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Islam does not prohibit its believers from enjoying beauty as long as it not in conflict with its prohibitions. In fact, beauty is one of the characteristics of the greatness, perfection and oneness of Allah SWT.

As per the saying of Prophet Muhammad SAW, as quoted by Hadith Muslim: 147, "Indeed Allah is Beautiful and He loves beauty."

And beauty, as we know it, is defined as a combination of qualities, such as shape, colour, or form, that pleases the aesthetic senses, especially the sight.

In conjunction with the month of Ramadan, Galeri Prima is organising an Islamic arts exhibition called Allusion, which is defined as an expression designed to call something to mind without mentioning it explicitly or an indirect or passing reference.

The exhibition gathers 13 artists who have their own styles in conveying spiritual precepts through their works namely paintings and islamic calligraphy.

They are Abdul Ghafur Haji Tahir, Afifuddin Sabri, Ahmad Rajaie Awang, Ainun Jariah Yaacob, Hamidon Ahmed, Hazwan Yusoff, Iman Subor, Mohd Ghazali, Muhamad Shafiee Abdullah, Nor Azlin Hamidon, Rahman Sahlan, Shah Tumin and Zulfadhli Ghani.

Allusion : Ishaarah begins from 10 April - 5 May 2023.

Participating Artists

Abdul Ghafur Haji Tahir

Afifuddin Sabri

Ahmad Rajaie Awang

Ainun Jariah Yaacob

Hamidon Ahmed

Hazwan Yusoff

Iman Subor

Mohd Ghazali

Muhamad Shafiee Abdullah

Nor Azlin Hamidon

Rahman Sahlan

Shah Tumin

Zulfadhli Ghani



Abdul Ghafur Haji Tahir

KUNCI BISMILLAH

Acrylic on canvas

120cm x 90cm (Set of 3)

2017

RM30,000

Bismillahirrahmanirrahim. In the name of God, the Most Gracious and Most Merciful. Bismillah is the key to open the treasure in the realm of God's Revelation. The Quran was revealed as a guideline for human life in this world. Without the Bismillah, people cannot unravel the essence of the Quran.

Affuddin Sabri

HANYA YANG MENTAATI

Mixed media on canvas

90cm x 60cm

2023

RM3,000

God's benevolent nature can be possessed by all His creations, but the "Ar-Rahim" is only for those who are pure in soul.





Afifuddin Sabri

RAHSIA ILAHI
Mixed media on canvas
90cm x 60cm
2023
RM4,000

The sustenance that God brings is sometimes something we don't expect. That colourful life has many secrets that we should contemplate because only HE is the best at understanding ourselves.



Afduddin Sabri

BASA

Mixed media on canvas

90cm x 60cm

2023

RM3,500

Wet your lips with dhikr, your "PROFIT" will be as thick as rain.



Ahmad Rajaei Awang

AR-RAZZAK
Acrylic on Canvas
90cm x 60cm
2016
RM3,000



Ahmad Rajaei Awang

AR-RAHMAN AR-RAHIM
Acrylic on canvas
90cm x 60cm
2016
RM3,000



Ahmad Rajaei Awang

ALLAHUAKBAR
Acrylic on canvas
109cm x 79cm
2021
RM3,500



Ainun Jariah Yaacob

ALLAH MUHAMMAD
Mixed media on canvas
90cm x 60cm
2023
RM3,000

Ainun Jariah Yaacob

ALLAH MUHAMMAD
Mixed media on canvas
90cm x 60cm
2023
RM3,000





Hamidon Ahmed

HASBUNALLAHI WANIKMAL WAKIL

Acrylic on canvas

76cm x 76cm

2022

RM7,500

This piece is one of the works that takes inspiration from the holy words of Islam and elevates contemporary calligraphy as a delivery medium. This sentence of remembrance has a deep meaning.

Firstly, this verse is a form of our piety to God. The form and sense of our reliance on God by completely surrendering ourselves to God. With this sentence, we submit our whole soul and body to Allah, submit all our affairs, burdens, and problems to Allah SWT because it is only to Him that we ask for help. Trusting and sincerely submitting our affairs completely to God is one of the meanings of “hasbunallah wanikmal wakil nikmal maula wanikman nasir”.

Secondly, when we are pressed by various tests of life in the world that are so suffocating, filled with grief and suffering, as well as raging problems, including difficulties in life, then we should say the verse “hasbunallah wanikmal representative nikmal maula wanikman nasir”.



Hazwan Yusoff

SULIT 1 - CAHAYA
Mixed Media on canvas
106cm x 76cm
2020
RM6,000

Allah SWT (is the giver) of light (hidayah) to the heaven and earth. No matter how dark a room is, if God wills it, the room will be illuminated with light. So is man, no matter how dark a man's heart is, if God wills it, he will surely get guidance. An empty heart, a black soul, a faded world. If there is even a wee bit of repentance, God will surely give light and a way to illuminate the darkness of the world.



Hazwan Yusoff

MAHA MEMBERI PETUNJUK

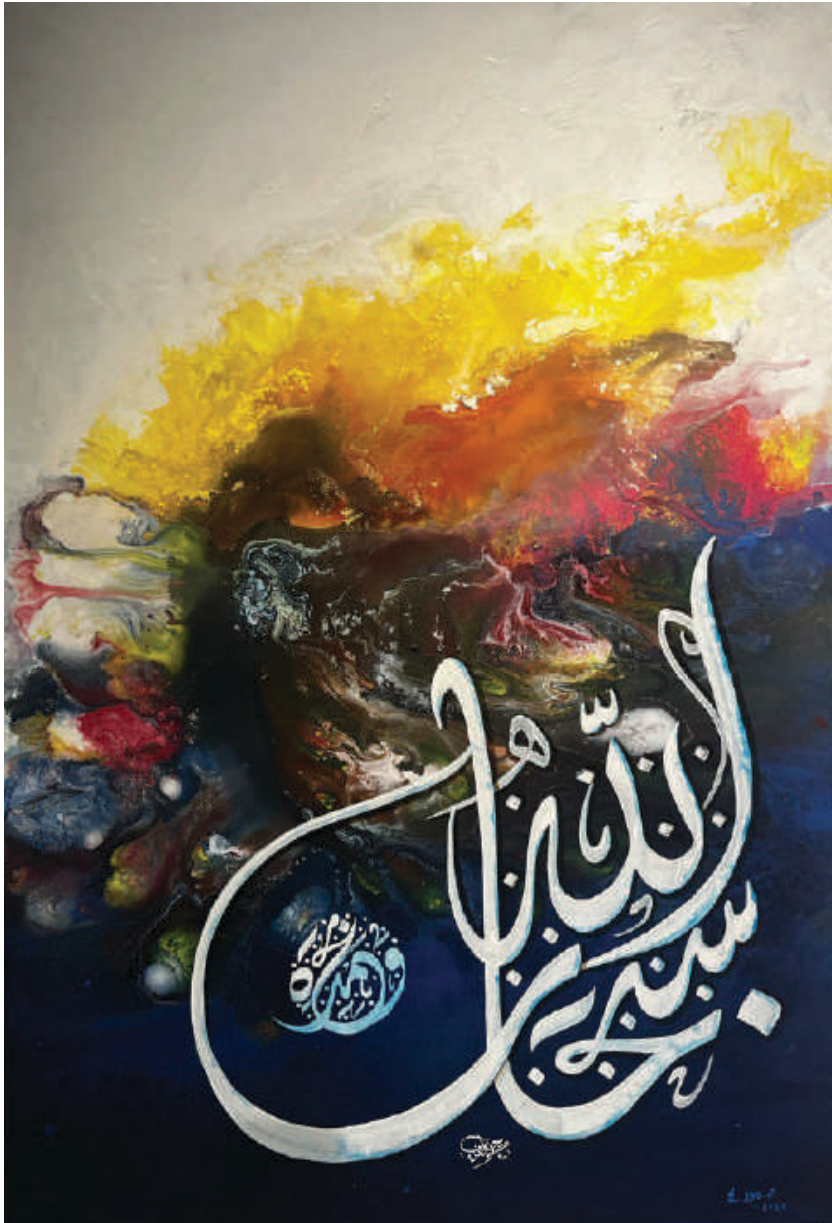
Mixed Media on canvas

90cm x 60cm

2018

RM7,500

Allah The Almighty bestows His guidance to whom He wills. Only with God's guidance can man changed his life from darkness to light, disbelief to faith, disobedience to piety, tyranny to justice, darkness to the light of truth and restlessness to peace of mind. In a life full of twists and turns and challenges, as well as the temptation of darkness, there must be a path that will lead to the light of self-purification. Don't give up on finding the light. Ya Allah, show us the straight path, which is the path of those whom You have blessed, not the path of Your wrath and not the path of those who have gone astray.



Hazwan Yusoff

SUBHANALLAH WABIHAMDIHI

Mixed media on canvas

90cm x 60cm

2021

RM3,500

The Prophet SAW said: "Whoever says Subhanallah wa Bihamdihi 100 times a day, he will be forgiven of all his sins even if his sins are as much as the foam on the sea." (HR Muslim and at-Tirmidhi)

Life is sometimes like the waves in the ocean; it can be calm and beautiful or soft waves whispering winds of peace or swelling turbulent waves with the gusts of storm. May every soul who recites the zikr receives abundance of reward and sustenance. These words are light on the tongue but heavy on the Scales.



Iman Subor

ZIKRULLAH (SERIES 1)

Acrylic on canvas

91cm X 91cm

2023

RM1,000



Iman Subor

ZIKRULLAH (SERIES 2)

Acrylic on canvas

91cm X 91cm

2023

RM1,000



Iman Subor

ZIKRULLAH (SERIES 3)

Acrylic on canvas

91cm X 91cm

2023

RM1,000

The work is inspired by flat pop colours and visualised with the calligraphy of Zikrullah, verses and words that reminds us of God the AlMighty. The Zikrullah begins by sanctifying Him (Subhanallah), praising Him (Alhamdulillah) and glorifying Him (Allahu Akhbar).



Mohd Ghazali

GELORA 1: SUBHANALLAH

Mixed media on canvas

91cm x 152cm

2017

RM8,500

Surat Yasin (36) Ayat 83;

فَسُبْحَانَ الَّذِي بِيَدِهِ مَلَكُوتُ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ وَإِلَيْهِ تُرْجَعُونَ

“So glory be to the One in Whose Hands is the authority over all things, and to Whom “alone” you will “all” be returned.”

The background symbolises the turmoil of the heart full of longing and wonder for The Creator of The Universe with turbulence that felt like a rushing wind and a roaring wave. The servant's heart is always agitated with longing zikr that expresses amazement with the word Subhanallah. The waves of tests give meaning to life. Glory be to God. The letter “fa” depicts the throne of the Lord, which should remain on the lips and the heart of the great word, Subhanallah. Glory be to God.



Mohd Ghazali

SEMESTA TAWAKKAL

Acrylic on canvas

91cm x 121cm

2018

RM6,500

At-Talaq (65) Ayat 2-3

وَمَنْ يَتَّقِ اللَّهَ يَجْعَلْ لَهُ مَخْرَجًا ﴿٢﴾ وَيَرْزُقْهُ مِنْ حَيْثُ لَا يَحْتَسِبُ ۚ وَمَنْ يَتَوَكَّلْ عَلَى اللَّهِ فَهُوَ حَسْبُهُ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ بَالِغُ أَمْرِهِ ۖ قَدْ جَعَلَ اللَّهُ لِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدْرًا ﴿٣﴾

“And whoever is mindful of Allah, He will make a way out for them, and provide for them from sources they could never imagine. And whoever puts their trust in Allah, then He alone is sufficient for them. Certainly Allah achieves His Will. Allah has already set a destiny for everything.” The galaxy in the background depicts the movement of the universe according to God’s will and God’s rules. The whole world submits and obeys The Khaliq.

The verse, in an ark-shaped sketch, is symbolic of a journey, a voyage of life that is full of trials, bitter and sweet. The captain of the ship is ever eager to please Allah SWT to reach the destination. The round shape of the sketch represented the heart of the captain, fully dependent and trusting only in Allah SWT that everything is in His destiny. Firm efforts and determination are carried out, trusting only in the One.



Mohd Ghazali

GERUN

Acrylic on canvas

76cm x 60cm

2019

RM 2,500

The background depicts tiger stripes. "What if I were to face a tiger alone in the real world? Terrified! Anxious!

Then, "What if I were to face Allah SWT during prayer? Terrified! Scared!

Fear is the manifestation of what one feels towards the AlMighty. When the heart is truly devoted to Allah SWT, The Creator of the Universe, His Most Merciful, Most Compassionate, Most Healer, Most Sufficient, making one more and more afraid, as one gets closer.



Muhamad Shafiee Abdullah

QUL

Acrylic on canvas

60cm x 90cm

2020

RM5,000

Self-reflection, when we are yet ready to
face the divine.



Nor Azlin Hamidon

RAHSIA PENCIPTA 1
Mixed media on canvas
90cm x 90cm
2023
RM6,000

The secret of God's creation is contained in His knowledge. Allah SWT, whose essence cannot be described, can be represented by the beautifully decorated writing of his name. The decorative motif used is of a wispy cloud, like the rich King, who owns all the wealth of the world. The painting's background is dynamic, represented by curved lines that seem to move and roll, akin to the world being created in six days. The symbol of the arabesque geometric motif is a symbol of knowledge in the creation of nature: the laws of mathematics and science that maintain balance, the golden ratio, the dynamics of the motion of the planets that are always moving but never competing. What other signs of God do we deny?



Nor Azlin Hamidon

RAHSIA PENCIPTA 2
Mixed media on canvas
90cm x 90cm
2023
RM6,000

The creation of this world began with the creation of Muhammad SAW, in the form of Light, which is his soul. The Prophet was created as the most perfect human being in terms of his morals, the way he thinks and acts. Muhammad SAW not only loves God but his people until the end of time. Allah The Creator has created the Prophet Muhammad SAW, so that he is not only the lover of God, but the lover of his people until the end of time. Allah as the Creator, has created the Prophet Muhammad with knowledge, represented by the geometric symbol of arabesque and a fully planned world as in the Lauhul Mahfuz.



Nor Azlin Hamidon

BASMALAH
Mixed media on canvas
120cm x 90cm
2023
RM9,000

Bismillah, at the beginning of the speech, is the secret to reminding us of the Creator. The arabesque as a scattered background, outwardly and inwardly, represents God's knowledge. His transcendent nature and His infinite nature. There is no beginning and no end. In words, there is wisdom. In Basmala, there is the name of God.



Rahman Sahlan

SEMBAH SIAPA
Acrylic on canvas
105cm x 105cm
2023
RM6,000

Inspired by a mural painted inside the centre of the dome of a mosque in Sarawak, the verse is Surah Taha Verse 14 which means "Indeed, I am Allah. There is no deity except Me, so worship Me and establish prayer for My remembrance."



Rahman Sahlan

MENCARI KASIH
Acrylic on canvas
100cm x 80cm
2023
RM5,000

Inspired by Ar-Rahman, the Most Merciful to all beings regardless of religion and race.



Shah Tumin

MULA
Mixed media on canvas
121cm x 121cm
2015
RM8,000

From the tiniest to the biggest of practices, it only becomes much sweeter and blessed when the world "Basmalah" is recited as the opening. A good outcome is reflected from a good STARTING point.



Shah Tumin

DIA

Mixed media on canvas

121cm x 90cm

2014

RM6,000

The meaning behind His names are all beauty and majestic as The Creator of Mankind and those in the Heavens and the Earth. Putting His name on the lips, the weakest of servants will receive the rewards. Everything is HIM.



Shah Tumin

KEKASIH

Mixed media on canvas

116cm x 116cm

2023

RM8,000

There is incomparable bond between the noble Messenger and The Creator. Round, whole and unmistakable. Giving inspiration to mankind. Placing Allah SWT and His Messenger as LOVE in the heart.

Zulfadhli Ghani

MAHA BESAR

Acrylic & undercoat on canvas

121cm x 91cm

2023

RM5,800

God is Great. He created the heavens and the earth, spread the seas and the land. He is the Creator of the smallest of creatures and the largest of them. The creation of the universe is all in His hands. 'And when He wills (to create) something, then (it is enough) He only says to it: "Be", then it is". (Al Baqarah: 137)



Zulfadhli Ghani

PUJIAN AGUNG

Acrylic & undercoat on canvas

121cm x 91cm

2023

RM5,700

Praise be to Allah SWT, the Most Merciful and Most Merciful God. He is the Creator of the universe. Nothing can be compared to His blessings. No other creature can create what He can even a drop of water or a grain of sand. He bestows endless blessings onto His servants.

While there are still those who are negligent and complacent, swimming in the ocean of world's pleasures, there remain those who are grateful to Him and who are not buoyed by worldly offerings as they look forward to the promises of heavenly blessings.









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