



## CHOV THEANLY

Chov Theanly is a Cambodian painter born in 1985 in Battambang province whose work is characterized by realistic and minimalist yet expressionist styles. He often explores themes related to memory and identity. He has been drawn to traditional painting at a young age, through his uncle, a sign painter. Chov Theanly's artworks are characterized by bright colors, dynamic compositions, and a sense of detail that recall the artisanal aesthetic of hand painting advertisement.

Theanly studied Graphic Design at the Vocational Training Center of Battambang from 2004 to 2007. In 2011, he completed a law degree in Phnom Penh. His works focus on many things close to his life and are drawn from his own experience as an artist, through a simple gesture to tell the story of everyday life and personal aspirations. His first solo show at Java Cafe in 2013 is a huge success and opened the doors to international exhibitions, as a leading artist at "*Phnom-Penh*" at the Musée de l'Hospice-Comtesse in Lille, France, and at "*Cambodia: Looking back at the Future*" at the Flinn Gallery in Greenwich, CT, USA. In 2017, Galerie Lee in Paris, organized Theanly first solo show in France. In 2019, he was part of a group exhibition at the Bangkok Art and Culture Centre.

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- Rooted , at SNA Arts Management, Phnom Penh, Cambodia - 2025
- Looking Forward at the Gallerist, Phnom Penh, Cambodia - 2024
- Surviving, The Rise at the Gallerist, Phnom Penh, Cambodia - 2023
- The Rise at Sra'Art Gallery, Phnom Penh, Cambodia - 2023
- Rising, at Batia Sarem Gallery, Siem Reap, Cambodia - 2019
- Surviving, at Lee Gallery in Paris, France - 2017
- Striving, at Java Art Café, Phnom Penh, Cambodia - 2016
- Questioning, at Utterly Art, Singapore - 2015
- Surviving, at Java Art Café, Phnom Penh, Cambodia - 2013

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- Penh Art Fair at FT Gallery, Phnom Penh, Cambodia - 2021
- *Cambodia: Looking back at the Future*, at Flinn Gallery, Connecticut, USA - 2017
- Renaissance, at Euro-Metropolis Museum, Lille, France - 2015
- Roots and Branches, at Long Beach, California, USA - 2014
- Made in Battambang, at French Cultural Institute, Phnom Penh, Cambodia - 2014
- Forest Crime, Maek Make, Battambang, Cambodia - 2012
- Sammaki Fundraiser, Sammaki, Battambang, Cambodia - 2012
- Cambodian Mask Project, Plantation, Phnom Penh, Cambodia - 2012
- Urban Ties, Our City Festival, Battambang City, Battambang - 2012
- Angkor Art Expo, Art Daily, Siem Reap, Cambodia - 2011

## SELECTED PRESS REVIEW

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