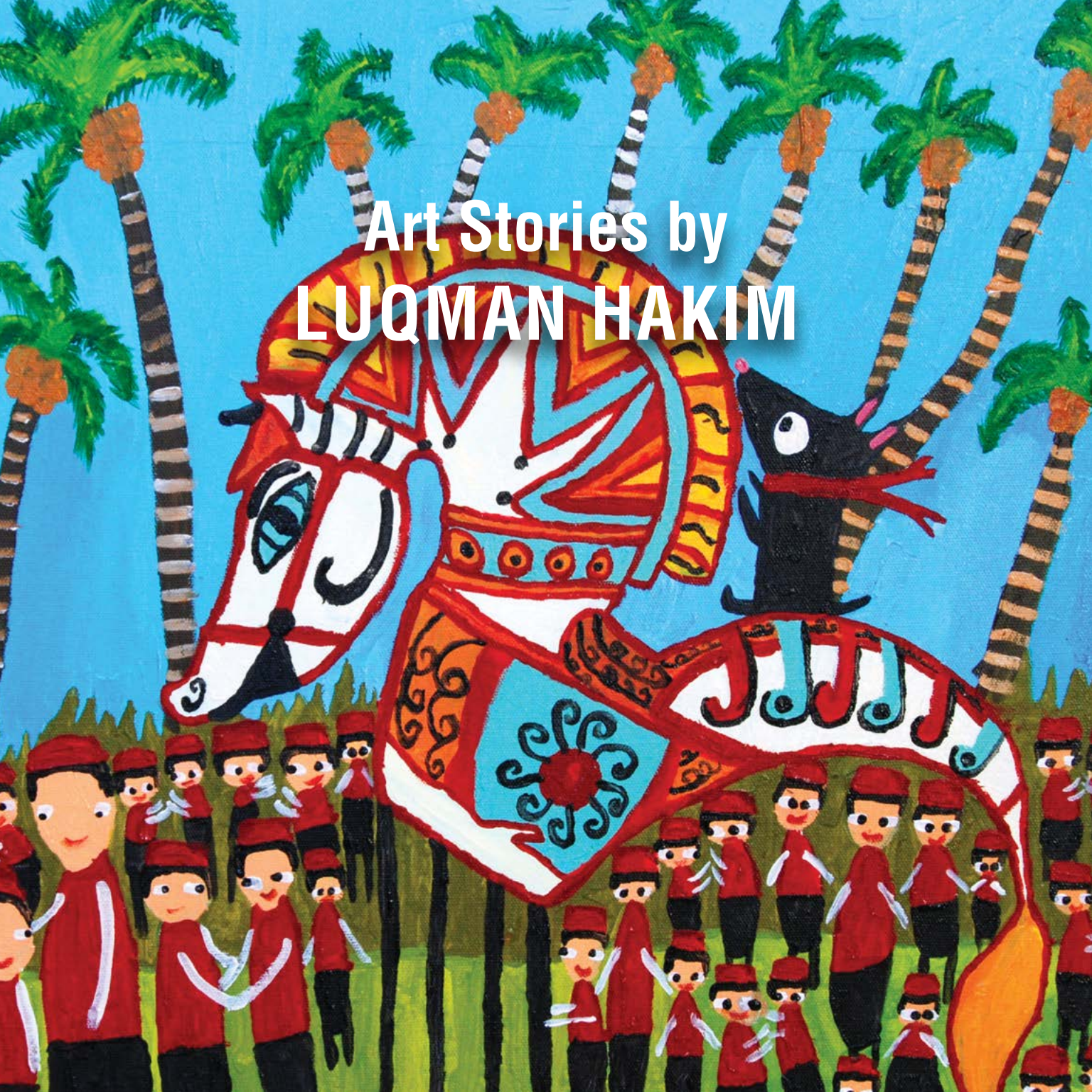


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*Dancing With Kuda Kepang*, 2018 (detail)

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# PREFACE

Luqman Hakim would like to express his sincere appreciation to Galeri Prima for inviting him to hold his inaugural solo art exhibition to showcase his work and art book.

He will be showing 71 pieces of his art work in this solo exhibition. These are works that he did since he was 10 years old.

Luqman uses art to express his emotions; choosing a strong colour palette and bold strokes in his art works.

In recent years, he has a strong inclination towards expressionism, post-impressionism, cubism and fantasy.

Over the years, private and foreign art collectors have made Luqman's art works as part of their collections.

## ***Who is Luqman Hakim?***

Luqman Hakim is a young artist from Selangor, Malaysia. He was born in 2002 and raised in a truly unique multicultural Malay-Chinese household. He grew up speaking English with his Malay grandparents

and Malay with his Chinese Hokkien grandparents, who have sadly passed on.

A true Malaysian, Luqman doesn't adhere to conventional racial stereotypes. During his formative years, he did not identify himself as a Malay or a Chinese, preferring to identify himself by his primary language of communication, English. Growing up in a multicultural household gives him a rather unique perspective which is reflected in his artistic endeavours.

His early pre-school years and beyond was characterised by struggles in developing his communication skills, especially language and also late development in his fine motor skills.

In an effort to improve on these deficiencies, he was introduced to many varied activities such as computers, violin, drums, badminton, swimming and art as early as the age of four.

### *Travel to explore and find inspiration*

It was in art that Luqman showed a promising talent and a strong sense of passion and enthusiasm that was missing from his normal school work.

Starting from primary school classes in basic art techniques, he progressed further into advanced classes; working with acrylic on canvas, pencil sketching, batik printing and mixed media projects both at school and at home.

At the same time, he improved his techniques while developing a distinctive and unique perspective and sense of style that permeates through his work. He was also lucky enough to be admitted into art courses on art and book illustrations at a European Art School.

The time in Italy was an eye-opening experience for Luqman, especially as he was able to fit in a short tour of art museums and monuments in Rome, Florence, Verona, Venice and Pisa.

This trip inspired his series on Woofy in Europe.







*Dancing on The Pipe, 2014*

### ***“Woofy Looking for Vincent Van Gogh”***

One of his major achievements after his European adventure was the publication of his picture book,

“Woofy Looking for Vincent Van Gogh”, published in 2017 which is available at Amazon Online Store and UK’s Book Depository. This book, based on his series on the art of Vincent Van Gogh, chronicles the adventures of Woofy, a small anthropomorphic black dog, looking for the Dutch artist, Vincent Van Gogh.

### ***Luqman’s recurring motive “Woofy”***

Art is one of the few things that can draw him away from the typical teen obsession of video games and mobile phone. His body of work ranges from canvas paintings, batik prints, batik bags and canvas bags (each one a unique one of a kind work of art) to assorted merchandising such as fridge magnets and printed canvas bags (supplied to international conventions in Kuala Lumpur).

Over the years, he developed a unique color palette, with ever improving technical skills. He continued to hone these skills by setting challenging projects, both in terms of ever increasing size and granular details. In later years, a recurring motive – Woofy – appeared in his art pieces.



*Woofy Cubism, 2013*

This anthropomorphic black dog is a mascot of sorts, with varying roles; sometimes a passive observer and other times an active participant in the art piece. Luqman's art series was inspired by great artists such

as Vincent Van Gogh, Pablo Picasso, Marc Chagall and Henri Matisse. Each art piece will invariably have Woofy interacting in the painting creating something uniquely "Luqman". He also stamped his style and world view on the pieces. They are not mere copies of famous artists but a reinterpretation from a child's outlook and, in a way, humanising the pieces.

His later works in 2018 were not inspired by other works of art but real life object studies such as Kuda Kepang and the wayang kulit shadow puppets. This series will continue with cultural touchstones such as the Wau Bulan and other yet to be determined artifacts.

At 16, he is still a developing talent and has sold numerous pieces of art to Malaysian and International buyers, including some esteemed patrons of the local art scene such as Tan Sri Azman Hashim and our current BNM governor Tan Sri Mohamed Ibrahim.







*Dancing With Kuda Kepang, 2018*

Acrylic on canvas, 50 x 50cm



*A Dance With Dragon*, 2018  
Acrylic on canvas, 50 x 50cm





*Shadow Puppet Lady*, 2018  
Acrylic on canvas, 75 x 50cm

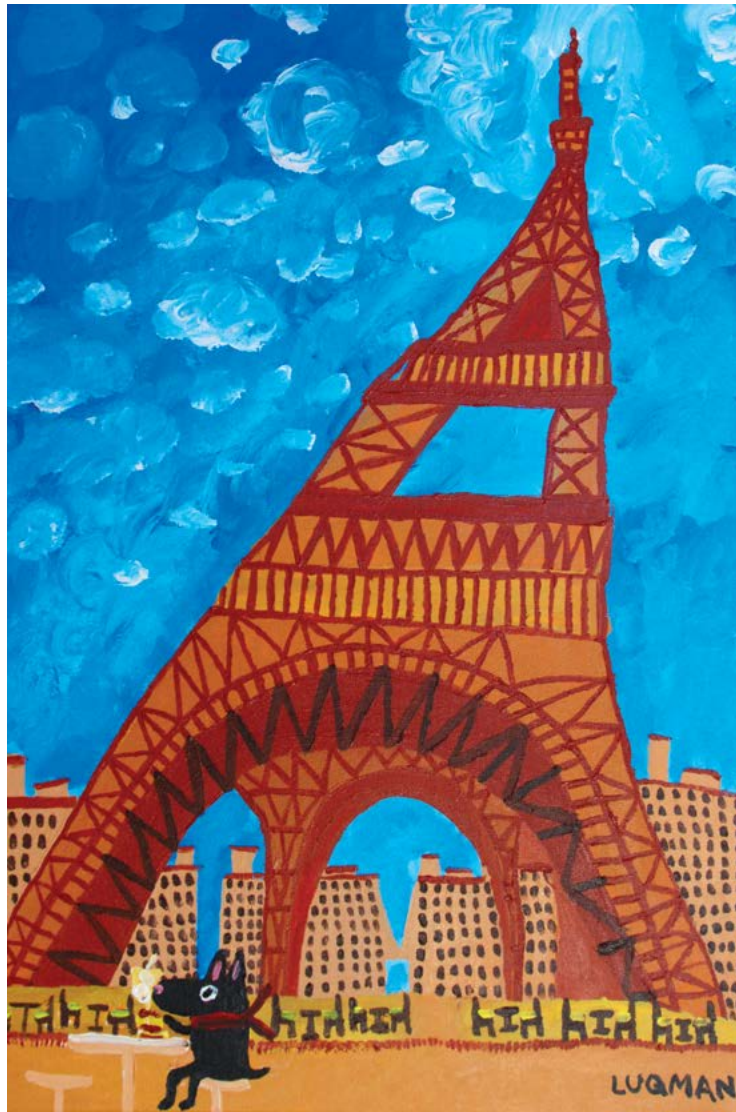




*A Dance With Shadow Puppet (Wayang Kulit), 2018*  
Acrylic on canvas, 75 x 50cm



*Kuda Kepang II*, 2018  
Acrylic on canvas, 50 x 75cm



*Eiffel Tower*, 2018  
Acrylic on canvas, 75 x 50cm





*Hansel & Gretel's House*, 2018  
Acrylic on canvas, 61 x 91cm





*Gaudi's Window*, 2018  
Acrylic on canvas, 61 x 91cm



*Gaudi's Casa Batlo, 2017*  
Acrylic on canvas, 50 x 75cm





*Morning Ride in Italy Village, 2017*

Acrylic on canvas, 50 x 75cm





*Rugulo's River, Italy, 2017*  
Acrylic on canvas, 50 x 75cm



*Hello Venice, 2017*  
Acrylic on canvas, 50 x 75cm





*Barcelona's Holy Family, 2017*  
Acrylic on canvas, 50 x 75cm





*Verona, Juliet Meet Romeo, 2017*  
Acrylic on canvas, 50 x 75cm



*Ram and Sheep*, 2016  
Acrylic on canvas, 50 x 50cm





*Dances With Wolf*, 2016  
Acrylic on canvas, 50 x 50cm





*Jazz*, 2016  
Acrylic on canvas, 50 x 50cm



*Street Performers, 2016*  
Acrylic on canvas, 50 x 50cm





*The Market, 2016*  
Acrylic on canvas, 50 x 50cm





*Wedding Bells*, 2016  
Acrylic on canvas, 50 x 50cm



*Midnight Music*, 2016  
Acrylic on canvas, 50 x 50cm





*Animal Parade, 2016*  
Acrylic on canvas, 50 x 50cm





*Mama with Love*, 2016  
Acrylic on canvas, 50 x 50cm



*A room with a view*, 2016  
Acrylic on canvas, 50 x 50cm





*Hello Picasso*, 2016  
Acrylic on canvas, 50 x 50cm





*Dancing Girls*, 2016  
Acrylic on canvas, 50 x 50cm



*Shadow Dancing*, 2016  
Acrylic on canvas, 50 x 50cm





*Battle Arena*, 2015  
Acrylic on canvas, 50 x 50cm



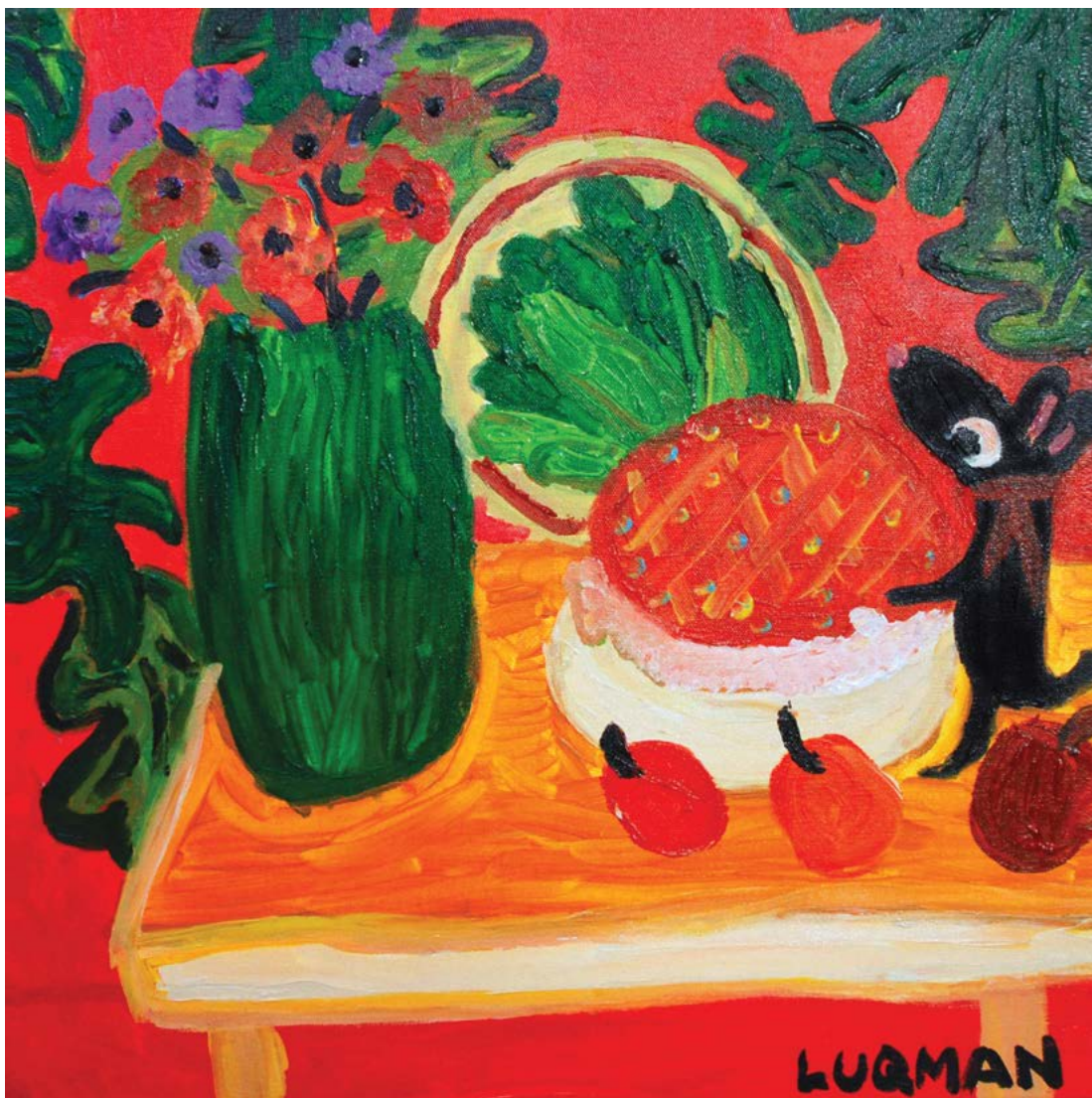


*Table Manners, 2015*  
Acrylic on canvas, 50 x 50cm



*Halloween #2, 2015*  
Acrylic on canvas, 50 x 50cm





*Dinner for One*, 2014  
Acrylic on canvas, 50 x 50cm



*Will you marry me?*, 2014  
Acrylic on canvas, 50 x 50cm





*Halloween #1, 2014*  
Acrylic on canvas, 50 x 50cm



*Dancing on The Pipe, 2014*  
Acrylic on canvas, 40 x 40cm





*Self Portrait of Luqma, 2015*  
Acrylic on canvas, 40 x 40cm

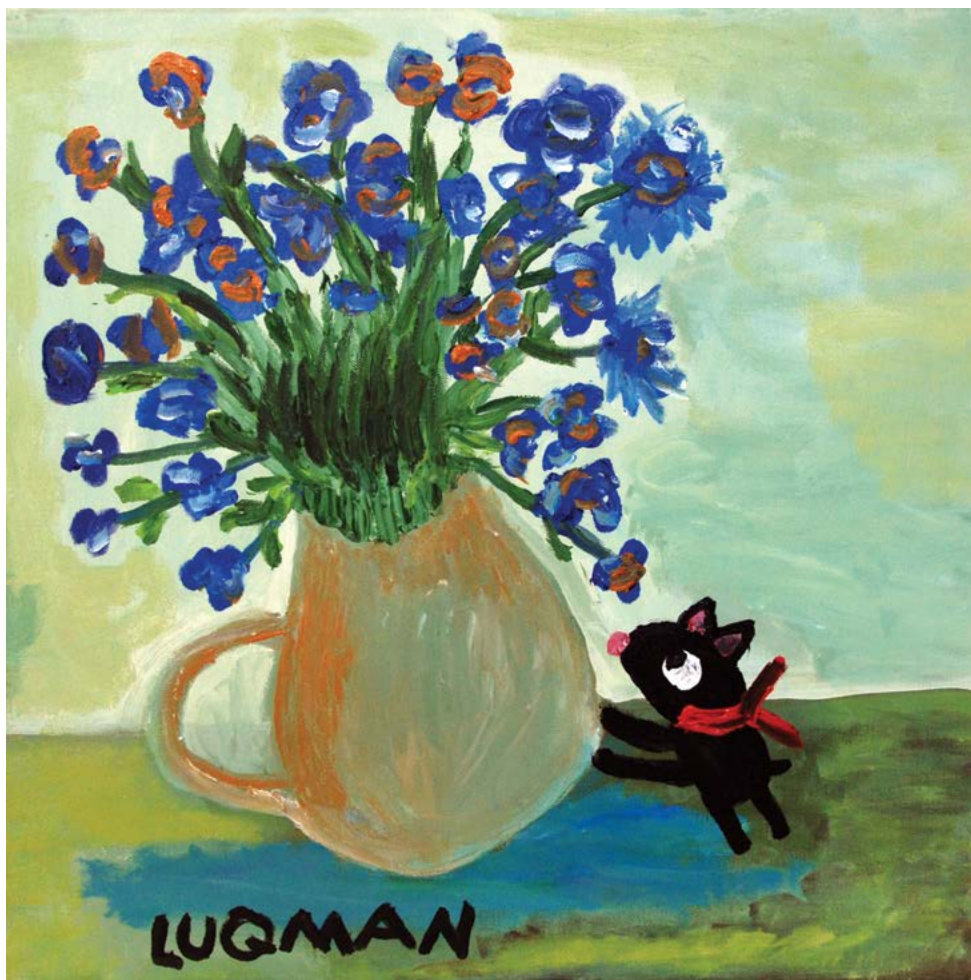


*The Happy Potatoes Eater, 2014*  
Acrylic on canvas, 40 x 40cm





*The Bedroom*, 2014  
Acrylic on canvas, 40 x 40cm



*Blooming Iris Flowers*, 2014  
Acrylic on canvas, 40 x 40cm





*Repairing Shoes*, 2014  
Acrylic on canvas, 40 x 40cm



*Hello Eiffel Tower, Paris, 2014*  
Acrylic on canvas, 40 x 40cm



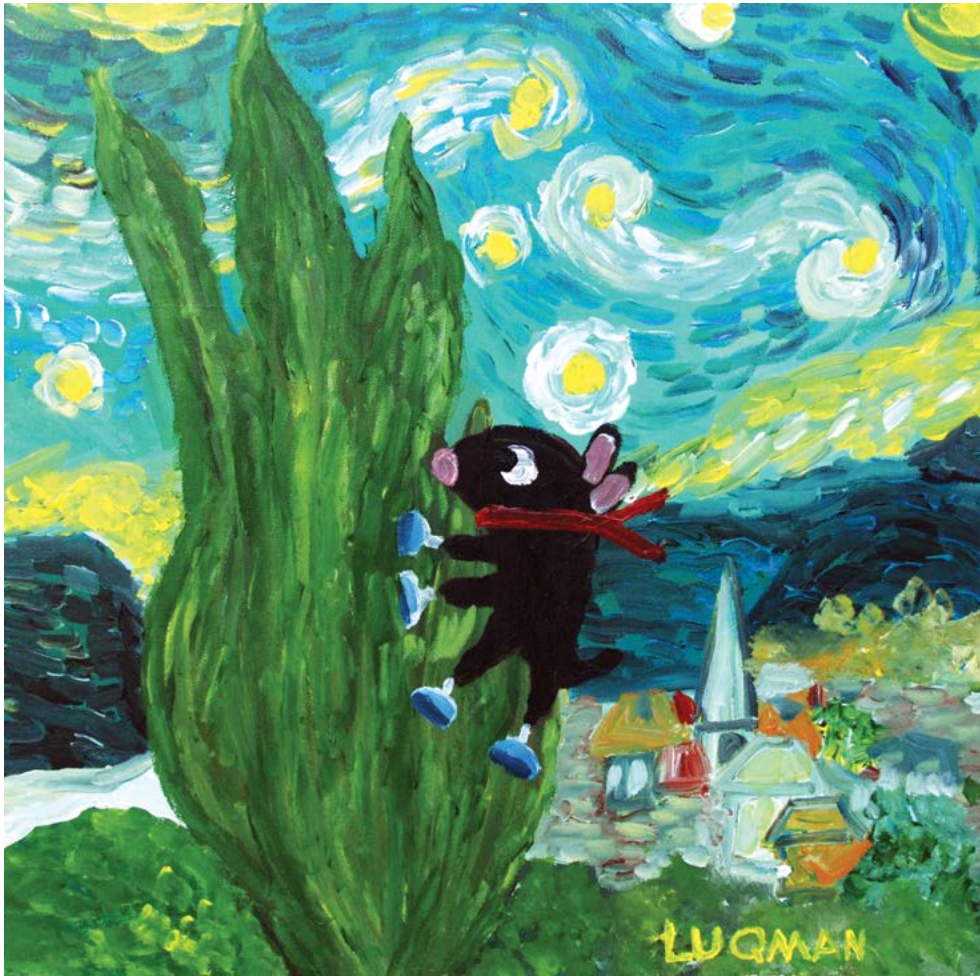


*Cooking The Giant Crab*, 2015  
Acrylic on canvas, 40 x 40cm



*Hide & Seek By The Beach*, 2015  
Acrylic on canvas, 40 x 40cm





*Starry Starry Night*, 2015  
Acrylic on canvas, 40 x 40cm



*At The Lonely Night, 2014*  
Acrylic on canvas, 40 x 40cm





*Playing Pool, 2015*  
Acrylic on canvas, 40 x 40cm



*Hammering Curtain, 2015*  
Acrylic on canvas, 50 x 50cm





*The Chair*, 2015  
Acrylic on canvas, 40 x 40cm



*Watering Sun Flower, 2015*  
Acrylic on canvas, 40 x 40cm





*Trimming Beard for Vincent, 2015*  
Acrylic on canvas, 40 x 40cm



*Mandi*, 2013  
Acrylic on canvas, 40 x 40cm





*Break Fast, 2013*  
Acrylic on canvas, 40 x 40cm

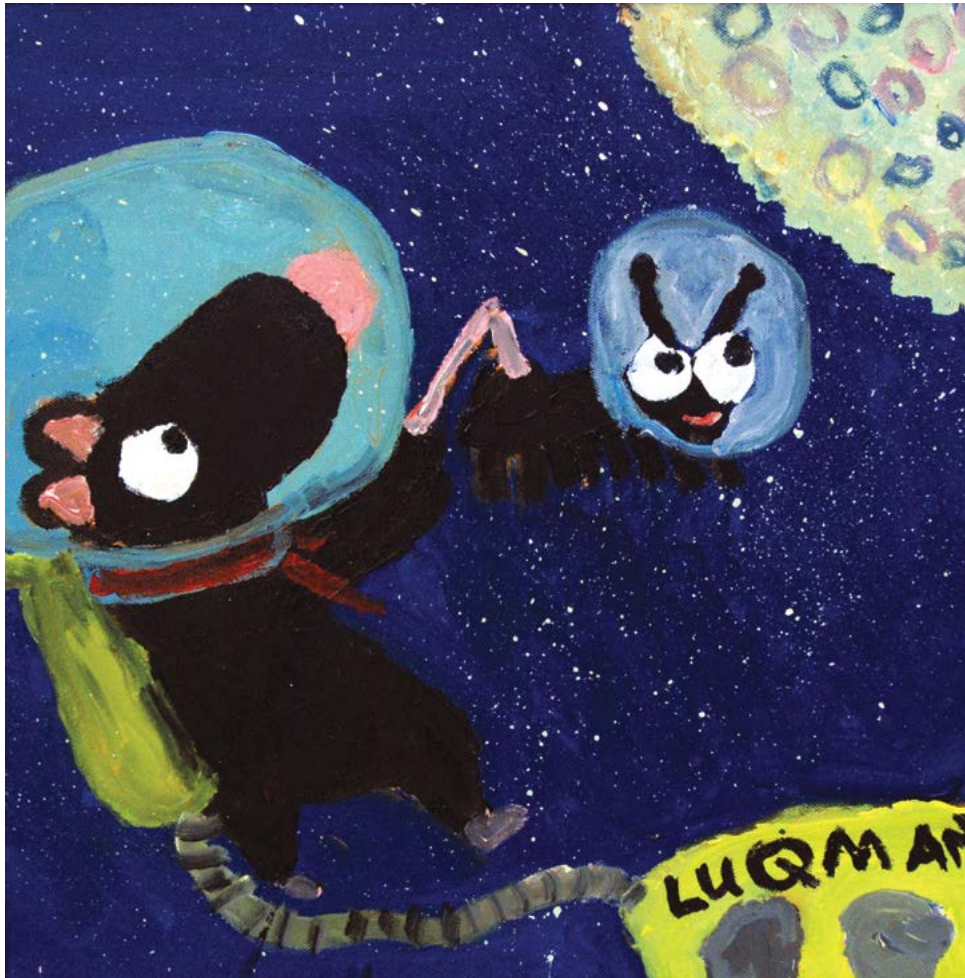


*Gotong Royong*, 2013  
Acrylic on canvas, 40 x 40cm





*Fireworks, 2013*  
Acrylic on canvas, 40 x 40cm



*Fly Me To The Moon*, 2013  
Acrylic on canvas, 40 x 40cm





*Pretend to be Tree, 2013*  
Acrylic on canvas, 40 x 40cm



*Annie & Woofy Music Time, 2013*

Acrylic on canvas, 40 x 40cm





*On The Rainy Road, 2013*  
Acrylic on canvas, 40 x 40cm



*A gift, 2013*

Acrylic on canvas, 40 x 40cm





*King & Queen*, 2013  
Acrylic on canvas, 40 x 40cm



*Cleaning the Roof, 2012*  
Acrylic on canvas, 40 x 40cm



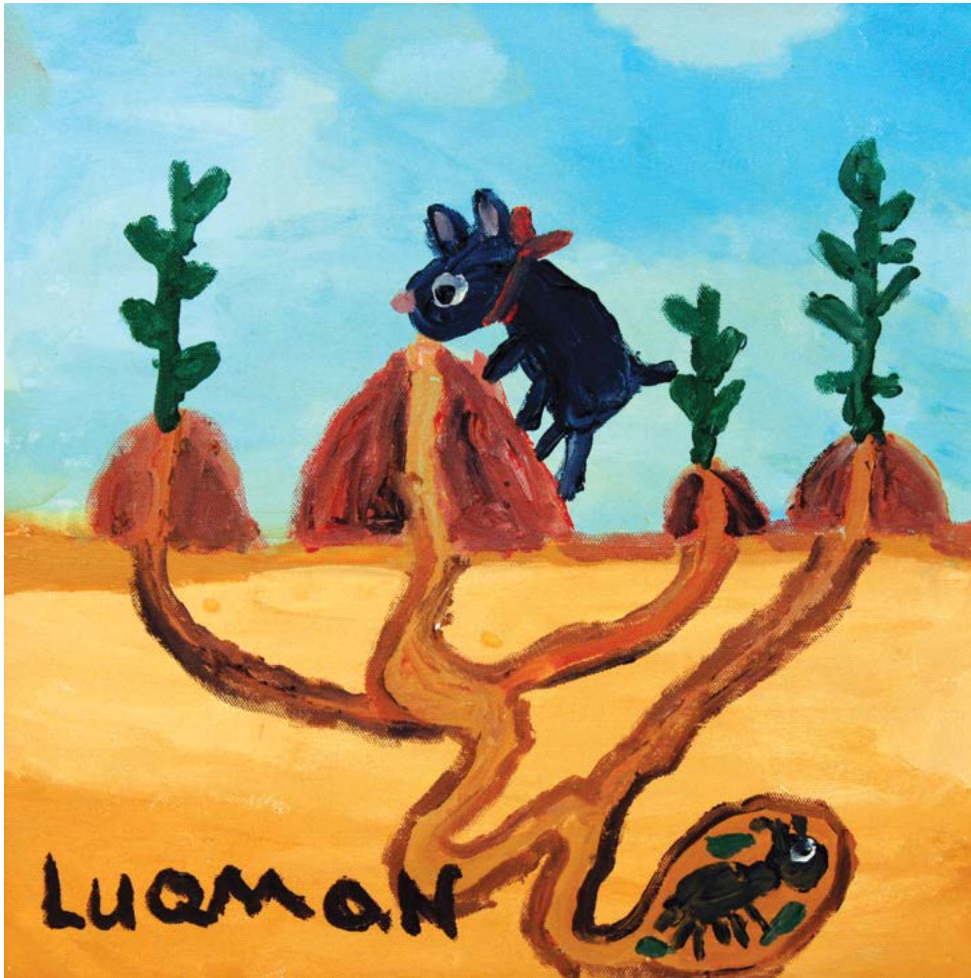


*Peak A Boot*, 2012  
Acrylic on canvas, 40 x 40cm



*Charging*, 2012  
Acrylic on canvas, 40 x 40cm





*Where Are You?*, 2012  
Acrylic on canvas, 40 x 40cm



*On the Road Again, 2012*  
Acrylic on canvas, 40 x 40cm





*Sailing*, 2013  
Acrylic on canvas, 40 x 40cm



*Merry Christmas, 2012*  
Acrylic on canvas, 40 x 40cm





*Volcano*, 2013  
Acrylic on canvas, 40 x 40cm



*The year of PS2, 2013*  
Acrylic on canvas, 40 x 40cm





*Inception*, 2013  
Acrylic on canvas, 40 x 40cm



*Would I Lie To You?*, 2013  
Acrylic on canvas, 40 x 40cm





*Annie & Woofy Show Time, 2013*  
Acrylic on canvas, 40 x 40cm



*Woody Cubism*, 2013  
Acrylic on canvas, 50 x 50cm



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