

SYAM TERRAJANA

Syam Terrajana (b. 1982, Gorontalo) has loved literature since high school and started writing poetry since young. He has completed his comparative study on religion at Universitas Muhammadiyah Surakarta (2005). His poetry has been featured in a number of anthologies and print media, including Horison, Batam Pos, and Suara Merdeka. During his university days, he was active in Teater Ayat Indonesia and was involved as an actor and director in a number of repertoires. He was once a salesman for gas stove regulators, a drama teacher, and eventually a journalist at the Antara News Agency and a correspondent for The Jakarta Post for Gorontalo region. He is now an editor at an online and printed media based in Jayapura, Papua. He founded an alternative media: Jurnal Kebudayaan Tanggomo and De Gorontalo.

His encounter with visual arts was accidental, at first painting and drawing was just a leisure activity in the middle of article deadlines. He has been continuing to paint since 2013 and has now relocated to Yogyakarta. In 2019 he became the finalist of UOB Painting of The Year, and has since had his solo exhibition “Pada Ruang yang Bercerita” at Ruang Dalam Art House, Yogyakarta.

EDUCATION

2005 Bachelor of Religion Comparison, Muhammadiyah University of Surakarta, Central Java, Indonesia

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2019 Finalist, UOB Painting of The Year

2017 Third Winner, Independence Day Painting Competition, Popa Eyato Museum Gorontalo

2016 First Winner, Gorontalo Folklore Painting Competition, Popa Eyato Museum, Gorontalo

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2021 Pada Ruang yang Bercerita, Ruang Dalam Art House Yogyakarta, Curator Sudjud Dartanto, Writer
Bandung Mawardi

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2021 Kecil Itu Indah, Vaksin, Miracle, Yogyakarta

2020 Art Jakarta 2020, Virtual Art Fair

Kembulan#3; Nguwongke, Galeri RJ Katamsi, Intitut Seni Indonesia (ISI) Yogyakarta

Indahnya Berbagi Dalam Berkarya, Dari Seniman Untuk Seniman, 25 UOB Painting of The Year Winners and Finalists Alumnae, Online Exhibitions, Managed by Artsphere, Jakarta

- Solidaritas Perupa Lawan Corona, (daring), Kemendikbud, Jakarta
- Mana Tonawi #papuanlivesmatter, (daring) Kelompok Udeido, Yogyakarta
- Pameran Amal Covid-19 (daring), Ruang Dalam Arthouse, Nalaroepea, Lesbumi, Yogyakarta
- MiniSeksi#2; Kotak, Ruang Dalam Art House, Yogyakarta
- 2019
- Maaledungga, Gorontalo
- Berawa Artfordable, Bali
- Vitaminsee, Bigbadart, ICE, Serpong, Tangerang
- Mairi, Kelompok Udeido, Sangkring Art Project, Yogyakarta
- Pasarela, Omah Petroek, Pakem, Yogyakarta
- Nandur Srawung#6 Gegayutan: Peer to Peer, Taman Budaya Yogyakarta
- Walama, Tupalo Art Community Gorontalo, Join Event September Art Month, Lembah Metro Resort, Batu, East Java
- Art Jakarta, Booth of Ruang Dalam Art House, Jakarta Convention Center, Jakarta
- Pijar Timur, Tupalo Art Community Gorontalo, Studio Jaring, Batu, Jawa Timur
- Post Truth (In Material), Ruang Dalam Art House, Yogyakarta
- Helumo, Lobby Kantor Bupati Bone Bolango, Gorontalo
- Pasisi Lango: Deep Blue Spirit, Berawa Beach Art Festival, Bali
- Waterholics, LV Hotel, Canggu, Bali
- Bermuda (Art & Stories) Gedung Pusat Informasi Pariwisata Singkawang, West Kalimantan
- Miniseksi#1 +sir, Studio Jaring, Batu, East Java
- Motombulu Lipu, Rumah Dinas Bupati Gorontalo
- 2018
- Tupalo, Indonesia National Gallery, Jakarta
- Miniseksi#1, Ruang Dalam Art House, Yogyakarta
- 2017
- Amazing Things, LV Resort Hotel, Canggu, Bali
- (Mo)dulanga Lipu, Museum Popa Eyato
- Lowali de Bali, Monkey Forrest Art Gallery, Ubud, Bali
- 2016
- Pameran Besar Seni Rupa (PBSR) IV "Epicentrum", Taman Budaya Sulawesi Utara, Manado
- 2015
- Art-Chipelago, Indonesia National Gallery Jakarta
- Menegaskan Gorontalo, Riden Baruadi Gallery, Gorontalo

Karya Orang Lain Di Rumah Sendiri, DEKAN, Gorontalo

Skin to Ocean, 2019
clay flour on canvas board, 120 x 120 cm

Heat of the Moment, 2019
clay flour on canvas board, 120 x 100 cm