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Skoko LEE @Cambodia 19August 2010

Nature in lines, lines of nature.

In this collection of bamboo ink drawings, Shoko succinctly captures the essence of Mother Nature in strokes of black and white ink using the bamboo pen, an innovative tool created and made from bamboo by the artist herself.

Bamboo is popularly depicted in Chinese brush paintings for its tenacity and strength and also figures prominently in Malay culture for its beauty. Creatively tapping on the versatility and strength of the bamboo, Shoko paints with lines and strokes, creating rhythm and space that humbly crafts the beauty of nature.

Part Collection of 28 bamboo ink drawings by Shoko Lee between 1996 & 1998



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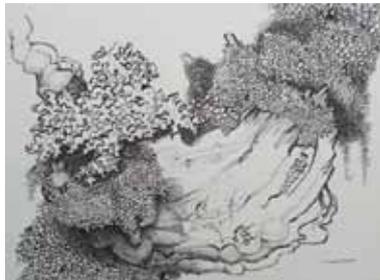
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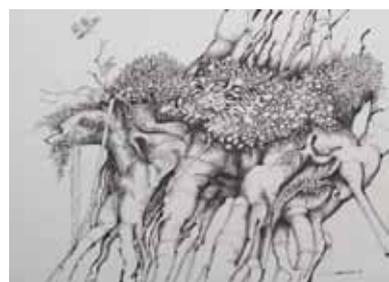
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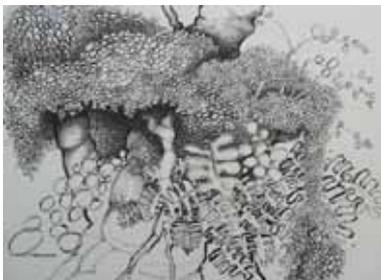
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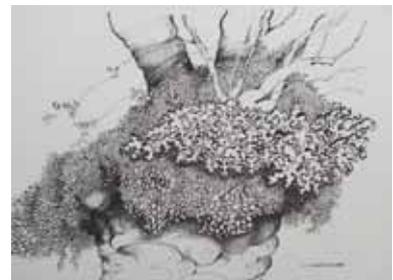
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Part Collection of 5 oil paintings from the Dragon & Horse series by Shoko Lee



1999



1998



1999



2003



2003

Soul-- Dragon Horse series (1989-2006)

In Chinese philosophy, the dragon and horse are symbols of cultural idealism.

Captivated by its beauty and strength, Shoko continued to indulge with her fascination with the dragon since embarking on creating the 12 Chinese zodiac animals from the lunar calendar in 1989. A symbolic imagery of the Chinese civilisation, she blends her own imagination and description from the Chinese classics when experimenting with expressing the features and movement of the dragon in contemporary art form. To her, it symbolises vitality, courage, wisdom, peace and prosperity.

Complementing the majestic symbol is the horse, a free spirited animal that exudes elegance and energy. Her horses on canvas are like a cascade of colours and movement, prancing in an enticing dance of joy, undeterred in the vast expanse of our imagination.



Skoko LEE @ New York 27 May 2005



Skoko LEE @ Port Swettenham  
Malaysia, 22 Sept 1996.



Shoko LEE @ Kota Kinabaru, Sabah Malaysia 20, June 1977

Shoko LEE bade farewell to Japan in 1972. She began a new life and artistic career and became a Malaysian citizen after marrying LEE Kian Seng. Her art corresponds to the different phases of her life: from publishing *Sunny Boy* in 1980, to "My Diary" series from 1980 onwards, which includes the "Soul-Dragon Horse (1989-2006) series, and more recently, her travel journeys such as the India Nepal pilgrimage in 2008. Shoko finds her inspiration in nature and subject matters of everyday life. Her vivid imagination has transformed ordinary objects and animals into cheerful individuals bursting with exuberance.

### **Biodata**

*Name : Shoko LEE Born: 1948*

*Nationality :Malaysian.*

*Status : Full-time artist since 1981 (Visual art).*

*Major medium : Painting (oil, watercolour, ink) and Children Books.*

*Main Exhibitions:*

*2006: <Mees Pierson Art Bank Exhibition Singapore > (group show, 22 Feb-22 Mar 2006)*

*2005: <Arts Singapore 2005> (group show, Suntec Singapore 29 Sep - 03 Oct 2005)*

*2000: < 2000 Dragon Images > (group show) National Art Gallery, Malaysia.*

*1996: < My Diary 1989-1993 > Solo Watercolour & Ink Paintings Exhibition, Klang, Malaysia. 1996: < My Diary 1985-1988 > Solo Watercolour Paintings Exhibition, Klang, Malaysia.*

*1992: < Wanita dan Kreativiti > (group show) National Art Gallery, Malaysia.*

*1991: < The Malaysia ness of Malaysian Art: The Question of Identity>(group) National Art Gallery Malaysia.*

*1991: < Nuansa > (group show) National Art Gallery Malaysia and Depdikbud, Indonesia.*

*1985: < My Diary 1983-1985 > Solo Watercolour Paintings Exhibition, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.*

*1983: < My Diary 1981-1983 > Solo Watercolour Paintings Exhibition, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.*

*1980: < Sunny Boy >children book published by Berita Publishing, Malaysia. It was featured as one of the books that represented Malaysia at the Frankfurt book Fair, Germany in 1981.*

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