#### Artist Biography

In 1990, I started painting when my college roommate brought home a canvas. Indonesia lacks art education; this was my first opportunity to create art. My first painting was the silhouette of a farmer in a sunset. I painted and painted, covering the campus with my paintings.

Within a few months, I was doing street portraits. Artists criticized my work and I listened. I learned everything I could about painting technique. Within a year, these same artists invited me to join a group exhibition.

Although I have done many exhibitions, street art holds a place in my heart. I enjoy painting "on-the-spot" caricatures and also murals.

Educating children about art is also my passion. In 2020, I founded an artists’ association in my city, and with it a free art school for children. I currently teach Saturday art classes in an Islamic school.

My daughter, Zhura (16), is a skilled makeup artist. My son, Valen (22), is a computer animation artist.

My Canadian partner and I will be married in the new year; our hope is that I will be able to immigrate to be with her in 2024.