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Tong Chin Sye: Portrait, Still Life & Landscape Paintings

artcommune gallery is proud to present an exhibition of 40 oil paintings by 2nd-generation Singapore artist, Tong Chin Sye. Featuring portrait and still life compositions completed during the period of 1980s – early 2000s, the works on showcase reflect Tong's dedicated pursuit in travelling and painting since early in his practice, and the inspirations behind his landscape and figurative exploration. While audience may already be familiar with Tong's lyrical landscape paintings in both oil and watercolour medium, this is the first exhibition showcasing his versatile oeuvre that includes series of portrait and still life compositions composed over three decades of the artist's career.

Tong Chin Sye (b. 1939, Singapore –) is a multi-media artist trained in both Western and Chinese art. In 1987, he was awarded the first prize in the Port of Singapore Authority Open Art Competition. Over the years, he has participated in numerous exhibitions locally and abroad. In 1998, the artist represented Singapore at the Flemish Watercolour Days held at Zaventem, Europe. Earlier in his career, he was also a part-time lecturer in Western Art at the Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts, Singapore.

Tong boasts a dynamic oeuvre that includes watercolour, oil, Chinese ink and mixed media works. His oil paintings of portrait, still life and landscape images often reflect a strong, vibrant palette, complete with expressive and elegant Chinese brushwork.

Exhibition Period: 19 – 30 December 2015

Venue: artcommune gallery (Address below)

Opening hours: **12 - 7 pm daily** (*Free Admission!*)

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Here are the images to some of the paintings on exhibit:



Tong Chin Sye, *The Man of Rajasthan*, 1986, Oil on canvas, 64 x 88 cm



Tong Chin Sye, *Sunflower II*, 1993, Oil on canvas, 86 x 102 cm



Tong Chin Sye, *Music Player*, 1993, Oil on canvas, 102 x 86 cm



Tong Chin Sye, *Paris Scene*, 1993, Oil on canvas, 88 x 62 cm



Tong Chin Sye, *Jurong River Shipyard*, 1989, Oil on canvas, 88 x 62 cm



Tong Chin Sye, *Bulok Kampong*, 1960, Oil on canvas, 88 x 62 cm,