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## **Reminiscing Tay Bak Koi**

A group of Art collectors is pleased to present “Reminiscing Tay Bak Koi”, an exhibition that celebrates the legacy of the late renowned Singaporean artist, Tay Bak Koi (b. 1939 – d. 2005). This exhibition serves as a mini retrospective. On showcase are over 40 pieces of paintings, including some very early works as well as a 2-metre huge oil composition of buffaloes accomplished by the artist in the 80s.

An acclaimed second-generation artist, Tay is most well-known for his oil and watercolour portrayals of fishing villages, kampung scenes and urban landscapes. His works have been featured in numerous exhibitions around the world, including in Hong Kong, Australia, Germany, Japan and the United States.

During his time at the Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts, Tay studied under Cheong Soo Pieng, a pioneer artist widely revered for his experiments in brush techniques and the amalgamation of East-West elements in painting. While he eventually evolved a distinct visual language that is markedly different from his teacher, his works reveal the same inventive spirit and bold experiment with forms.

Throughout his career, Tay dedicated himself tirelessly to perfecting pictorial techniques and developing a range of highly stylised imagery, and the proof of this labour is evident in the impressive collection of oil and watercolour paintings seen in this exhibition. From the unconventional construction of viewpoint to the merging of reality and fantasy, his paintings are ornamental yet lyrical to the eye. For those familiar with the artist’s oeuvre, this is certainly a rare opportunity to admire up close and personal some of his most famous recurring motifs –his stylised images of buffaloes and human figures that fascinate with their dream-like quality and simplicity of forms.

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Exhibition venue : Gallery 3, Artspace @Helutrans, Level 2 Tangjong Pagar Distripark, 37 Keppel Road, 089064

Opening dates (for public): 22 February 2013 – 3 March 2013

Time: 11 am –7 pm

Here are some selected works from Tay Bak Koi's exhibition:



Title: Singapore River  
Medium: Oil  
Dimensions: 91 x 85 cm



Title: Cock Fight

Medium: Oil

Dimensions: 121 x 98 cm