

ZEN TEH

Curriculum Vitae

Zen Teh is an artist and educator interested in the interdisciplinary studies of nature and human behavior. Her art practice spans across photography, sculpture and installation art. Teh initiated numerous collaborative projects with artists, art professionals and scientists over the years: A Familiar Forest is a long term ongoing collaboration with environmental biologist, Dr Ching Jianhong from DUKE-NUS that has been exhibited at the ArtScience Museum (2015) and Lee Wee Nam Library, NTU (2021-2022). Her residency at Selasar Sunaryo Art Space (2019) involved collaboration and research with geologist Rinaldi Ikhram from Padjadjaran University on the impact of rapid urban development on Bandung, Indonesia.

Teh has been consistently showcased in numerous group and solo exhibitions in Singapore and the region, including National Museum of Singapore, Singapore Art Museum (SAM) and ArtScience Museum, Thailand, Indonesia, Korea, Taiwan and China and invited as a guest speaker at regional and international environmental conferences such as UNESCO-UNITWIN 2021, ASEAN Powershift 2015 and Hanoi Innovation Week 2016 on Sustainability. Her works have been acquired by the SAM collection and numerous private collections in Malaysia, Indonesia, China and Singapore.

In 2021, Teh was conferred the Young Artist Award by The National Arts Council, Singapore's highest accolade for artists under the age of 35. Teh is also one of the representing Singaporean artists for Thailand Biennale Chiang Rai 2023.

Solo Exhibitions

- 2023 Land and Water
Warin Lab Contemporary, Bangkok, Thailand
- November 2022 Governing Darkness: Making Sense of Light,
Urbanity and the Waters
Sa Sa Art Projects, Phnom Penh, Cambodia
- March 2022 Infectious Collaborations: An Entangled Inquiry
into Forests and the Pandemic
Jurong Lake Gardens, Singapore
- January 2021 A Familiar Forest
Hygge, Lee Wee Nam Library, NTU Art &
Heritage Museum, Singapore
- 2019 Mountain Pass : Negotiating Ambivalence
Mizuma Gallery, Singapore
- Mirror of Water
Jendela, Esplanade, Singapore
- Mountain Pass : Negotiating Ambivalence
Selasar Sunaryo Art Space
Bandung, Indonesia
- 2018 Garden State Palimpsest
Artist+Run Gallery
Bangkok, Thailand
- 2017 Vestiges : Tracing Urban-nature
La Galerie, Alliance Française de Singapour
Singapore
- 2015 Sensing States : Healing Spaces
The Substation Art Science Open Call Exhibition
Art Science Museum, Singapore

- 2014 Calls for a New Natural Order
2902 Gallery, Singapore

Commissions

- 2023-current The Imperative Landscape 2023
Thailand Biennale Chiang Rai 2023
- 2022-current Rattan Eco Sprawl: Manifesting the Forest
The Everyday Museum by Singapore Art Museum,
Singapore
- 2020 - 2022 Reclaimed Sculpture: Land, Sea, Air
Commissioned by Mercedes-Benz, Singapore
- 2018 A Familiar Forest
Commissioned by NTU Art & Heritage Museum,
Singapore, to be presented at Hygge, Lee Wee
Nam Library
- 2018 Mirror of Water
Commissioned by Esplanade Singapore, presented
at Jendela Gallery, Esplanade, Singapore
- 2015 Small Landscape
Commissioned by OH Open House Singapore,
presented at Good OH! Emerald Hill, Singapore
- Sensing States : Healing Spaces
Commissioned by The Substation and Art Science
Museum, Singapore
- Dual/Duel
Commissioned by Community Health Assessment
Team, Institute of Mental Health, Singapore

Group Exhibitions

2022	The Lie of the Land Fost Gallery, Singapore	2018	Folkloristic Mizuma Gallery, Singapore
	Peripheral Spaces NIE Art Gallery Commissioned by Singapore Art Week 2022 National Arts Council, Singapore	2017	Empirical Atlas Pearl Lam Galleries, Singapore
	The Waste Refinery Kinetic Singapore National Design Centre, Singapore		Super/Natural Gajah Gallery, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
2021	As we were SEED The Art Space ArtSpace@HeluTrans, Singapore		Good OH! Holland Village OH! Open House, Singapore
	PLAY! Tomorrow's Tropical Cities Design Singapore Associates, National Design Centre, Singapore	2016	Non-conformism 7th France-Singapore Photography Awards Alliance Francaise, Singapore
2020	Streets of Hope National Arts Council, Singapore	2016	In Silence Pearl Lam Galleries, Gillman Barracks, Singapore
	OUR HEARTLANDS Plural Art Magazine, Online		Dengzi Art Outreach Gallery, Gillman Barracks, Singapore
	The Seeds We Sow Mizuma Gallery, Singapore	2015	Art Stage Singapore, Marina Bay Sands, Singapore
	WHY NOT Helu-trans Art Space, Singapore		The Age of Becoming NOISE Alumni Exhibition, Nila Galeri, Foothills Fortcanning, Singapore
2019	From the Archives Mizuma Gallery, Singapore		Unseen / Unknown DECK, Singapore
2018	OH! Emerald Hill, OH! Open House, Singapore		6th Dali International Photography Festival Dali, China
			The Days We Wander/Wonder Jurong Regional Library, National Library Board, Singapore

	Young Art Taipei, Sheraton Grande Hotel, Taiwan		8Q, Singapore Art Museum
	Artist Resource Platform, The Lab Center of Contemporary Art, Singapore	2011	Earth Messages, Perspectives from Environmental Artists Museum of Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
	The Days We Wander/Wonder DECK, 2902 Gallery, Singapore		Adobe Awards Exhibition CPC Center, Taipei, Taiwan
	Artist Resource Platform Center of Contemporary Art, Singapore		One Collectives, Infinite Possibilities 2902 Gallery, Singapore
2014	MIA&D - Milan Image & Design Art Fair Marina Bay Sands, Singapore		The Arts of Tourism and Living Chiang Khan City, Thailand (A collaboration with University of King Mongkut's University of Technology and University of Western Sydney)
2014	The Art Incubator 5 Exhibition, Institute of Contemporary Art Singapore, LASALLE, Singapore	2007	
2013	2nd ArtBridge Chiang Rai Art Exhibition ArtBridge Gallery, Chiang Rai, Thailand	2005	Art Elective Programme (AEP) Exhibition 2007 Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts, Singapore
	'Bright Lights' Exhibition Galerie Steph and BOTOS, Scotts Square Mall, Singapore		24th UOB Painting of The Year Competition Esplanade, Singapore
	Spot Art International Juried Art Festival MICA Buidling, Singapore		
	Exhibition MFU-ASEAN Youth Ambassador Lucksawan Resort, Chiang Rai, Thailand		
	ASEAN Youth Camp 2013 Exhibition Singapore Delegate of Photography National Museum of Singapore		
2012	The Apprenticeship Programme Exhibition		

Artist Residencies

Current	International Studio Programme, Künstlerhaus Bethanien, Berlin, Germany
2022	Pisaot Artist Residency Programme, Sa Sa Art Project, Phnom Penh, Cambodia
2018/2019	Artist in Residence, Selasar Sunaryo Art Space Bandung, Indonesia
2013	Artist in Residence, The Art Incubator Angkrit Gallery, Chiang Rai, Thailand

Awards

- 2021 Young Artist Award
National Arts Council, Singapore
- Julius Baer Next Generation Art Prize
Finalist (Still Photography)
- 2018/2019 2019 IMPART Awards
Finalist, Singapore
- 2017 6th France-Singapore Photographic Arts Awards
Winner, Singapore
- 2014 HARIBAN AWARDS 2014
Finalist, Japan
- 2011 Adobe Awards 2011
Honourable Mention
- Crowbar Awards 2011
Silver Award
- 2005 24th UOB Painting of The Year
Competition
Highly Commended Award

Institution Collection

- In Between Spaces
Singapore Art Museum
- Garden State Palimpsest
Singapore Art Museum

Environmental Conferences / Artist Talks

- 2021 4th UNESCO-UNITWIN 2021
Arts Education in and through a Time of Crisis
UNESCO and Korean Cultural Centre
- Inter-Asia Cultural Studies Society (IACSS)
Conference 2021
National University of Singapore
- Wet Asia's Workshop, YALE-NUS, Singapore
- In Conversation:
Exploring Permanent Collections
Singapore Art Museum, Singapore
- 2018 Second Nature : the Natural and the Garden
The Photographic Society of Singapore,
- Imaging Urban Nature
The ARISAN Project & PLATFORM 3, Indonesia
- 2017 Understanding and Critiquing Sustainability
Residential College, National University of
Singapore, Singapore
- Art and Law Question Time
Salon du Sens, Singapore, Singapore Biennale
- 2016 Global Contemporary Art
School of Art, Design and Media, Nanyang
Technological University
- Innovation Week 2016, Hanoi Innovation Hub,
Hanoi Creative City
- 2015 ASEAN Power Shift 2015, The 350 Network