

## Sherman ONG (b. 1971)

### Education

1995 National University of Singapore, LLB (Hons.), Singapore

### Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2014 Spurious Stories from the Land and Water, Art Plural Gallery, Singapore
- 2010 ICON de Martell Photography Award, Institute of Contemporary Arts, Singapore  
Ticket Seller, Sikkema Jenkins & Co., New York, USA
- 2009 Sherman Ong, Contemporary Art Centre of South Australia, Australia
- 2008 *Hanoi Monogatari (Hanoi Story)*, Zeit Foto Salon, Tokyo, Japan  
*HanoiHaiku: Month of Photography Asia*, 2902 Gallery, Singapore
- 2007 *Missing You*, Fukuoka Art Asian Museum, Fukuoka, Japan
- 2006 *HanoiHaiku*, Angkor Photography Festival, Siem Reap, Cambodia

### Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2014 Flux: Collective Exhibition, Art Plural Gallery, Singapore  
Lost in Landscape, MART – Museum of Contemporary Art of Trento & Roverto, Italy  
The Disappearance, Centre for Contemporary Art, Singapore
- 2013 Asia Pacific Triennial of Contemporary Art (Cinema), Gallery of Modern Art, Brisbane, Australia.  
*Cinema Encounters*: Sherman Ong, Casa Asia, Barcelona & Madrid, Spain  
*Migrants (in)visibles*, Espace Khiasma, Paris, France  
*Motherland - Xiao Jing*, Open House (Marina), Singapore
- 2012 *Little Sun* by Olafur Eliasson, Tate Modern, London, United Kingdom  
*Asia Serendipity*, Teatro Fernando Gomez, Photo Espana Madrid, Spain  
*Panorama*, Singapore Art Museum, Singapore  
*PIMP the TIMP Volume II*, Galerie Lichtblick, 21st International Photoszene Cologne, Germany.  
*Cross-Scape*, GoEun Museum of Photography, Busan, Korea  
*I want to remember*, Rotterdam International Film Festival, Netherlands  
*Crossing SEA(s)*, 2902 Gallery, Singapore (Fringe event of Art Stage Singapore)
- 2011 *Unseen: Cinema of the 21st Century*, Queensland Art Gallery, Australia  
Changwon Asian Art Festival, Sungsan Arts Hall, Changwon, Korea  
17th International Contemporary Art Festival Videobrasil, Sao Paulo, Brazil

Prague Quadrennial of Performance Design and Space, Prague, Czech Republic  
*Cross-Scape*, Kumho Museum of Art, Seoul, Korea  
*Cross-Scape*, Jeonbuk Museum of Art, Jeonju, Korea  
*Metropolis - City Life in the Urban Age*, Noorderlicht International Photo festival, Netherlands  
*Ming Wong:Life of Imitation*, Frye Art Museum, Seattle, Washington, USA  
*Ming Wong:Life of Imitation*, Contemporary Art Spaces Tasmania, Australia  
*Ming Wong:Life of Imitation*, Hara Museum of Contemporary Art, Tokyo, Japan  
*I want to Remember*, Singapore Arts Festival, Singapore  
*Singapore Survey 2011: Imagine Malaysia*, Valentine Willie Fine Art, Singapore  
Photo Ireland, Dublin, Ireland  
*Short Cuts*, Singapore National Museum, Singapore  
*Now or Never*, ION Art Gallery, Singapore  
*Kumbukumbu Za Mti Uunguao | Memories of a Burning Tree*  
Kandy International Film Festival, Sri Lanka  
When the end of Winter is almost Spring  
Rotterdam International Film Festival, Netherlands  
*Tickets*, Gdansk Docfilm Festival (Competition), Poland

2010 *Ming Wong:Life of Imitation*, Singapore Art Museum, Singapore  
Malaysia-Singapore Cinema, Centre Pompidou, Paris, France  
Daegu Photography Biennale, Daegu Culture and Arts Center, Korea  
Nanjing Biennale, Jiangsu Art Museum, Nanjing, China  
*Rainbow Asia*, Hangaram Museum, Seoul Art Centre, Seoul, South Korea  
*The Tropics-Views from the Middle of the Globe*, Jim Thompson Art Centre, Bangkok, Thailand  
*The Last Book*, The Zentralbibliothek Zürich, Switzerland  
***Banjir Kemarau | Flooding in the Time of Drought***  
- Rotterdam International Film Festival, Netherlands  
- Barcelona Asian Film Festival, Spain  
- Rome Asian Film Festival, Italy  
***Kumbukumbu Za Mti Uunguao | Memories of a Burning Tree***  
- Rotterdam International Film Festival, Netherlands  
- Goteborg International Film Festival, Sweden  
- Hong Kong International Film Festival, China  
- Tokyo International Film Festival, Japan  
- Singapore International Film Festival, Singapore  
- Montreal World Film Festival, Canada  
- Bangkok World Film Festival, Thailand  
- Durban International Film Festival, South Africa  
- Mumbai International Film Festival, India  
- Rome Asian Film Festival, Italy  
- Milan Festival of African, Asian and Latin American Cinema, Italy  
- Cinemanila, Manila, Philippines  
- Jogja-NETPAC Asian Film Festival, Jogjakarta, Indonesia  
- When the end of Winter is almost Spring  
- Montreal World Film Festival, Netherlands

## **Tickets**

- Montreal World Film Festival, Netherlands
- Hawaii International Film Festival, USA

2009 *Ming Wong:Life of Imitation*, Singapore Pavilion, Venice Biennale, Venice, Italy

Lithuania *Code Share*:10 Biennales, 20 Artists, Contemporary Art Centre, Vilnius,

*Fluid Zone*:Jakarta Biennale, National Gallery, Jakarta, Indonesia

*Die Tropen - Views from the Middle of the Globe*, Martin-Gropius-Bau, Berlin, Germany

## ***Banjir Kemarau | Flooding in the Time of Drought***

- Hong Kong International Film Festival
- Cinema Digital Seoul, Korea
- Bangkok World Film Festival, Thailand
- Osian Cinefan International Film Festival, India
- Cinemanila International Film Festival, Philippines
- Q! Film Festival, Jakarta Indonesia

## ***Hashi***

- Best Screenplay Award, Singapore Film Awards, Singapore
- Rotterdam International Film Festival
- Barcelona Asian Film Festival Spain
- Rome Asian Film Festival Italy
- Sofia Film Festival, Bulgaria

2008 *Wonder*, Singapore Biennale, City Hall, Singapore

*In-between (Asian Video Art)*, Mori Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan

*Cut2*: New Photography from Southeast Asia, Valentine Willie Fine Art, Singapore

*The Last Book*, Biblioteca Nacional Buenos Aires, Argentina

*Photo Art Asia*, Bangkok, Thailand

*Out of Berlin...pass the picture!* Goethe Institut, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

*OsTropicos - Views from the Middle of the Globe*, Centro Cultural Banco do Brasil, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

*Cut*: New Photography from Southeast Asia, Valentine Willie Fine Art, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

*Exodus – Wanita Yang Berlari*

Clermond-Ferrand International Short Film Festival, France

## ***Hashi***

- Singapore International Film Festival, Singapore
- Mumbai Women's Film Festival India, India
- State of Things
- Asean + 3 Film Festival, Sinema Old School, Singapore

2007 Photoquai-World Visual Arts Biennale, Musée du Quai Branly, Paris, France

*OsTropicos - Views from the Middle of the Globe*, Centro Cultural Banco do Brasil, Brasilia, Brazil

Singapore Art Show, Singapore Art Museum, Singapore

*Making Heroes, Striking The Missing Chord*, National Library, Singapore

Exodus – Wanita Yang Berlari  
Independent Contemporary Dance Festival, Cultural Center of the Philippines  
Films of Desire, Neemrana, India  
Arts House, Singapore  
*HDB Housing Project*  
History Gallery, National Museum Singapore

2006 Another Asia, Noorderlicht Photo Festival, Fries Museum, Leeuwarden, Netherlands  
40°1`N/3°36`W, Aranjuez, Plaza de Parejas, Aranjuez Spain  
Landscape & Architecture, Art Salon, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  
ArtConnexions, Goethe Institut/IFA  
RMIT Gallery, Melbourne, Australia  
National Museum Jakarta, Indonesia  
Vietnam Fine Arts Museum, Hanoi Vietnam  
IFA Gallery Stuttgart, Germany  
IFA Gallery Berlin, Germany  
Exodus - Wanita Yang Berlari  
3rd International Dance Video Festival, Tokyo, Japan  
The Circle  
Commonwealth Film Festival, Manchester, United Kingdom

2005 ***Exodus - Wanita Yang Berlari***  
- Videobrasil International Electronic Art Festival, Sao Paulo, Brazil  
- 10<sup>th</sup> Hong Kong Independent Film and Video Awards, China  
- Jakarta International Dance Film Festival, Indonesia  
- VideoLisboa#5, Portugal  
***Drought***  
- Yokohama Art Triennial (Closing Presentation), Japan  
***Is it easy to kill/pray?***  
- 4th Bangkok International Experimental Film Festival Thailand  
- Singapore Short Cuts, Singapore History Museum, Singapore

2004 Singapore Season, Institute of Contemporary Arts, London, UK  
Month of Photography, Singapore Arts Festival, Alliance Francaise, Singapore  
Spirituality in Modern Singapore, Goethe Institut, Singapore  
***Exodus – Wanita Yang Berlari***  
- International Panorama of Independent Filmmakers, Greece  
- International Film Festival Rotterdam, Netherlands  
- Malaysian Video Awards, Malaysia  
- Bangkok International Film Festival, Thailand  
- Barcelona Asian Film Festival Spain  
- Circuito Off Venice International Short Film Festival, Italy  
  
- Turin Gay & Lesbian Film Festival, Italy  
- Los Angeles Asian Pacific Film & Video Festival, USA  
- La Cittadella del Corto International Short Film Festival, Italy (*Special Festival Prize*)  
- New York Asian American International Film Festival USA

- Rome Asian Film Festival, Italy
- Dance On Screen, International Dance Film Festival London, UK
- Rencontres Internationales Paris-Berlin, Paris, France
- Bilbao International Documentary and Short Film Festival, Spain
- Asia-Europe Foundation Dance Forum, Hebbel Theatre, Berlin, Germany
- .MOV International Digital Film Festival, Philippines 2004

### **State of Things**

- Zero Gravity, Multimedia Art Asia Pacific, Singapore Art Museum, Singapore

2003 *Towards the Month of Photography 2004, Alliance Francaise, Singapore*

### **Exodus – Wanita Yang Berlari**

- Q Film Festival Jakarta, Indonesia
- Di Mana Bumi Dipijak | The Ground I Stand
- Videobrasil - International Electronic Art Festival 2003, Sao Paulo, Brazil
- 7<sup>th</sup> Thai Short Film and Video Festival 2003, Bangkok Thailand

### **State of Things**

- Emergency Filmmaking Project, The Substation, Singapore

2002 *60's Now, Singapore Art Museum, Singapore*

### **Di Mana Bumi Dipijak | The Ground I Stand**

- 7<sup>th</sup> Malaysian Video Awards, Malaysia
- 8<sup>th</sup> Hongkong Independent Short Film & Video Festival
- Women Inspire Film Festival 2002, Singapore
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Singapore Shorts Film Festival, Singapore
- Contemplation Room, Danish Ministry of Culture, Overgaden Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark
- Danger Museum, Institute of International Visual Arts, London, UK
- Aus Kobberling, Kassel, Germany

2001 *Time-Image in the Peranakan House, Central District Arts Festival, Singapore*

### **Public Collection**

Fukuoka Asian Art Museum, Japan

Singapore Art Museum, Singapore

Seoul Art Centre, Korea

Malaysia-Singapore Collection, National University of Singapore

Meat, Vegetables & Dessert

International Documentary Film Festival Amsterdam, Netherlands

ArtConnexions, Space 217, Singapore

The Circle

DIBA Digital Barcelona International Film Festival, Spain

El Pollo de Quijote

Finalist 4<sup>th</sup> Centennial of Don Quixote Short Film Awards, Spain

State of Things

## Commissions

- 2011     ***I want to Remember***  
Commissioned by Singapore Arts Festival 2011
- 2010     ***When the end of Winter is almost Spring***  
Commissioned by Singapore Arts Festival 2010
- 2010     ***Memories of a Burning Tree***  
Commissioned by Rotterdam International Film Festival, Forget Africa  
Programme,  
Netherlands
- 2009     **3 works on Cinema (*Ticket Seller, Poster Painter and Collector*)**  
Commissioned by Tang Fu Kuen, curator for Singapore Pavilion, Venice  
Biennale
- 2006     ***HDB Housing Project***  
Commissioned by the National Museum Singapore
- 2003     ***Exodus – Wanita Yang Berlari***  
Commissioned by the Indonesian Contemporary Dance Centre

## Honors & Awards

- 2014     Honorable Mention (Motherland), 18th Contemporary Art Festival Videobrasil,  
Brazil
- 2010     ICON de Martell Cordon Bleu Photography Award, Singapore  
Hubert Bals (Script Development) Fund, Netherlands
- 2009     Special Mention (Ming Wong, Singapore Pavilion) Venice Biennale, Venice,  
Italy  
Best Screenplay (Hashi), Singapore Film Awards, Singapore  
Forget Africa Commission, Rotterdam International Film Festival, Netherlands
- 2007     Fukuoka Asian Art Museum Artist Residency Award, Fukuoka, Japan
- 2005     Special Jury Prize (Exodus), Independent Film & Video Awards, Hong Kong,  
China  
ArtConnexions:Goethe-Institut Artist Residency Award, Singapore
- 2004     Best Experimental Film (Exodus), Int'l Panorama of Independent Filmmakers,  
Greece  
Special Jury Prize (Exodus), Malaysian Video Awards, Kuala Lumpur,  
Malaysia

Special Festival Prize (Exodus), La Cittadella del Corto Short Film Festival,  
Italy

2002 Best Documentary (The Ground I Stand), Malaysian Video Awards, Malaysia

## Scholarships and Grants

1989 – 1990	Singapore Government ASEAN Scholarship
2001	Singapore Film Commission Bursary
2002	Associate Artist, Substation
2002 Singapore	Asia-Europe Foundation Young Photographer's Forum
2007	Asia-Europe Foundation Cultural Exchange
2005/06/07/08/09/10	Singapore Film Commission Grants
2007/08/09/11	Singapore National Arts Council Grants

## Residencies

2005	Goethe Institute Art Connexions Residency, Hanoi, Vietnam
2007	Fukuoka Asian Art Museum, Japan
2009	Rotterdam Film Festival Forget Africa Residency, Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania