

# **NOU SARY**

NOU Sary is a well established Cambodian artist whose work explores the intricate relationship between nature and humanity, often reflecting on the challenges and beauty of this connection. Born in 1971 in Kandal province, Cambodia, his artistic journey began at the Royal University of Fine Arts in Phnom Penh, where he studied from 1994 to 2000. In 2001, he expanded his artistic horizons in France, studying at the Saint-Étienne School of Art and Design where he earned a postgraduate diploma in plastic arts in 2006.

Central to Sary's art is the depiction of Cambodia's traditional rural life. His paintings frequently showcase rice fields, farmers, monks, and daily village scenes, emphasizing the cyclical nature of life and the deep connection between humans and the land. Through his paintings, Sary invites viewers to experience the world as he perceives it—rich in color, sensory depth, and utilizing vibrant palettes—greens and yellows symbolizing vegetation, deep blues for water, and earthy browns for soil, a reflection of both the beauty and the challenges faced in human interaction with the natural world. Sary's recent collection using unique bird's-eye perspectives offers a fresh vantage point, inviting to experience familiar scenes from new angles.

A multi-disciplinary artist, Sary's practice spans a variety of media, including painting, sculpture, engraving, illustration, photography, and installations. NOU Sary's creative vision is not only a celebration of the environment but also a critical exploration of the ways in which humanity impacts and is impacted by it. His work engages audiences in an ongoing conversation about ecological awareness, preservation, and the interconnection between people and the natural world.

# **SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

- Breath of Nature at Sofitel Phnom Penh, Cambodia 2025
- The Colours of the Khmer Soul at Epidemick Gallery, France 2025
- **Together** curated by The Gallerist for Raffles Hotel in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, 2025
- Sous le Ciel at Sofitel Angkor Phokeethra, Siem Reap, Cambodia 2025
- Human & Nature at Sofitel Phnom Penh Phokeethra, Phnom Penh, Cambodia
  2022
- A Journey with Nou Sary at Rosewood, Phnom Penh, Cambodia 2022
- The Harvest at Sofitel Phnom Penh Cambodia 2018

#### **GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

- Food meet Art (collaboration with Chef Seng Sothea) Rosewood, Phnom Penh, Cambodia 2025
- IKHONS exhibition Rosewood, Phnom Penh, Cambodia 2025
- Life and Culture Rosewood, Phnom Penh, Cambodia 2025

### **PROJECTS & WORKSHOPS**

 Participation to The 87th SHINSEISAKU - National Art Center in Tokyo -Japan - 2024

### **AWARDS**

• Bronze Medal from Society of French Artists in Paris - 2005

#### **SELECTED PRESS REVIEW**

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