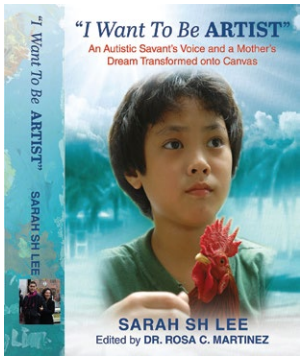
Ping Lian Yeak

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Born in Malaysia – November 1993 Residing in Sydney, Australia, since May 2006



2017 - Released book about Ping Lian's very personal journey, **"I Want To Be Artist": An Autistic Savant's Voice and a Mother's Dream Transformed Onto Canvas** – written by his mum, edited by Dr. Rosa Martinez forewords by Dr Darold Treffert and art critic John McDonald. **Printed book,** available on Amazon, (ISBN 9780648035411). **E-book** available on Booktopia, Barnes and Noble, Kobo (ISBN 9780648035428)



Dec 2018 – **Utah State University USA acquired 6 pieces of Ping Lian's original** water color artworks (Two of the paintings are of the Sydney Opera House).

Initially, Ping Lian was hyperactive, living in his own world, not showing affection, unaware of danger, and unable to hold a pencil to write or use scissors to cut. To strengthen and develop his fine motor skills, his home program focused on tracing and coloring activities. These activities also kept him occupied, as he was unable to engage in any leisure or social activities. Ping Lian also had very poor imitation skills. Guiding him to trace and draw was one of the ways we developed his imitation skills. Ultimately, tracing became a catalyst for discovering his exceptional artistic talent.

At the age of 8 (mid-2002), Ping Lian outgrew tracing and suddenly acquired an obsession with drawing... and he has continued drawing ever since.

Despite his severe social, intellectual, behavioral and communication limitations, Ping Lian continues to create magnificent works of art. He also continues to donate his works to organizations and charities.

He is now an internationally recognised artist. His artworks have been exhibited in the USA, UK, Australia, Germany, Japan, Korea, Singapore and Malaysia.

He has also been featured in 16 international books published across seven countries — Australia, USA, Korea, Mexico, China, Taiwan and the Netherlands.

- ***March 2003*** *– Ping Lian's mother wrote in her diary "I want to develop Ping Lian to be an Artist.. I got him to say "I Want to be an Artist" every day..I know he will be an Artist one day.." (she take it as God's vision)!*
- ***Feb 2004*** *– Ping Lian's father passed away suddenly from a heart attack. His mother decided to take him to the art market for "job training," hoping to help him integrate into society and be able to travel with her. She believed this training needed to start at a young age.*

"Ping Lian's artwork stands on its own, demonstrating a remarkable artistic ability. His artworks take on an added significance when one sees such ABILITY CO-EXIST with DIS – ABILITY… They are national treasures wherever they are located... He is a prodigious savant, a high threshold group where their "island of genius" is at an extraordinary level... His story serves as a beacon of hope…" - 2008 & 2020
~ Darold A. Treffert, MD (1933 - 2020), renowned savant syndrome researcher, author of *Extraordinary People* and *Islands of Genius*, and consultant to the film *Rain Man*.

"…Although speech may not come easily to Ping Lian his works testify to a lively imagination and a vibrant inner life. In many pieces he is not simply recording, but inventing. This ability to transform the everyday into the marvelous is a sign of the true artist. Technical ability can be learned, but imagination comes from deep within…" 2015
~ John McDonald (Art critic for the Sydney Morning Herald & film critic for the Australian Financial Review)

"...Through his art, Ping Lian has touched the lives of many people around the world. His work inspire hope….Ping Lian's widely exhibited works convey a powerful message …" ~ JP Morgan Chase (2009)

To view Ping Lian's artwork painted from age 10 to current –
In Sydney – Argyle Gallery, Playfair St, The Rocks
Tel: +61 2 92474427 (Monday to Sunday) or
The Rocks Market – most Saturdays and Sundays

New York contact: Dr Rosa C. Martinez
(President and Founder of Strokes of Genius, Inc)
RCMPHD1@gmail.com www.strokesofgenius.org

TV coverage, exhibitions and books:

- At age 11 (2005) – Artwork, "Ubudiah Mosque I" was donated to Riding for the Disabled Association, Malaysia for charity auction. It sold for MYR100,000.00 (100% of the proceeds were donated). Featured in Korea Broadcasting System's "Savant Syndrome" documentary with Kim Peek (real Rain Man) and Kodi Lee (Winner of America's Got Talent 2019). TV8, Malaysia 'Eve's Diary' (Filmed Ping Lian's solo art exhibition at ABWM House).
- At age 12 – 'Painting the Mind' Documentary - Focus Productions, UK filmed Ping Lian at his exhibition at Henry Gregg Gallery, New York - UK Channel 4, ABC TV Australia (Four Corners) etc.
- At age 13 – "Uncovering the Secret of Childhood" Documentary - EBS Korea during the "Windows of Genius: Artworks of the Prodigious Savant" art exhibition - USA.
- April 2, 2008 - 'Don't 'dis' the ability' – artworks featured at NYC UN Headquarters for inauguration of World Autism Awareness Day in perpetuity.
- At age 15 – Opening of his personal gallery in Malaysia – 'Ping Lian @ The Art Commune', established by The Art Commune and supported by JPMorgan Chase Foundation (for 2009) in collaboration with ABWM – Filmed for documentary, 'Asia's Wonder Kids'- CNA International and CNA Singapore.
- 2010 & 2011– Featured in 4 books published in the USA – 'Islands of Genius' by Dr. Darold Treffert, 'Real Reading 3' – English textbook published by PEARSON Longman (one chapter about Ping Lian, in UNIT 12 'Born Special', which also includes Mozart, John McEnroe & Shirley Temple), 'Drawing Autism' by Jill Mullin, "Adventures in Autism" by Peter A. LaPorta and "Artism: The Art of Autism." Featured in the book 'Knowledge- e6' by EBS in Korea, amongst the Real Rain Man (Kim Peek), Albert Einstein, Abraham Lincoln, Warren Edward Buffett, Charles Robert Darwin, Antoni Gaudi, Pablo Neruda etc
  Solo art exhibition at The Malaysia Tourism Centre (MaTic). Exhibition in New York - "The Genius of Autism" at Carnegie Hall and "Strokes of Genius" at The Salmagundi Art Society. Sydney - "Savant Art" at The Rocks Pop-Up Project.
- 2014 – "Architectural Impressions", solo art exhibition of Ping Lian's Architectural Landscapes artworks at Port Authority, New York City. "Ping Lian @ The Art Commune" relocated to "Ping Lian Gallery @ The Settlement Hotel", Melaka (In 2020 the hotel was sold and the gallery closed).
- 2016 & 2017 – Exhibited at Agora Gallery; a contemporary fine art gallery in New York's Chelsea art district. Featured in the book "The Prodigy's Cousin" by Joanne Ruthsatz and Kimberly Stephens (USA) and "Exploring Giftedness and Autism" by Trevor Clark (Australia). "Very Inspiring People", Documentary - RTM (Radio Television Malaysia).
- 2021 – Featured in 2 books - "The Savant Syndrome: Intellectual Impairment, Astonishing Condition by Osvaldo Cairo Battistutti (Mexico) and The Covid Canvas: Artist Profiles and Interviews of the Pandemic Era by Dr. Rosa C. Martinez (USA). "FIERCE LOVE and ART", Documentary (USA).
- 2025 – Exhibition - "Perceptions of Sentience" United Nations New York City and DAPA Inclusive Art Exhibition at NSW Parliament House Sydney

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"Let us celebrate and focus on what autistic people can do, not what they can't do, and not label them as DISABLED." ***Rev Oct 2026***