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Profile/ Education

Ping Lian Yeak is an autistic savant artist, with severe limitations in social, behavioral and communication skills. Born in Malaysia and living in Sydney since 2006, where he went to Aspect Vern Barnett School. In 2010 he attended Cromehurst School for Special Needs. He became an Australian citizen in 2013. Through 2022, he continued his education at Studio Artes with Principal Artist Greg Warburton. Currently Ping Lian is engaged in pottery at Dulkara Center For Life Skills and Art. He is currently represented at Argyle Gallery, The Rocks, Sydney,

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2023 "A Night At The Gallery", organized by Aspect - Art Gallery of NSW
- 2021 "19th Annual Milestones National Autism Conference Virtual Exhibition
- 2018 World Autism Awareness (Strokes of Genius Exhibition – Chashama Gallery, NYC) -*Donna Williams Tribute*
- 2018 Utah State University – permanent gallery collection
- 2017 "The Saturated Palette" Agora Gallery; New York
- 2017 Agnesian HealthCare at 10th Annual Marian University, Treffert Lecture series exhibition, Presentation, live painting, lecture, Wisconsin, USA. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QVoKhBF98Sw>
- 2016 "Out From Down Under & Beyond: Fine Art From Australia & New Zealand" Agora Gallery ; New York <https://www.artisspectrum.com/artist-profiles-vol36/ping-lian-yeak-2/>
- 2014 "Making The World Beautiful" – AUTISTAR International Art Exhibition – Ewha Womans University, Korea
- 2013 "Everyday Action Art Exhibition" DBS Auditorium, Marina Bay Financial Centre, Singapore
- 2009 "Heroes for Autism" Avalon Hollywood, California, USA
- 2008 "Don't 'dis' the Ability"; United Nation Headquarters, New York in recognition of the inaugural World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD) April 2, 2008.
- 2007 "Windows of Genius - Artworks of the Prodigious Savant" Windhover Center for the Arts, Wisconsin, USA,
- 2006 "Don't 'dis' the ability" New York 2006 Art Exhibition Tour, Henry Gregg Gallery Brooklyn, NY and The Great Hall Gallery@ Cooper Union, New York
- 2004 "RDA Charity Ball"- artwork "Ubudiah Mosque I" raised RM100,000.00 at Grand Auction, 100% of proceeds were donated to RDA (Riding for the Disabled Association Malaysia)

Selected Solo Exhibitions

- Current Weekend exhibitions at The Rocks Market stall, Sydney
- 2014 "Architectural Impressions" Port Authority New York City
- 2010 " Savant Art @ MaTic" The Malaysia Tourism Centre (MaTic) Kuala Lumpur
- 2009 Official opening of 'Ping Lian @ The Art Commune' (Featuring a permanent showcase of his works in Malaysia, established by The Art Commune and supported by JPMorgan Chase Foundation in collaboration with ABWM. In 2014 - 2020 gallery relocated to "Ping Lian Gallery @ The Settlement Hotel", Melaka.

Awards/ Grants

- 2009 "Christ Church Malacca IV" – 1st Prize "ArtFirst" Princeton University Medical Center, New Jersey, USA
- 2009 "KEK Lok Si, Penang" – the ParaArt Award – "Certificate of Excellence" – Asia ParaArt Tokyo Exhibition
- 2008 JP Morgan Chase Foundation, New York, NY, grant to the Association of British Women in Malaysia (ABWM). "The Grant shall be exclusively used to support the Ping Lian gallery, for the purpose of raising awareness and hope around autism by exhibiting the art of the autistic savant artist Ping Lian Yeak".
- 2008 National Disability Awards, Australia – Young community Contribution Award Finalist
- 2006 & 2007 Malaysia Airlines full sponsorship on air tickets to USA for exhibition
- 2006 Crown Relocation full sponsorship to transport family belongings and Ping Lian Yeak's artworks to Sydney
- 2005 DHL Malaysia Sponsorship (transport two large crates of framed artworks from Kuala Lumpur to New York, USA for 2006 exhibition)

Selected Collections

- Utah State University (2018) acquired 6 originals, inclusive of two Sydney Opera House
- Tan Sri Dato' Azman Hashim, Chairman of AmBank (2008) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Azman_Hashim
- HSBC Bank Malaysia (2005)
- Shell Malaysia (2008)

Commission

- Dr. Michael Belonogoff, Australia (2019 private commission and collector 2011)

Selected Publications

- The Covid Canvas: Artist Profiles and Interviews of the Pandemic Era by Rosa C. Martinez (USA 2021) ISBN 978-1-66780-597-9
<https://www.amazon.com/Covid-Canvas-Profiles-Interviews-Pandemic/dp/1667805975>
- "The Savant Syndrome" by Osvaldo Cairó Battistutti (Mexico, 2021) ISBN 9878683168
<https://www.amazon.com/Syndrome-Intellectual-Impairment-Astonishing-Condition-ebook/dp/B08XR2DH3K/>
- "I Want To Be Artist: An Autistic Savant's Voice and A Mother's Dream Transformed onto Canvas" (2017) by Sarah SH Lee, ISBN 9780648035411
<https://www.amazon.com/Want-Be-ARTIST-Autistic-Transformed/dp/0648035417>
- "Savant artist to visit Fond du Lac" FDL Reporter, USA 2017
<https://www.fdlreporter.com/story/news/2017/03/13/savant-artist-visit-fond-du-lac/99059838/>
- ARTisSpectrum, Contemporary fine art Magazine Vol 37, New York, NY, 2017
<https://www.artisspectrum.com/artist-profiles-vol37/ping-lian-yeak/>
- "Ping Lian Yeak, Artist: A fresh perspective on an experienced artist", USA. Psychology Today 2016
<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/the-prodigys-cousin/201607/ping-lian-yeak-artist>
- Clark, T. (2016). Exploring Giftedness and Autism: A study of a differentiated educational program for autistic savants. Routledge. ISBN: 978-1138839540
<https://www.amazon.com/Exploring-Giftedness-Autism-Trevor-Clark/dp/113883954X>
- Ruthsatz, J. & Stephens, K. (2016). *The Prodigy's Cousin: The Family Link Between Autism and Extraordinary Talent*
<https://www.amazon.com/Prodigys-Cousin-Family-Between-Extraordinary-ebook/dp/B00SI0B6HK>
- "Ping Lian Yeak- The autistic savant who is a prodigious artist"; The Sydney Morning Herald (GOOD WEEKEND) 2014
<https://www.smh.com.au/entertainment/art-and-design/ping-lian-yeak-the-autistic-savant-who-is-a-prodigious-artist-20140407-367k6.html>
- 'Knowledge- e6' by EBS (2011) published in Korea, Ping Lian Yeak included amongst the Real Rain Man (Kim Peek), Albert Einstein, Abraham Lincoln, Warren Edward Buffett, Charles Darwin, etc.
- 'Real Reading 3: Creating an Authentic Reading Experience (2011)– English textbook published by PEARSON Longman (one chapter about Ping Lian, in UNIT 12, which also includes Mozart, Shirley Temple, etc).
<https://www.amazon.com/Real-Reading-Creating-Authentic-Experience/dp/0137144431>
- Going Places, the inflight magazine for Malaysia Airlines: August 2009 issue Jan 2011 issue –Sept 2011 issue
- Time Out Sydney, Sept. 2011 Issue – "Colourful Sydney Identity" - #85 Ping Lian Yeak
http://www.pinglian.com/images/magazine/Time_Out_Australia_2011_L.jpg
- Islands of Genius: The Bountiful Mind of the Autistic, Acquired, and Sudden Savant, (2010) by Darold Treffert ISBN 13:9780857003188
<https://www.amazon.com/Islands-Genius-Bountiful-Autistic-Acquired/dp/1849058733>
- "Ping Lian, 12 is autistic and a hit in NY" The Star Newspaper Jan.6, 2006 by Johan Fernandez

Selected Television/Documentaries

- *FIERCE LOVE and ART*, Documentary, USA 2021 <https://fierceloveparents.com/>
Trailer narrated by Temple Grandin <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ME5Go6atghg>
- "Very Inspiring People" Mandarin Documentary - RTM (Radio Television Malaysia), 2017.
- 'Asia's Wonder Kids' for Channel News Asia (CNA International and CNA Singapore) (2009)
- "Uncovering the Secrets of Childhood" Documentary - EBS Korea
- Painting The Mind - Focus Productions UK, ABC TV Australia (2006)
- Korea Broadcasting System's 60-minutes "Savant Syndrome" documentary along with Kim Peek (real Rain Man) and Kodi Lee (2005) and The star Newspaper Sept. 2005
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WZWB6ZbrgY> (Yeak coverage starts at 43.55)

Selected Organizations/Charity Affiliations

Malaysia: Riding for the Disabled Association; The Emmanuel Care Center; The Calvary Church Convention Center; PR4A (Parent Resource for Autism); United Voice

USA: Autism Speaks, NYC; Heroes for Autism 2009 Art Exhibition in Los Angeles, CA; Strokes of Genius, Inc

Australia: Autism Queensland at Brisbane City Hall for International Day of People with Disability; Aspect Vern Barnett School; Cromhurst School and Cromhurst Foundation; Giant Step

Thailand: Christian Care Foundation for Children with Disabilities, Thailand (CCD), through Anglican Aid Sydney