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**MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY  
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# MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY ASIAN ART

## AUCTION

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S\$ 1,000	to	S\$ 2,000	by	S\$ 100
S\$ 2,000	to	S\$ 3,000	by	S\$ 200
S\$ 3,000	to	S\$ 5,000	by	S\$ 200
			or S\$ 200 - 500 - 800	
S\$ 5,000	to	S\$ 10,000	by	S\$ 500
S\$ 10,000	to	S\$ 20,000	by	S\$ 1,000
S\$ 20,000	to	S\$ 30,000	by	S\$ 2,000
S\$ 30,000	to	S\$ 50,000	by	S\$ 2,000
			or S\$ 2,000 - 5,000 - 8,000	
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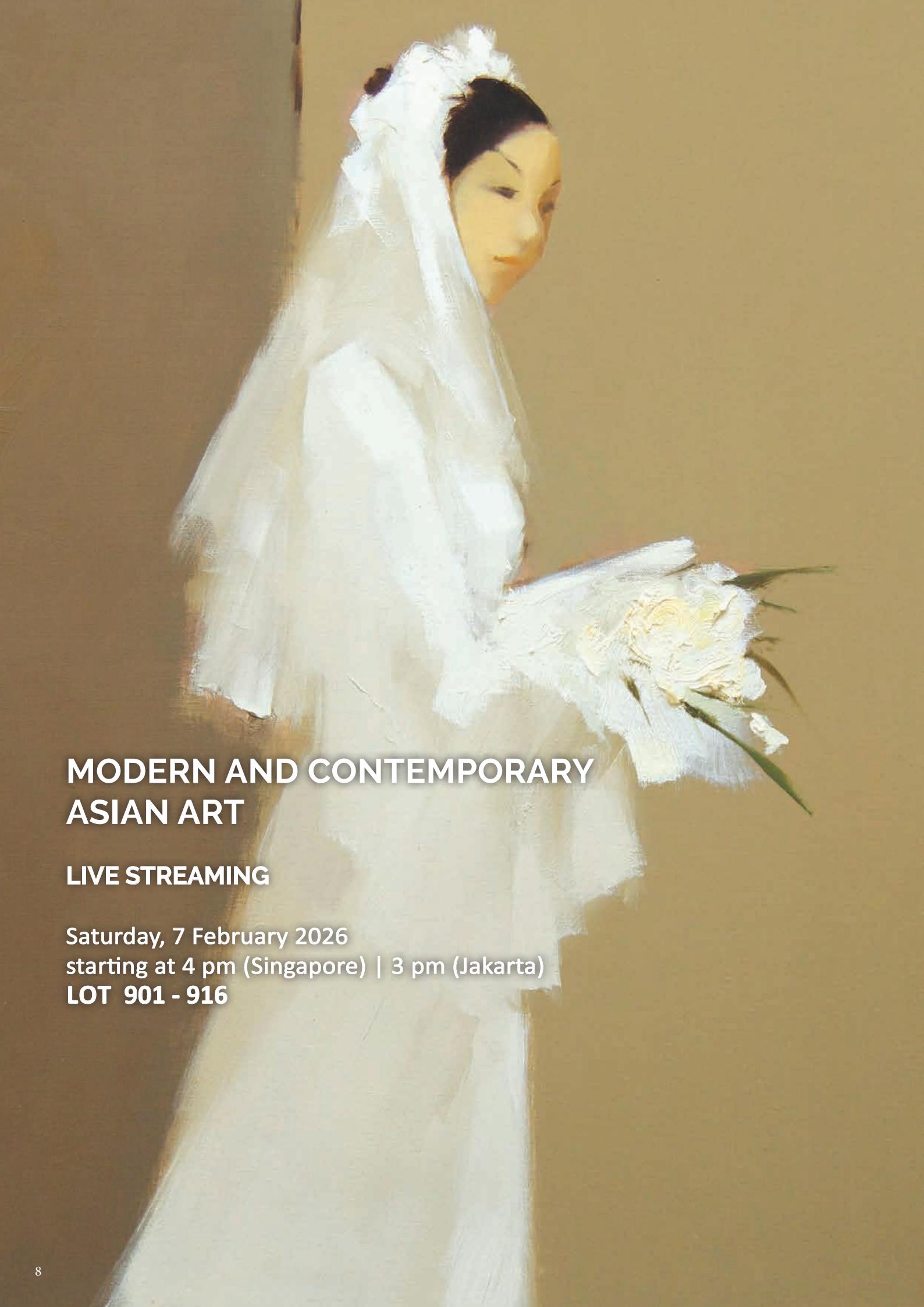
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A traditional East Asian woman with dark hair, wearing a white headwrap and a white robe, is shown in profile, looking down. She holds a large, white, textured peacock feather in her right hand. The background is a solid, warm brown.

## MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY ASIAN ART

**LIVE STREAMING**

**Saturday, 7 February 2026**  
**starting at 4 pm (Singapore) | 3 pm (Jakarta)**  
**LOT 901 - 916**



901

**ALIMIN TAMIN**

(1932 - 2004, Indonesian)

**Balinese Woman**

painted in 1968; oil on canvas; 38.5 x 33.5 cm  
signed and dated on lower left

**S\$ 600 - 900  
US\$ 475 - 715**

Provenance:

Previously in the collection of the diplomat Dr Willi Albert Ritter (1915 - 2000),  
collected in the diplomatic service in Asia until 1980

Pick up point: Singapore



902

**HOFKER, WILLEM GERARD**  
(1902 - 1981, Dutch)

**Balinese Women**

coloured lithograph; 31 x 21 cm (print size); 33 x 23 cm (paper size)  
signed and 'proefdruk' on lower left

**S\$ 500 - 800  
US\$ 395 - 635**

Pick up point: Singapore



903

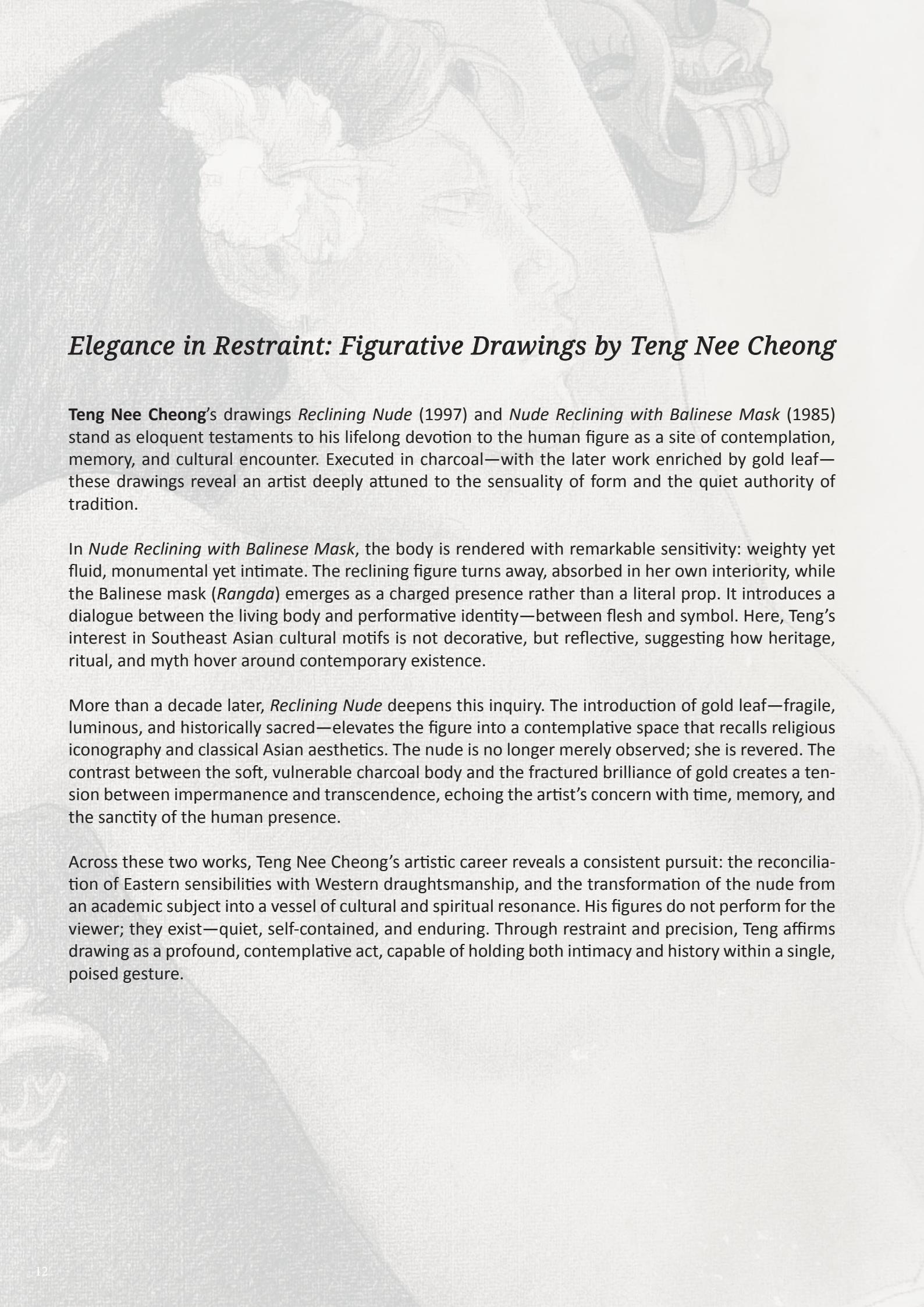
**STRASSER, ROLAND**  
(1886 - 1974, Austrian)

**Indonesian Woman With Basket**

executed in 1942; coloured chalks on paper; 58 x 39.5 cm  
signed and dated on lower right

**S\$ 1,800 - 2,800**  
**US\$ 1,425 - 2,220**

Pick up point: Singapore



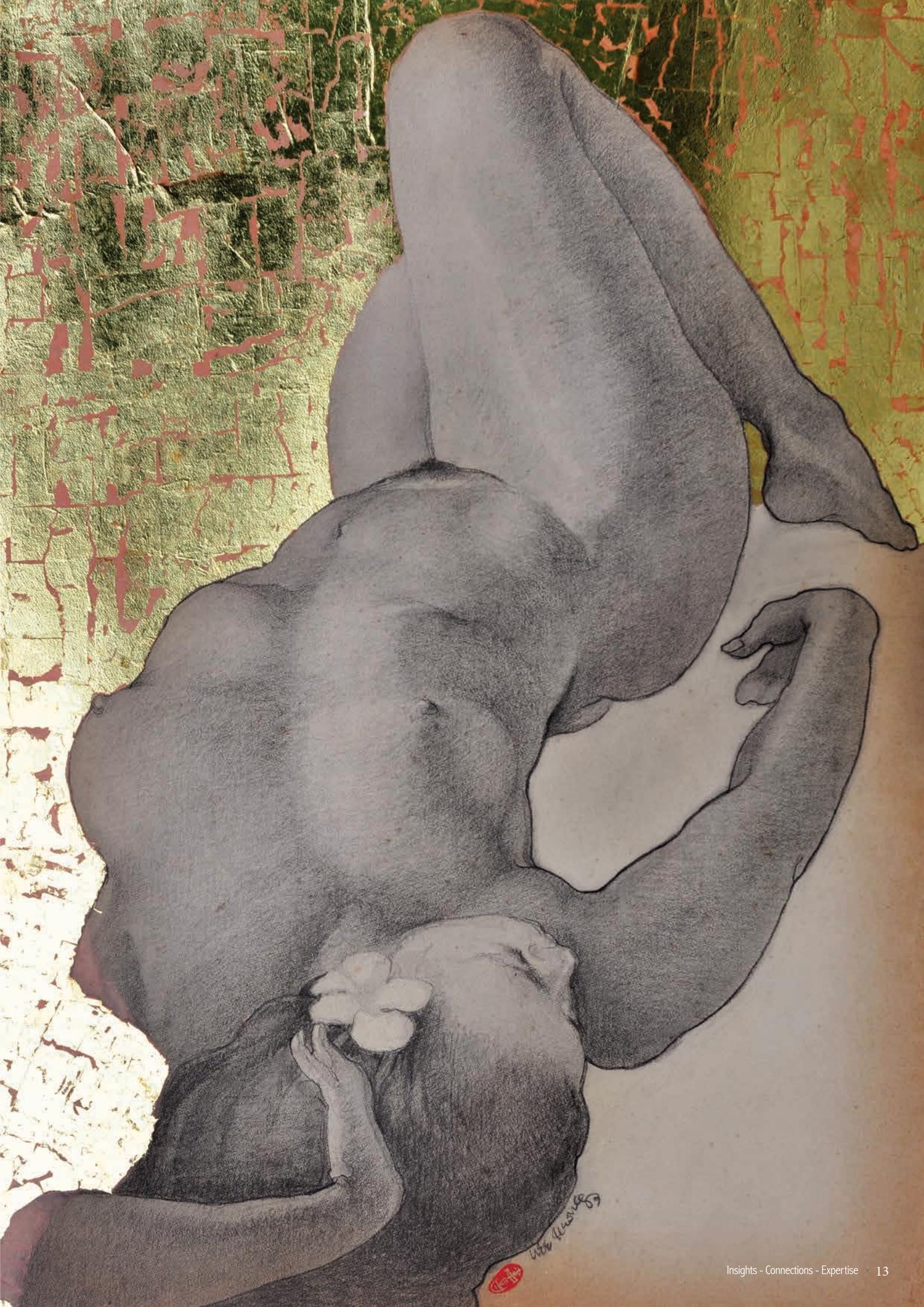
## *Elegance in Restraint: Figurative Drawings by Teng Nee Cheong*

Teng Nee Cheong's drawings *Reclining Nude* (1997) and *Nude Reclining with Balinese Mask* (1985) stand as eloquent testaments to his lifelong devotion to the human figure as a site of contemplation, memory, and cultural encounter. Executed in charcoal—with the later work enriched by gold leaf—these drawings reveal an artist deeply attuned to the sensuality of form and the quiet authority of tradition.

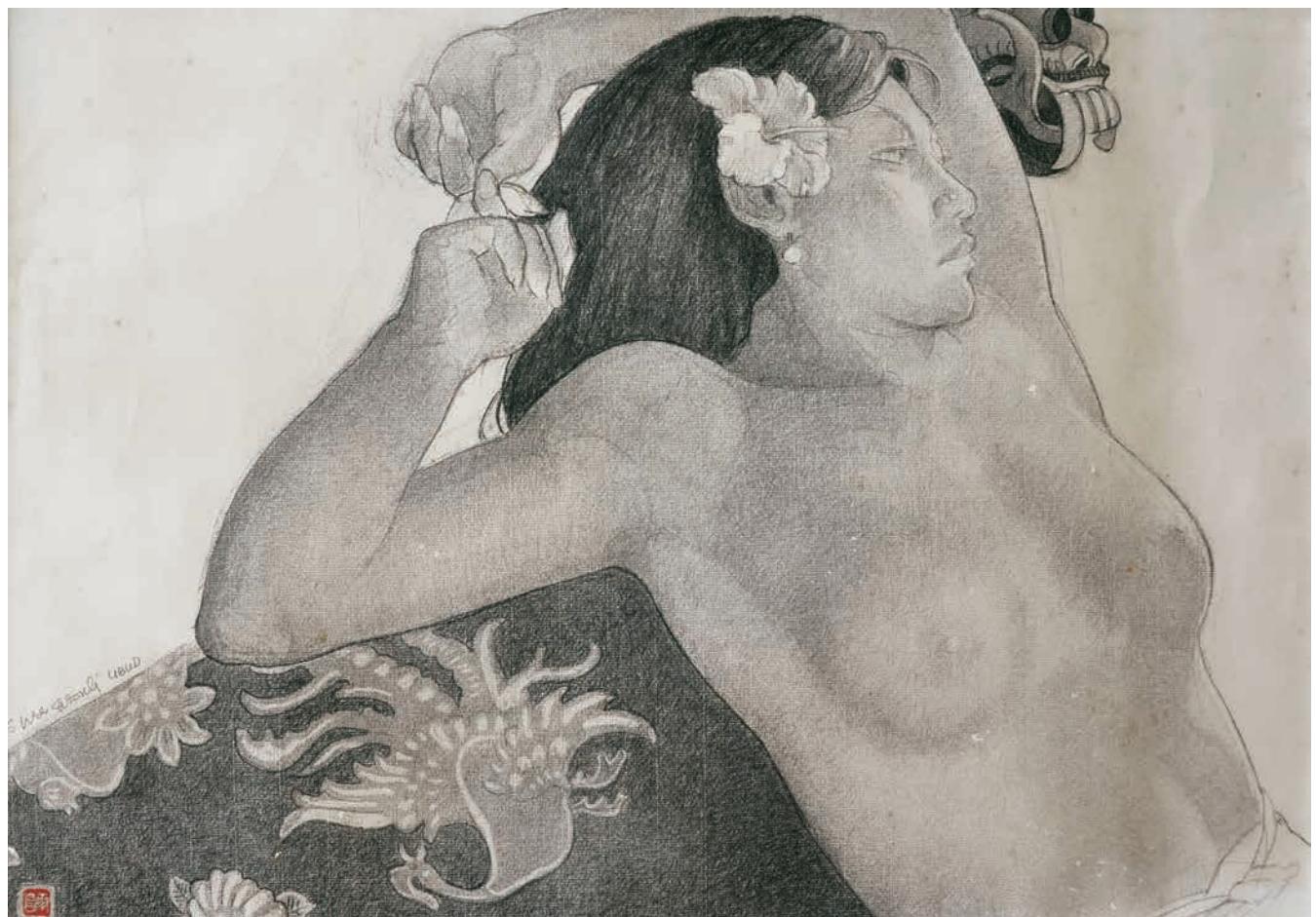
In *Nude Reclining with Balinese Mask*, the body is rendered with remarkable sensitivity: weighty yet fluid, monumental yet intimate. The reclining figure turns away, absorbed in her own interiority, while the Balinese mask (*Rangda*) emerges as a charged presence rather than a literal prop. It introduces a dialogue between the living body and performative identity—between flesh and symbol. Here, Teng's interest in Southeast Asian cultural motifs is not decorative, but reflective, suggesting how heritage, ritual, and myth hover around contemporary existence.

More than a decade later, *Reclining Nude* deepens this inquiry. The introduction of gold leaf—fragile, luminous, and historically sacred—elevates the figure into a contemplative space that recalls religious iconography and classical Asian aesthetics. The nude is no longer merely observed; she is revered. The contrast between the soft, vulnerable charcoal body and the fractured brilliance of gold creates a tension between impermanence and transcendence, echoing the artist's concern with time, memory, and the sanctity of the human presence.

Across these two works, Teng Nee Cheong's artistic career reveals a consistent pursuit: the reconciliation of Eastern sensibilities with Western draughtsmanship, and the transformation of the nude from an academic subject into a vessel of cultural and spiritual resonance. His figures do not perform for the viewer; they exist—quiet, self-contained, and enduring. Through restraint and precision, Teng affirms drawing as a profound, contemplative act, capable of holding both intimacy and history within a single, poised gesture.



Wu Changshuo 1959



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**NEE CHEONG, TENG**

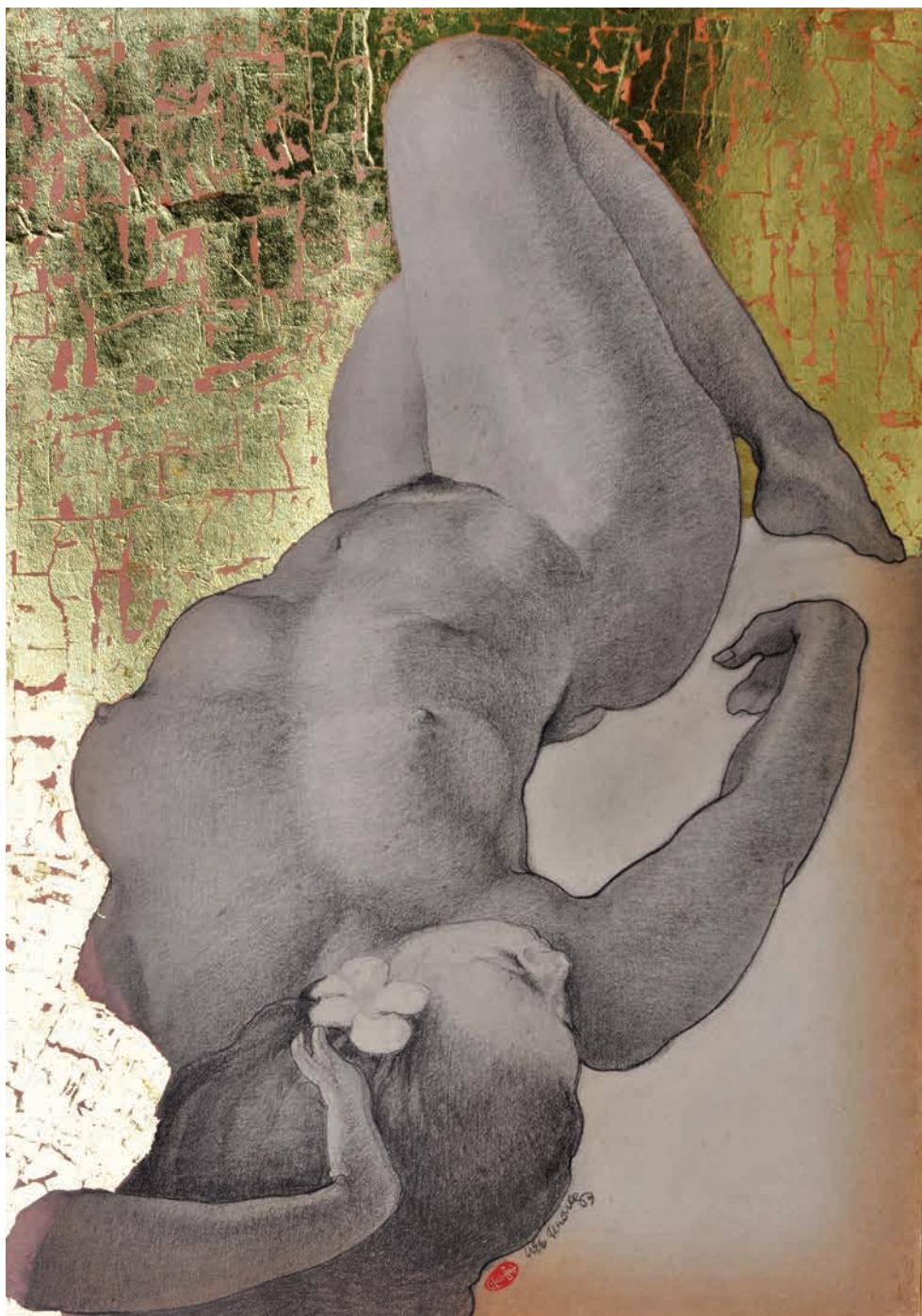
(1951 - 2013, Singaporean)

**Nude Reclining with Mask (Rangda)**

executed in 1985; charcoal on paper; 50 x 70 cm  
signed, dated and stamped on lower left

**S\$ 4,500 - 6,500**  
**US\$ 3,565 - 5,150**

Pick up point: Singapore



905

**NEE CHEONG, TENG**  
(1951 - 2013, Singaporean)

**Reclining Nude**

executed in 1997; charcoal and gold leaf on paper; 79 x 55 cm  
signed, dated and stamped with the artist's seal on lower centre

**S\$ 5,500 - 7,500**  
**US\$ 4,360 - 5,945**

Exhibited: Artist's solo exhibition titled "Once Where Celestial Gods Frolicked", at the Aryaduta Hotel, Jakarta, Indonesia, November 1998. Illustrated in colour on exhibition catalogue.

Pick up point: Singapore



906

**ARIE SMIT**

(1916 - 2016, Dutch Indonesian)

**Temple Entrance in Bali**

painted in 1979; oil on canvas; 48 x 48 cm  
signed and dated on lower right

**S\$ 7,000 - 10,000**  
**US\$ 5,545 - 7,925**

Pick up point: Singapore





907

**THANH BINH, NGUYEN**  
(b. 1954, Vietnamese)

**Bride**

oil on canvas; 80 x 80 cm  
signed on upper right

**S\$ 1,200 - 1,700  
US\$ 950 - 1,345**

Pick up point: Singapore



908

**THANH BINH, NGUYEN**  
(b. 1954, Vietnamese)

**Mother and Child**

oil on canvas; 80 x 80 cm  
signed on upper right

**S\$ 1,200 - 1,700  
US\$ 950 - 1,345**

Pick up point: Singapore

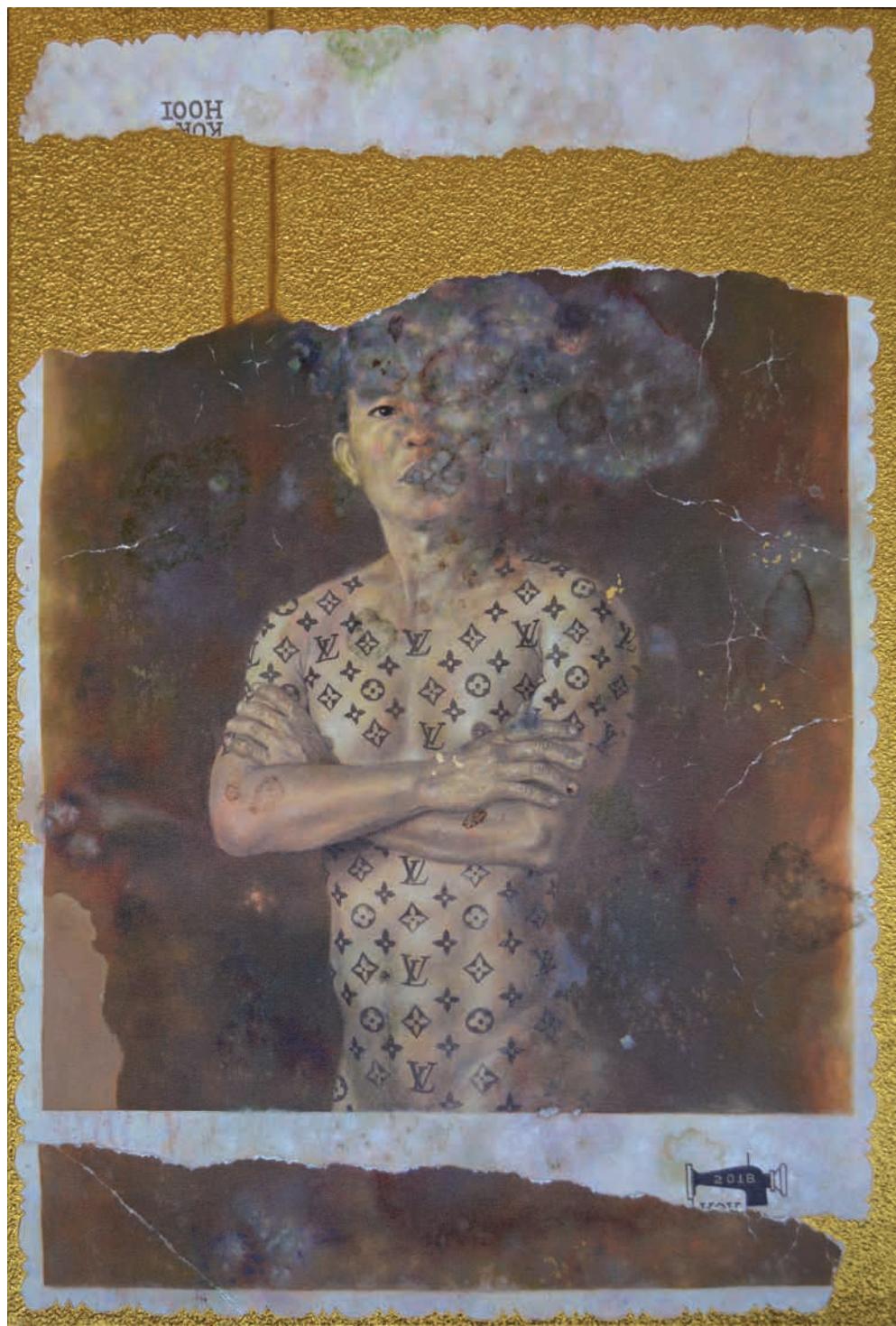
CHAN KOK HOOI

**Chan Kok Hooi's *Old Photo Series: New Clothes*** unfolds as a quiet yet piercing meditation on time, memory, and the fragile contract between material presence and immaterial meaning. Rendered in acrylic on canvas, the painting adopts the visual language of an aged photograph—creased edges, weathered surfaces, and faded tonalities—only to disrupt it with a contemporary intervention: a body clothed not in fabric, but in the unmistakable pattern of luxury branding.

The figure stands frontal, arms crossed, suspended between assertion and vulnerability. The “new clothes” are not garments at all, but symbols—printed directly onto the skin—suggesting how identity in the modern age is increasingly worn as surface. Fame, status, and desire adhere to the body like a second skin, yet remain fundamentally impermanent. Chan's deliberate aging of the image reminds us that while materials decay—paper yellows, surfaces crack—the immaterial residue of memory, aspiration, and spirit lingers, unresolved.

Rooted in Southeast Asia's rapid cultural transformation, Chan Kok Hooi's practice consistently negotiates the tension between past and present, tradition and globalized imagery. In this work, nostalgia is neither romanticized nor rejected; instead, it is interrogated. The old photograph becomes a vessel for contemplation: what endures when glory fades, when symbols lose their shine?

*Old Photo Series: New Clothes* ultimately asserts that art's power lies not in preservation of appearances, but in its capacity to question what truly survives time—identity, meaning, and the silent weight of lived experience.



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**CHAN KOK HOOI**  
(b. 1974, Malaysian)

### **New Clothes**

painted in 2018; acrylic on canvas; 91.4 x 60.9 cm  
signed and dated on lower right

**S\$ 5,500 - 7,500**  
**US\$ 4,360 - 5,945**

Exhibited: "Perceptions of Humanity", One East Asia at START ART FAIR, London, September 2018. Illustrated in colour on exhibition catalogue.

Pick up point: Singapore

# AHMAD ZAKI ANWAR

**Ahmad Zakii Anwar's** *Seated Figure 1* (2017) is a study in restraint, atmosphere, and psychological opacity. Painted in acrylic on a monumental scale, the work presents a solitary male figure seated in a classical pose, yet shrouded in ambiguity. The face is partially dissolved into smoke, shadow, and painterly abrasion, denying the viewer the comfort of identity. What remains is presence—weighty, contemplative, and quietly unsettling.

Zakii's mastery lies in his ability to suspend the figure between revelation and erasure. The formal attire, cigarette, and composed posture evoke authority and cultivated masculinity, but the obscured face destabilizes these signals. Identity here is not asserted but questioned. The muted palette—greys, browns, and bruised blacks—recalls the tonal discipline of European realism while simultaneously infusing a Southeast Asian sensibility shaped by introspection rather than spectacle.

Ultimately, *Seated Figure 1* is not a portrait of a man, but of a condition: the modern subject caught between visibility and disappearance. It affirms Ahmad Zakii Anwar's position as a painter who bridges classical Western portraiture with a distinctly contemporary, introspective voice rooted in the complexities of Malaysian and global identity.



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**AHMAD ZAKII ANWAR**

(b. 1955, Malaysian)

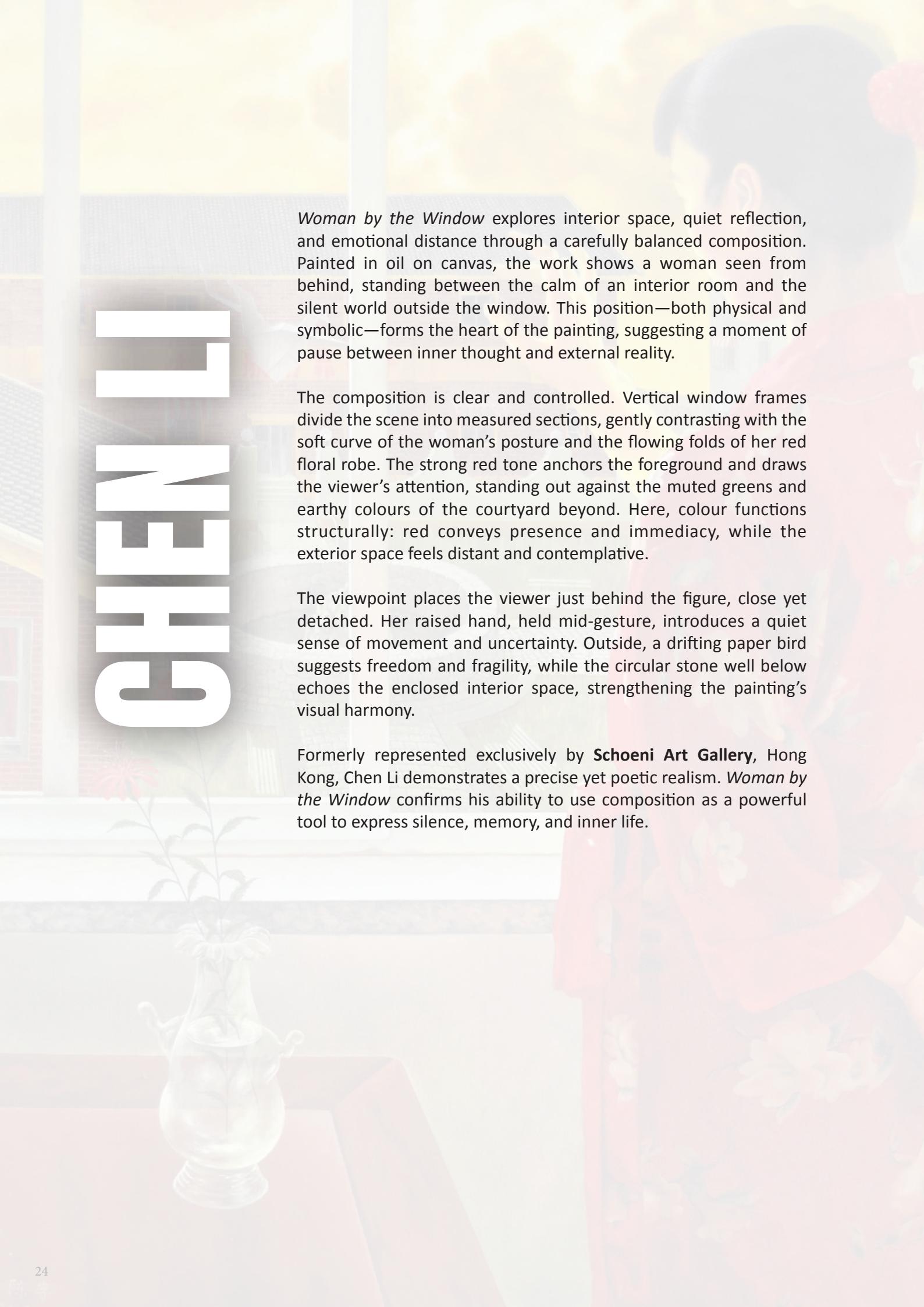
### **Seated Figure 1**

Painted in 2017; acrylic on canvas (linen); 162 x 121 cm  
Signed and dated on lower left

**S\$ 13,000 - 18,000**  
**US\$ 10,300 - 14,265**

Provenance: One East Larasati, Coming of Age - Modern & Contemporary Southeast Asian Art,  
9 November 2017, London, lot 712.

Pick up point: Singapore



*Woman by the Window* explores interior space, quiet reflection, and emotional distance through a carefully balanced composition. Painted in oil on canvas, the work shows a woman seen from behind, standing between the calm of an interior room and the silent world outside the window. This position—both physical and symbolic—forms the heart of the painting, suggesting a moment of pause between inner thought and external reality.

The composition is clear and controlled. Vertical window frames divide the scene into measured sections, gently contrasting with the soft curve of the woman's posture and the flowing folds of her red floral robe. The strong red tone anchors the foreground and draws the viewer's attention, standing out against the muted greens and earthy colours of the courtyard beyond. Here, colour functions structurally: red conveys presence and immediacy, while the exterior space feels distant and contemplative.

The viewpoint places the viewer just behind the figure, close yet detached. Her raised hand, held mid-gesture, introduces a quiet sense of movement and uncertainty. Outside, a drifting paper bird suggests freedom and fragility, while the circular stone well below echoes the enclosed interior space, strengthening the painting's visual harmony.

Formerly represented exclusively by **Schoeni Art Gallery**, Hong Kong, Chen Li demonstrates a precise yet poetic realism. *Woman by the Window* confirms his ability to use composition as a powerful tool to express silence, memory, and inner life.



911

**CHEN LI**

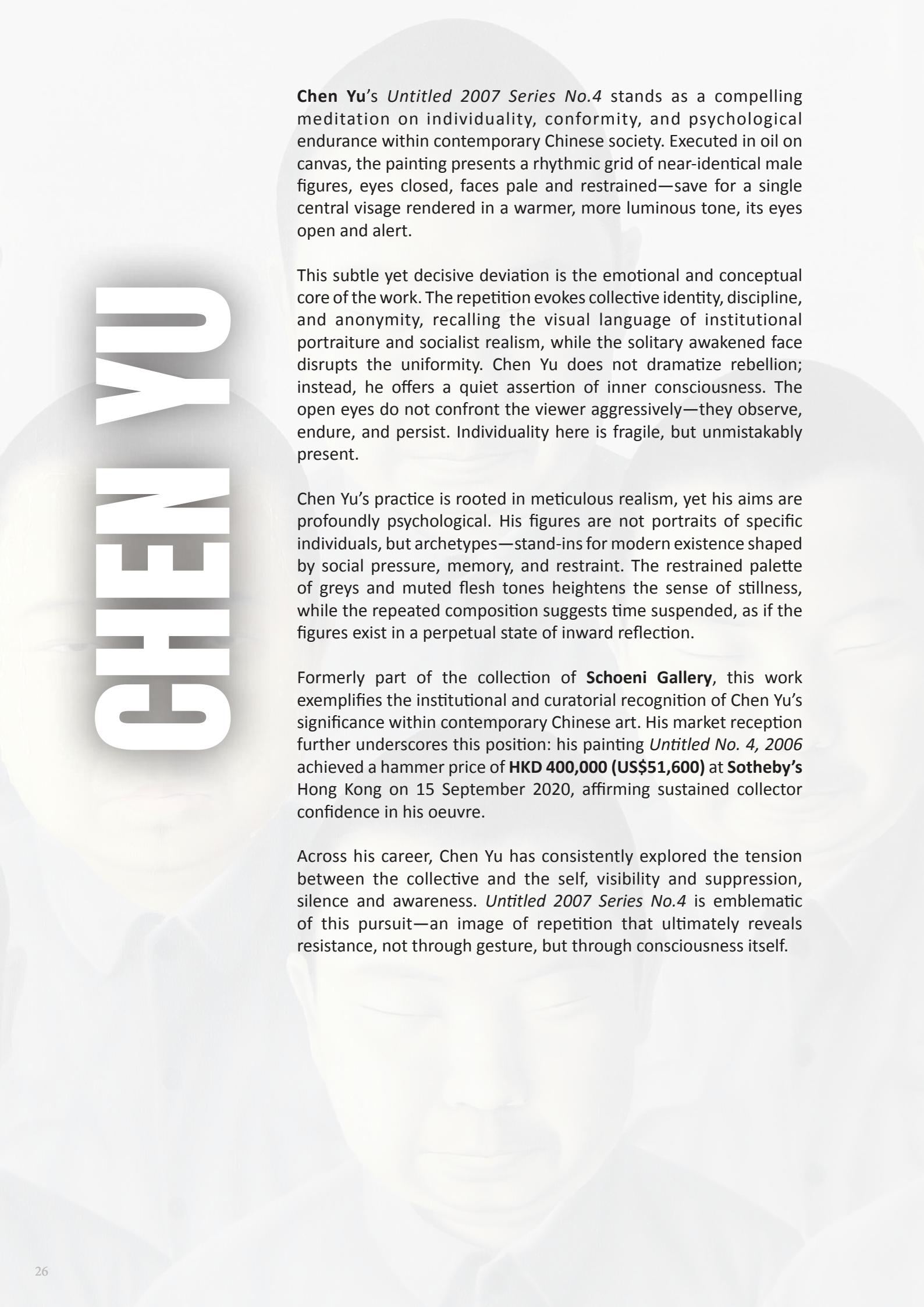
(b. 1963, Chinese)

### Woman by The Window

painted in 2007; oil on canvas; 100 x 90 cm  
signed and dated on lower left

**S\$ 3,000 - 5,000**  
**US\$ 2,375 - 3,960**

Pick up point: Singapore



**Chen Yu's Untitled 2007 Series No.4** stands as a compelling meditation on individuality, conformity, and psychological endurance within contemporary Chinese society. Executed in oil on canvas, the painting presents a rhythmic grid of near-identical male figures, eyes closed, faces pale and restrained—save for a single central visage rendered in a warmer, more luminous tone, its eyes open and alert.

This subtle yet decisive deviation is the emotional and conceptual core of the work. The repetition evokes collective identity, discipline, and anonymity, recalling the visual language of institutional portraiture and socialist realism, while the solitary awakened face disrupts the uniformity. Chen Yu does not dramatize rebellion; instead, he offers a quiet assertion of inner consciousness. The open eyes do not confront the viewer aggressively—they observe, endure, and persist. Individuality here is fragile, but unmistakably present.

Chen Yu's practice is rooted in meticulous realism, yet his aims are profoundly psychological. His figures are not portraits of specific individuals, but archetypes—stand-ins for modern existence shaped by social pressure, memory, and restraint. The restrained palette of greys and muted flesh tones heightens the sense of stillness, while the repeated composition suggests time suspended, as if the figures exist in a perpetual state of inward reflection.

Formerly part of the collection of **Schoeni Gallery**, this work exemplifies the institutional and curatorial recognition of Chen Yu's significance within contemporary Chinese art. His market reception further underscores this position: his painting *Untitled No. 4, 2006* achieved a hammer price of **HKD 400,000 (US\$51,600)** at **Sotheby's** Hong Kong on 15 September 2020, affirming sustained collector confidence in his oeuvre.

Across his career, Chen Yu has consistently explored the tension between the collective and the self, visibility and suppression, silence and awareness. *Untitled 2007 Series No.4* is emblematic of this pursuit—an image of repetition that ultimately reveals resistance, not through gesture, but through consciousness itself.



912

**CHEN YU**  
(b. 1969, Chinese)

**Untitled 2007 Series no. 4**

painted in 2007; oil on canvas; 140 x 110 cm  
signed in Chinese characters and dated at upper right  
inscribed Chinese characters, signed and dated on the reverse

**S\$ 5,000 - 7,000  
US\$ 3,960 - 5,545**

Provenance: Acquired from Schoeni Gallery, Hong Kong, by the present owner

Pick up point: Singapore



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**NEE CHEONG, TENG**  
(1951 - 2013, Singaporean)

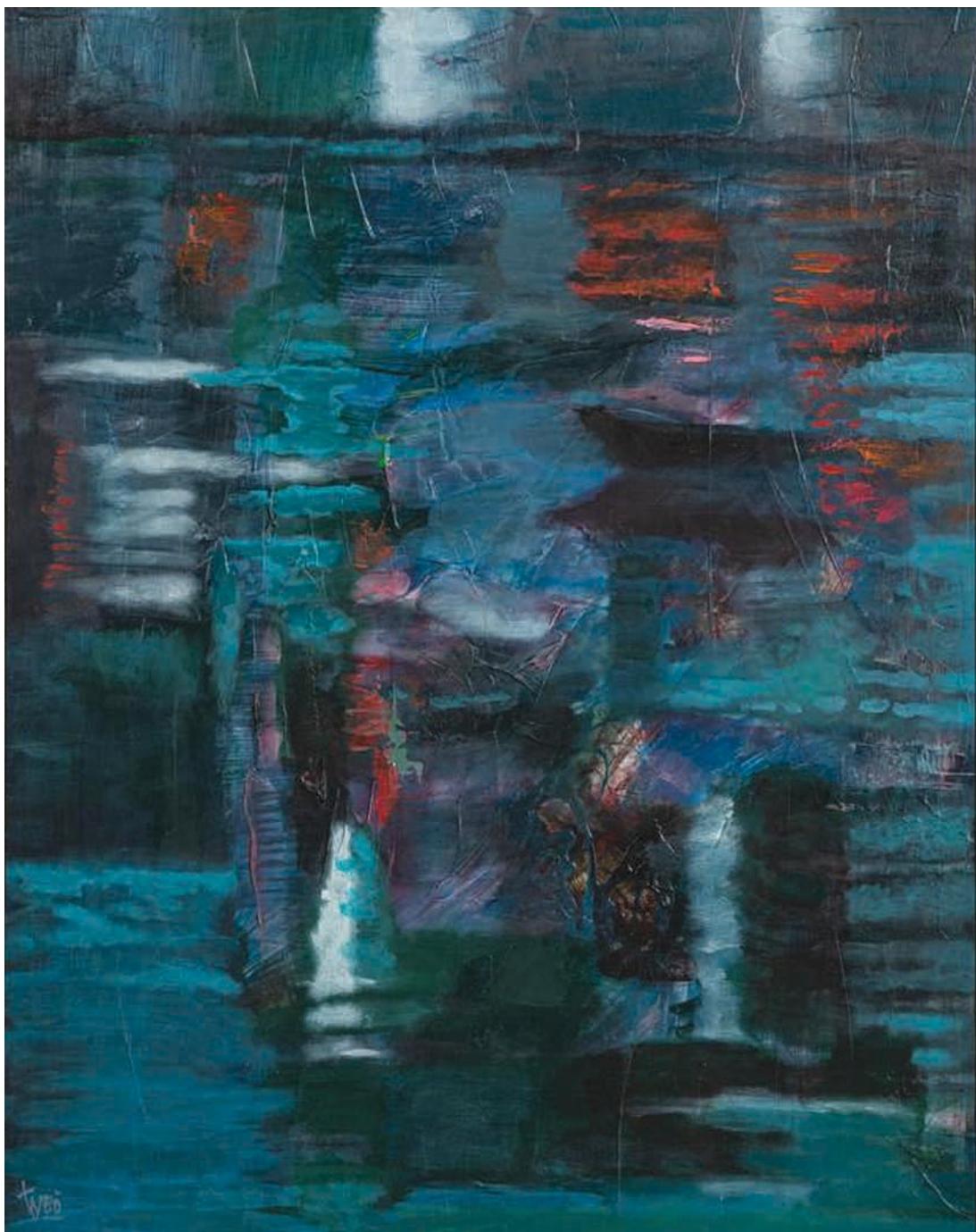
### Warrior's Bouquet

executed in 1991; mixed media on paper; 79.5 x 58.5 cm  
signed and dated on upper right

**S\$ 6,500 - 9,500**  
**US\$ 5,150 - 7,530**

Provenance:  
Modern and Contemporary Southeast Asian Art, Sotheby's Hong Kong, 4 April 2016, lot 338

Pick up point: Singapore



914

**THOMAS YEO**  
(b. 1936, Singaporean)

### **Singapore River Reflection**

painted in 2003; acrylic on canvas; 76 x 61 cm  
signed on lower left

**S\$ 4,000 - 6,000  
US\$ 3,170 - 4,755**

Exhibited:

Composition Pte Ltd, Singapore, "SG55 – Championing Singapore Art – Virtual Reality Trilogy Exhibition (June 2020) | Artists Inspire A Nation – Art Heroes of the 20th Century | Episode 1, Humble Beginnings"

Provenance: Private Collection, Singapore

Pick up point: Singapore



915

**WU GUANZHONG**  
(1919 – 2010, Chinese)

**Long, Still Day**

executed in 2000; collotype print on rice paper no. 35/100  
70 x 140 cm; stamped on upper right  
signed in Chinese characters dated and numbered on lower left: "35/100"

**S\$ 6,500 - 9,500  
US\$ 5,150 - 7,530**

Pick up point: Singapore



Photo courtesy: Beijing Ever Bright Culture & Art Development Ltd.



### **Artist's statement on the painting titled "Long, Still Day"**

It is difficult to find a very quiet place even in the deep mountains. As the saying goes the tree may prefer calm but the wind will not subside, which means there is no easy life and the struggles staking place among people. Tao Yuanming could not hear the noises from the streets even he lived in the busiest downtown area, which was really not easy.

I visited a bird's paradise in Xinhui County, Guangdong Province. But as soon as I entered it, the birds flew away immediately and the paradise disappeared. After I returned from the forests, I made a huge painting about the forests with birds in it, entitled "The Birds' Paradise". In the painting, I pursued the sense of misty from the diversity.

One day, I was excited by the natural patterns on a large marble which look like trees and birds and I made this painting. But what I want to tell people in this painting is that there is peace forever without any wind.

# Cheong Soo Pieng

## “GOING TO THE MARKET II”



Balinese women with offering bowls on their head.

Source: Tropenmuseum

This spectacular oil painting by Cheong Soo Pieng completes the trio of works by our master Singaporean artists. *Going to the Market II* ticks all the boxes for Soo Pieng's mature and most characteristic style: the slender, elongated *wayang kulit*-derived forms that appear around 1970; the golden hues pierced by planes of local colour; and the everyday life of ordinary people going about their business. These people are at one with nature; they signify the Holy Grail of Soo Pieng's musings on ideal human existence, where beauty meets basic needs. A genre painting it may be but the execution is refined in the extreme.

Set in Bali, where Soo Pieng spent so much time after his pioneering 1952 trip with Nanyang Pioneer artists Liu Kang, Chen Chong Swee and Chen Wen Hsi, it shows six young women clustered together carrying their wares in baskets on their heads and in their arms. Like a group of late Gothic Florentine angels, with gazes averted, they move as a single body. Heading towards the market beyond the picture border in the landscape that provides such bounty, their form as a rectangular block retains something of Soo Pieng's late 1960s formalist, contained geomorphic abstractions, as seen in his 1967 work *Imagination*, sold in these rooms for a premium-inclusive SGD122,000 (US\$91,753) on 1 April 2023.

The background is a characteristically Nanyang fusion of Chinese ink painting and European modernism with Southeast Asian subject matter: take Southern Song landscapes by the likes of Mi Youren (1072-1151) for the gentle, suffused brushwork and add Impressionist explorations of the effect of light on vision, and you have the spare yet atmospheric evocation of Balinese agriculture and village life. The landscape increases the formalist enquiry of the figuration, extending the containment of place and person within the central rectangular enclosure. It also typifies the way in which Soo Pieng often bolts figures together with landscape and can be seen as a device in other works of this style and date, such as *Mother's Love*, 1976, sold in these rooms on 27 May 2023 for premium-inclusive SGD 616,100 (US\$455,324).

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**CHEONG SOO PIENG** (1917-1983, Singaporean)

### Going to the Market II

painted in 1974; oil on canvas; 99 x 81.5 cm  
signed in Chinese characters on lower left  
signed and dated on the reverse

**SS 280,000 - 380,000**  
**US\$ 221,900 - 301,150**

Provenance:  
Estate of Cheong Soo Pieng

#### Literature:

- Reminiscence of Singapore's Pioneer Art Masters (1984). Colour plate, unpaginated. Singapore: The Singapore Mint
- Soo Pieng (1983), Plate 22. Singapore: Summer Times Publishing

Pick up point: Singapore



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### **Video images**

At this auction there will be a video screen. Mistakes may occur in its operation, and we cannot be liable to the buyer regarding either the correspondence of the image to the lot being sold or the quality of the image as a reproduction of the original.

### **The auctioneer's discretion**

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### **Successful bid**

Subject to the auctioneer's discretion, the striking of his hammer marks the acceptance of the highest bid and the conclusion of a contract for sale between the seller and the buyer.

## **AFTER THE SALE**

### **Buyer's Premium**

In addition to the hammer price, the buyer must pay us the buyer's premium at a rate of 22% of the hammer price of the lot and transport/shipping charges.

### **Payment**

Following the sale, the buyer must provide us with his or her name and permanent address and, if so requested, details of the bank from which payment will be made and then pay the full amount due (comprising the hammer price and the buyer's premium) within seven days after the date of the sale.

The buyer will not acquire title to the lot until all amounts due to us have been paid to us, even in circumstances where we have released the lot to the buyer.

### **Collection of Purchases**

Unless we specifically agree to the contrary, we shall retain items sold until all amounts due to us, or to Larasati or to any of its other subsidiaries, have been paid in full. Items retained will be covered by our insurance from the date of the sale for a period of seven days or, if by then the goods have been collected, to the time of collection. After seven days or from the time of collection, whichever is the earlier, the lot will be entirely at the buyer's risk.

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- to charge interest at a rate per annum not exceeding UOB Singapore base rate plus 4 per cent on the full amount due to the extent it remains unpaid for more than seven days after the date of the sale;
- to exercise a lien on any of the buyer's property which may be in our possession for any purpose and, following 14 days' notice to the buyer of the amount outstanding and remaining unpaid, arrange the sale of such property and apply the proceeds in discharge of the amount outstanding to us;
- where several amounts are owed by the buyer to us, or to Larasati, or to any of its other subsidiaries, in respect of different transactions, to apply any amount paid to discharge any amount owed in respect of any particular transaction whether or not the buyer so directs;
- to reject at any future auction any bids made by the buyer or on his behalf or obtain a deposit from the buyer before accepting any bids;

If the buyer fails to make payment within 45 working days, we shall in addition be entitled to exercise any one or more of the following remedies:

- to issue proceedings on behalf of the seller against the buyer to recover the full amount due, together with the costs of such proceedings on a full indemnity basis and with interest, charged at 4% per annum above UOB Singapore base rate;
- to cancel the sale of the lot or any other item sold to the buyer at the same auction;
- to arrange a resale of the lot publicly or privately, and, if this results in a lower price being obtained, claim the balance from the buyer together with any costs incurred in connection with the buyer's failure to make payment.

### **Failure to collect**

Where purchases are not collected within seven days after the sale, whether or not payment has been made, we shall arrange storage at the buyer's expense, and only release the items purchased after payment has been made in full of storage, removal, insurance and any other costs incurred, together with payment of all other amounts due to us.

### **Forgeries**

If within 6 (six) months of the date of the auction the Buyer satisfies us that the Lot is a Forgery, with the condition that claim must be accompanied with satisfactory evidence in the form of a written opinion of at least 3 (three) independent experts with knowledge on the related property, confirming that the lot is a forgery, then:

- If the Buyer at that time has not yet paid the full amount due, we shall have the right to cancel the sale and/or.
- If the Buyer has paid the full amount and if we have at the time not paid the seller the whole or part of the full amount due to the seller, then we will refund to the Buyer the purchase price of the lot and/or.
- If the Buyer had paid the full amount and if we at that time had also paid the Seller the whole or part of the full amount due, then the Seller must refund to us, on demand, the total amount paid. We shall then refund the total amount received from the Seller to the Buyer plus any balance due to the Buyer to pay back the full purchase price of the lot. The Buyer does not reserve the right to claim any interests on the purchase price paid by the Buyer. In the latter case we shall exercise a lien over any property of the Seller under our control as security for the amount due.

We reserve the right to seek for further expert opinion. There will be no refund if there is a conflict of opinion among the related experts. Larasati is not responsible for any faults or defects in any lot, including the genuineness of the work.

# GUIDE FOR ABSENTEE BIDDERS

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## Successful Bids

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