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'Hari Bergembira' by Kuen.

THE Kuala Lumpur Performing Arts Centre (KLPac) in Sentul Park, presents "Essence Of A Tropical Life — In The Kampung", a solo exhibition of Kuen Stephanie's works of art.

Kuen received her training in art from the Malaysian Institute of Art (MIA) where she graduated with a Diploma in Graphic Art in 1986. She ventured into fine art painting in 1999.

Since then, her works have been showcased at the Anugerah Gallery (now Starhill Gallery) in Jalan Bukit Bintang, Kuala Lumpur, and most of them have been sold at retail outlets such as House + Co (Bangsar, Kuala Lumpur) and Red Envelope (Bandar Utama, Petaling Jaya).

Her works have also been featured in the Expat KL magazine, and the exposure has garnered her a strong following from the expatriate community.

The KLPac exhibition is Kuen's first solo show. She sees in it the chance to gain a wider audience and to re-connect with those who appreciated her paintings in the past.

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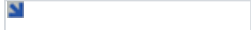
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Her exhibition is strategically positioned outside the main entrances of the KLPac theatre halls. In this way, she hopes theatre-lovers will take the opportunity to admire her works as they enter or exit the halls.

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Kuen's works present stylised abstract figures, outlined with black contours, in a patchwork of bright colours that have been finished with a touch of naivety. Most of the paintings highlight the idyllic charm of rural life as compared to the hectic pace of city life.

The underlying message of her paintings is the need to balance the everyday values of both city and village.

Her works are also a tribute to the nation's 50th year of independence.

Kuen's oil and acrylic paintings on canvas will also be available for sale. The exhibition ends on April 8.

Time: 10am to 6.30pm daily. Venue: The Kuala Lumpur Performing Arts Centre (KLPac), Sentul Park, Jalan Strachan, off Jalan Ipoh. Call 03-4047-9000 or 012-218-0690 or visit [www.kuenstephanie.com](http://www.kuenstephanie.com) and [www.paletteandbrush.com](http://www.paletteandbrush.com).

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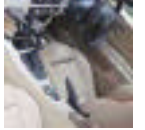
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