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BIOGRAPHY

Jason Lee is an artist who works with several media which includes photography, installation, and performance. His current works deals with wide issues that revolve around the urban environment and contemporary society that inspires him. His artistic interest lies in the areas of urbanization, abandoned traditions, and sub-cultural lifestyle. He has participated in group exhibitions, curatorial projects and collaborations with varying roles as artist, organizer, photographer, web publisher and designer. He is based in Singapore and is a present member of The Artists Village. He holds a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Fine Art from the University of Huddersfield, UK.

ARTIST'S STATEMENT

"My work responds to scenes and changes that exist in my immediate urban environment. It stems from an interest in understanding the relationships between land, architectures, objects and people. I am intrigued as well by how the state of things influence our ways of living and thinking and vice versa. My process involves observing situations, gaining access to subjects and revealing insignificant or unfamiliar territories. The objective is to create artworks that convey ideas through symbolic visuals while leaving room for viewers to formulate their own opinions."

Academic Qualifications

- 2009 – 2010 **Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Fine Art: Painting & Drawing**
University of Huddersfield, UK (conducted at Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts, Singapore)
- 2003 – 2006 **Diploma in Visual Communication (Photography Design major)**
Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts, Singapore

Solo Exhibition

- Jan 2011 **Under Wraps**
Mini solo exhibition at 273B New Bridge Road, Singapore

Duo Exhibition

- Feb 2009 **Free Fall (Hit) Float**
Photography & installation exhibition (collaboration with Gisela Sim)
2902Gallery, Singapore

Selected Group Exhibitions

- May 2015 **New Directions – Singapore Contemporary Artists Exhibition**
Vietnam Fine Arts Association, Hanoi, Vietnam
- May 2015 **Easy Come Easy Go**
LATENT SPACES @ Haw Par Villa, Singapore
- Mar 2015 **(CON)TEMPORARY OSMOSIS – Audiovisual Media festival 2015**
Polymer, Taipei, Taiwan
- Mar 2015 **/*semble*/**
former Tanjong Pagar Railway Station, Singapore
- Jan 2015 **A Modest Affair: Fundraiser for the Independent Archive**
Independent Archive & Resource Centre, Singapore
- May 2014 **[en]counters 2014 – Is there love in this air?** (Documentation show)
C&G Artpartment, Hong Kong
- Apr 2014 **Seni Mini**
Mi Casa Su Casa, Singapore
- Apr 2014 **Artists For Artist – A fundraiser Exhibition**
Utterly Art, Singapore
- Nov 2013 **The Artists Village SHOW**
Institute of Contemporary Arts Singapore (ICAS), Singapore
- Aug 2013 **Mi Casa Su Casa – Opening Launch**
Mi Casa Su Casa, Singapore
- May 2013 **The Artists Village Presents**
The Substation Gallery, Singapore

- Apr 2013 **Small Singapore Show**
Kanto Artists-Run Space, Makati City, The Philippines
- Jul 2012 **Autoidentity**
Arts Space @ dbl O, Singapore
- Jul 2012 **Life.Body,Existence**
ARTrium@MICA, Singapore
- May 2012 **Handsome: IVSG**
The Substation Gallery, Singapore
- Apr 2012 **Shifting Homes**
5footway.atelier, Singapore
- Feb 2012 **Noise Singapore 2012 Showcase Exhibition** (open category)
ION Orchard, Singapore
- Oct 2011 **Image, Materiality and Space**
Goodman Arts Centre gallery, Singapore
- Oct 2011 **Small Sculpture Show 2011**
Sculpture Square, Singapore
- Mar 2011 **All Woks of Life**
Your Mother Gallery, Singapore
- Jun 2010 **Striking Distance**
NAFA Fine Arts Degree graduation show
Lim Hak Tai Gallery, Singapore
- Jan 2010 **Curiouser & Curiouser**
NAFA BA Fine Arts class Travelogue Show
Monsoon Asia Gallery, Singapore
- Nov 2009 **Reversible Destiny**
Collaborative project by NAFA BA Fine Arts class
Project Space, University of Huddersfield, UK
- Oct 2009 **Framing The City**
Photography workshop exhibition
Goethe Institut Singapore
- Sep 2009 **4th NAFA Fine Art Award**
Showcase of winning artworks by NAFA students and alumni
Lim Hak Tai Gallery, Singapore
- Sep 2008 **To Each Their Own: Our Home**
Mini photography exhibition for SEPTFEST
The Substation Random Room, Singapore
- Oct 2007 **We Don't Need No Education**
Group visual arts exhibition
La Libreria Gallery, Singapore
- Apr 2006 **Ignite**
NAFA School of Visual Arts Graduation Show 2006
NAFA Gallery 1, Singapore
- Oct 2005 **Re: saturate**
Group photography exhibition
NAFA Gallery 3, Singapore

Online Exhibitions

- Feb 2011 **2010 Ten/Twentyfour Project**
Group photography exhibition
<http://www.perceptionthree.net/1024/gallery.html>

Performance Art / Public Presentation

- Jan 2015 "Relieve, Retrieve, Relive"
The Other Stage
Gillman Barracks, Singapore
- May 2014 "Air Interception #2"
[en]counters 2014 – Is there love in this air?
Cattle Depot, Hong Kong
- Feb 2014 "Air Interception #1"
[en]counters 2014 – Is there love in this air?
Carter Road, Mumbai, India
- Jan 2014 "Same Fight, Different Jargon"
Singapore Art Week 2014
Independent Archive & Resource Centre, Singapore
- Mar 2013 "The Finest City"
MinimART 4.0
The Substation Gallery, Singapore

- Nov 2012 "Don't Forget the Story, Don't Forget the Struggle #2"
14th Asiatopia Performance Art Festival
Bangkok Art & Cultural Centre, Bangkok, Thailand
- Nov 2012 "Don't Forget the Story, Don't Forget the Struggle #1.5"
Tupada Action and Media Art 2012 (TAMA X)
Luneta Park, Manila City, The Philippines
- Nov 2012 "Don't Forget the Story, Don't Forget the Struggle #1"
Tupada Action and Media Art 2012 (TAMA X)
Luneta Park, Manila City, The Philippines
- Oct 2012 "In-between Nature and Man-Made"
Performance Art Malang Festival #3
Sendang Biru / Pulau Sempu, Malang, Indonesia
- Sep 2012 "Eagle Cat Project" (collaboration with 7 other artists)
SeptFest 2012: Remembering Kuo Pao Kun
The Substation, Singapore
- Aug 2012 "Rootless Generation"
Future Of Imagination 8 – International Performance Art Event
Goodman Arts Centre, Singapore
- Jul 2012 "Aligned Interstellar Echoes" (collaborations with Acid Reef, Lee Wen and Dennis Tan)
Action Parties #3
Arts Space @ dbi O, Singapore
- May 2012 "In Translation"
O.O.P.S.
Singapore Art Museum
- Mar 2012 "An Exchange Visit to the Past And Present #2"
Rooted In The Ephemeral Speak #02-2012
Goodman Arts Centre, Singapore
- Nov 2011 "Untitled"
Macao Fringe Festival 2011
Parade In Inner Harbour
Hong Kung Temple Square, Macao
- Nov 2011 "An Exchange Visit to the Past And Present"
Macao International Performance Art Festival 2011
CURRENTS: From Singapore, in Macao
Ox Warehouse, Macao
- Aug 2011 "Act By The Radio #2"
NOW! For the second time
School of Art, Design & Media, NTU, Singapore
- Jul 2011 "Born From the Wasted" (collaboration with Acid Reef)
Rooted In The Ephemeral Speak #04-2011: New Threads #1
The Substation, Singapore
- Jul 2011 "Act By The Radio #1"
MinimART
The Substation, Singapore

Curatorial Projects

- Mar 2015 **/*semble*/** (organised under The Artists Village)
former Tanjong Pagar Railway Station, Singapore
- Apr 2013 **Small Singapore Show** (organised under The Artists Village)
Kanto Artists-Run Space, Makati City, The Philippines
- Oct 2011 **Image, Materiality and Space** (co-curated with Kelvin Atmadibrata)
Goodman Arts Centre gallery, Singapore

Related Projects

- Mar 2015 Administrator & Researcher
Urban Heritage Walk
- Jan 2014 Co-organiser
"Performance Art At The Archive"
Singapore Art Week 2014
Independent Archive & Resource Centre
- Apr 2013 Publication designer
The Artists Village – Pulau Ubin Artists-In-Residency Programme 2011-2012
- Aug 2012 Website/publication designer and Logistic Manager
Future Of Imagination #8 – International Performance Art Event
- Apr 2012 Assistant & collaborator
Lee Wen: Lucid Dream in the Reverie of the Real
Singapore Art Museum

- Nov 2011 Website designer and Logistics Support
Future Of Imagination #7 – International performance art event, Singapore
- Mar 2011 Photographer
NOW! Performance Art Event
Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
- Jun 2010 – 2013 Photographer / website administrator / Programme Manager
Rooted In The Ephemeral Speak
Monthly performance art event, Singapore
- Apr 2010 Volunteer
Future of Imagination #6 - International performance art event
Sculpture Square, Singapore

Other Projects

- 2004 - 2008 **AWARENESS** zine
Independent fanzine publication about underground music and sub-culture
Designer and editor

Groups & Societies

- 2011 – Member, **The Artists Village**, Singapore
Vice-President: 2012 – 2013
Assistant Treasurer: 2014
Secretary: 2015

Related Work Employment / Experience

- Jul 2014 – **Manager**, The Artists Village – Pulau Ubin Artists-In-Residency Programme
Aug 2011 – **Publicist**, The Artists Village – Pulau Ubin Artists-In-Residency Programme
Jun 2014
Aug 2012 –
Jan 2014 **New Media Manager**, Independent Archive & Resource Centre
Sep 2008 –
Dec 2009 **Photographer**, 36frames
Jul 2007 **Actor**, Abstinence
First prize winning short video for Reel Revolution 2007 competition by Phisherman's
Friend Production
- Nov – Dec 2005 **Photographer's Assistant**, Heng's Photo Shop
Feb 2005 **Photographer**, World Harmony Day 2005

Workshops Attended

- Jun 2011 **Jungle Fever**
Performance art workshop, conducted by Emmanulle Waeckerle
- May 2011 **Fragile Limits**
Performance art workshop, conducted by VestAndPage
- Oct 2009 **Framing the City**
3-days photography workshop conducted by Kai-Olaf Hesse
Goethe-Institut Singapore / Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts, Singapore
- Feb – May 2003 **Oil Painting Workshop**
Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts, Singapore

Awards and Other Achievements

- Nov 2010 Digital Camera Photographer of the Year 2010 (UK)
Commended portfolio category (*Under Wraps*)
<http://www.photoradar.com/news/story/photographer-of-the-year-2010-commended-portfolios - ad-image30>
- Sep 2009 4th NAFA Fine Art Award (Singapore)
Metal Award (*The Art of Silence*)

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