (YAA) Home Wares</p> | <p>Element Art Space, Singapore Art Serpong, Tangerang, Indonesia Yudi Art Space, Yogyakarta, Indonesia Bale Banjar Sangkring, Yogyakarta, Indonesia Cayenne x DGI, Jakarta, Indonesia</p> |
| 2016 | <p>Ping Project Yogya Annual Art (YAA)</p> <p>Simply Life Re-draw <i>Kecil Itu Indah</i></p> | <p>Aruna Studio, Yogyakarta, Indonesia Bale Banjar Sangkring, Yogyakarta, Indonesia Yudi Art Space, Yogyakarta, Indonesia Edwin's Gallery, Jakarta, Indonesia Edwin's Gallery, Jakarta, Indonesia</p> |

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| 2016 (cont.) | | |
| | Bazaar with Art <i>Paperu</i> | Element Art Space, Singapore Festival Kebudayaan Yogyakarta (FKY), Yogyakarta, Indonesia |
| 2014 | Group Exhibition Group Exhibition Ping Project Group Exhibition 120 Terima Kasih Guru Dolanan Fiture and Figure | Widayat Museum, Magelang, Indonesia Via Via Resto and Art Space, Yogyakarta, Indonesia Aruna Studio, Yogyakarta, Indonesia LVS Gallery, Seoul, Korea Rumah Budaya Tembi, Yogyakarta, Indonesia Widayat Museum, Magelang, Indonesia Jogja National Museum, Yogyakarta, Indonesia Taman Budaya Yogyakarta, Yogyakarta, Indonesia |
| 2013 | Indonesian Revolution TRIBUTE | UpFront Gallery, Singapore Art Front Gallery, Singapore |
| 2012 | Freekick | Royal Art Square, Surabaya |
| 2011 | Indonesia – Myanmar Art Exchange Program (Second Edition) BUDI(man) – Two Indonesian Contemporary Artists | Tanah Tho Gallery, Ubud, Bali, Indonesia Momentous Contemporary Art Gallery Singapore |
| 2010 | International Malaysian Print Festival Indonesia – Myanmar Art Exchange Program | Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia Bektano Art Gallery and New Zero Art Space, Yangon, Myanmar |
| 2009 | Menjadi Indonesia OBJECOBJECT Jogja Biennale X | Gedung Arsip, Jakarta Pure Artspace, Jakarta, Indonesia Yogyakarta, Indonesia |
| 2008 | Most Wanted Ya-shin The Golden Box Transcent Goro – Goro Art Project | Biasa Gallery, Yogyakarta, Indonesia Jogja Gallery, Yogyakarta, Indonesia Jogja Gallery, Yogyakarta, Indonesia CSIS Building, Jakarta, Indonesia Pre-Jogja Biennale Event, Yogyakarta, Indonesia |
| 2007 | TUPADA07 – 4th International Action and Art Event | Hacienda Café and Gallery, Angono City, Philippines |

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| 2007 (cont.) | | |
| | International Communication And Art Festival | Tokyo-Nagano, Japan |
| 2006 | Enjoy Sculpture | Indonesian Institute of The Arts, Yogyakarta, Indonesia |
| | NIPAF Exhibition | Morishita Studio, Tokyo, Japan |
| | Nagano International Video Art Festival | Nagano, Japan |
| 2005 | Backpackers Painting Exhibition | Maharani Hotel, Bali, Indonesia |
| | Portion | Galeri Sembilan, Bali, Indonesia |
| | Ligeros de Equipaje (in cooperation with Universidad de Castilla Spain) | Taman Budaya Yogyakarta, Indonesia |
| 2003 | Dolanan (Puppet Exhibition) | Studio Tanah Liat, Yogyakarta, Indonesia |
| | Launching Exhibition | Rumah Seni Muara, Yogyakarta, Indonesia |
| | Peace First Conference | Jakarta, Indonesia |
| | Bermain Jerami (Installation Exhibition) | Warung Sawah, Yogyakarta, Indonesia |
| | Petasan | Purna Budaya, Yogyakarta, Indonesia |
| 2002 | Murky Moral World Exhibition (in cooperation with Australian National University) | Scotland, Canada, Japan, Australia, Indonesia |
| | 3 D Passion | Kafe Kecil, Yogyakarta, Indonesia |
| | “Tribute to Mas Tri” Tin Can Exhibition | Kedai Kebun Forum, Yogyakarta, Indonesia |
| | Message from Indonesia | Kobe Design University, Kobe, Japan |
| | Gedebok (Fundraising Exhibition) | Kedai Kebun Forum, Yogyakarta, Indonesia |
| 2001 | Dialog Multirupa Yogyakarta – Palembang | Yogyakarta, Indonesia |
| | Pesta Seni Ancol | Jakarta, Indonesia |
| 2000 | Deklarasi Forum Celah Rupa UST | Yogyakarta, Indonesia |

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