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## THE ESSENCE OF A TROPICAL LIFE-IN THE KAMPUNG

by Stephanie Kuen

Stephanie after receiving her art training from Malaysian Institute of Art in 1986 with a Diploma in Commercial Art when into the corporate world and now is giving art lessons.

In the early 90's she run a commercial graphic studio and then in 1999 she explored fine art painting. Then in 2000 after much encouragement from her husband she took her paintings to exhibit at Anugerah Gallery and there after for a group exhibition at Bernard Chandran Boutique soft launch also organized by Anugerah Gallery. After these two exhibitions she then placed her paintings in retail shops such as "The House & Co" in Bangsar and "The Red Envelope" in Ikano to test the market and it took quite some time for her paintings to be recognized, but nevertheless she considered it as part of an artist journey.

Her breakthrough into the artistry world came when her works was featured in the Expat KL magazine in May 2006 where she received quite a number of enquiries which she handled personally. Due to this response and her deep passion and challenges as a fine art artist, she decided to go further to showcase her works by having her first solo exhibition at KLPac this March to exhibit her works on "Kampung" with the theme "The Essence of A Tropical Life-In the Kampung". In this May she will also exhibit her works with the "Nyonya" theme in a group exhibition at Artseni in Starhill.

Her works on figurative drawings with cultural theme are on Malaysian scene as Malaysia is such a great melting pot of heritage and culture, where she will explore all these elements into abstract shapes with nostalgic simple pleasures of life. Facial expressions are sometimes taken out so that the audience can partake in unravelling the emotions of the paintings.

Kindly note her First Solo Exhibition at KLPac in this March and for more information, call her at 03 5636 4002, Mobile 012 2180 690 or log onto : [www.paletteandbrush.com](http://www.paletteandbrush.com).



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