

Zearo (b.1996)



About

Zearo, born in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in 1996. He completed his MA in Painting at the Royal College of Art and currently lives and works in London. In 2022, he was selected for Bloomberg New Contemporaries, showing works at Ferens Art Gallery, Hull, and South London Gallery in Peckham. In the same year, his work has been acquired by the Government Art Collection. Recent Exhibitions include 'Across & Over' HSBC HQ 2023, 'OLYMP'ARTS' online exhibition 2023, 'Tightrope' The Bomb Factory Art Foundation 2023, 'Wild is the Wind' Hew Hood Gallery 2023, 'Ruth Borchard Self Portrait Prize 2023' online exhibition 2023, 'Present Life' Plain Gallery 2023, Bloomberg New Contemporaries 2022' South London Gallery, Ferens Art Gallery & Humber Street Gallery 2022-23, 'Come One Come All' The Function Suite 2022, 'RAW- RCA WIP Show' Soho Revue 2022, 'Lingua Franker - A Shiftists Show' HOXTON 253 art project space 2021.

Artist Statement

Zearo's work takes on an autobiographical perspective to explore the relationship and entanglement between same-sex figures. Influenced by his South-East Asian background, he centers on lived experience by exploring ideas of longing, desire, memory, male gaze, masculinity, and Southeast Asian aesthetic through the medium of oil paint and most recently pastels and pigments. Through this direction, he attempts to create a space where same-sex stories are visible and approachable, a space where the tension of care and secrecy are being represented.

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Education

- 2023 MA Painting, Royal College of Art, London
2016 Graduate Diploma, Royal College of Art, London

Selected Exhibitions

- 2023 *YA! Young Art 2023*, 3812 Gallery, London, UK
Across & Over, HSBC HQ, London
OLYMP'ARTS 2023, online exhibition
Tightrope, The Boob Factory Art Foundation, London
Wild is the Wind, Hew Hood Gallery, London
Royal College of Art Degree Show, Truman Brewery, London
Ruth Borchard Self Portrait Prize 2023, online exhibition
Bloomberg New Contemporaries 2022, Ferens Art Gallery, Hull
Bloomberg New Contemporaries 2022, South London Gallery, London
Present Life, Plain Gallery, Milan
Come One Come All, The Function Suite, London
RAW- RCA WIP Show, Soho Revue, London
- 2021 *Lingua Franker - A Shiftists Show*, HOXTON 253 art project space, London

Public Collection

- 2023 X Museum, Beijing
2022 Governmnet Art Collection, United Kingdom