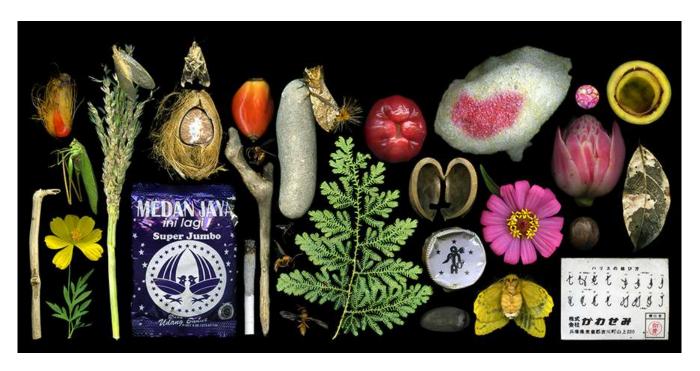


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# **Angki Purbandono**

If You Give Me Lemon, I'll Make Lemonade 22 September - 29 October 2017 Opening on Friday 22 September 2017, 4pm - 7pm



Mizuma Gallery is pleased to present *If You Give Me Lemon, I'll Make Lemonade: Tales from Tokyo and Tangkahan*, a solo exhibition by Angki Purbandono, curated by the artist and Hermanto Soerjanto.

Angki Purbandono, one of Indonesia's leading photography artists, has been working with scanography as his primary media for eleven years. His transition from camera to scanner was inspired by Man Ray, a 20<sup>th</sup> century modernist artist known for his photography works created with different approaches other than the camera. Angki still considers himself as a photography artist despite the medium he works with, because he believes that the essence of photography as an art form lies in the story behind.

The title of this exhibition refers to the artist's unique awareness and perspective towards objects in his daily life, which invites the audience to consider an unexpected yet beautiful relationship between the objects and the human life. In his art making process, Angki strives to achieve a harmonious compromise with whatever imperfections life throws at us.





Angki's works are strongly influenced by the places he visits, by objects he finds, and by his observations on how other people live in those places. This exhibition is a result of Angki's artist residency programs in two places with very contrasting characteristics: in Tangkahan, North Sumatra, Indonesia, where he experienced the jungle environment, and in Tokyo, Japan, where he experienced a metropolitan city at its best. His month-long stay in Tangkahan was done in collaboration with Indonesian actor, Nicholas Saputra. Through 2 documentary clip videos and 34 photography works, Angki entices us to look at the jungle and the metropolitan city from a different perspective and state of mind.

In this exhibition, Angki demonstrates his approach to various mediums by creating an installation constructed with videos, flags, banners, and lightboxes. This installation reflects people's desire to build their lives for a better future, no matter where they are.

# **About the Artist**

Angki Purbandono (b. 1971, Cepiring, Indonesia) studied in the Department of Photography in Indonesian Institute of the Arts (ISI) Yogyakarta, Indonesia, from 1994 to 1999. In 2002, he co-founded Ruang MES 56, an artist-run space in Yogyakarta specializing in contemporary photography of Indonesia. His major solo exhibitions include *Happy Scan*, BIASA ArtSpace, Bali (2008), *Noodle Theory*, Garis Art Space, Jakarta, Indonesia (2010), *2 Folders From Fukuoka*, Vivi Yip Art Room, Jakarta (2010), *The Swimmers*, Mizuma Gallery, Singapore (2014), and most recently, *Grey Area*, Bangkok University Gallery, Bangkok (2017). His participation in group exhibitions spans across Asia and beyond, from The Philippines, Singapore, Korea, Thailand, and Japan, to Australia, Liechtenstein, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

# **About the Gallery**

Mizuma Gallery was established in 1994 in Tokyo, and since its opening in Gillman Barracks, Singapore in 2012, it aims for the promotion of Japanese artists in the region as well as the introduction of new and promising young talents from Southeast Asia to the international art scene. The gallery creates a new vector of dialogue within Asia, by exchanging art projects between East Asia and Southeast Asia.

#### **About Gillman Barracks**

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Angki Purbandono
Souvenir From Tangkahan (2017)
scanography, lightbox installation  $100 \times 200 \times 10$  cm
1 lightbox + 1 C-print on paper, diasec + 1AP
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Angki Purbandono
Tokyo Joker (2017)
scanography, lightbox installation
76 x 52 x 10 cm
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Angki Purbandono
Selfie in Tokyo (2017)
scanography, lightbox installation
Ø 55 x 10 cm
1 lightbox + 1 C-print on paper, diasec + 1AP
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### ANGKI PURBANDONO

Born in Cepiring, Indonesia in 1971, lives and works in Yogyakarta, Indonesia.

### Education

1994 - 1999	Department of Photography, Indonesian Institute of the Arts (ISI), Yogyakarta, Indonesia
1993 - 1994	Modern School of Design, Yogyakarta, Indonesia

#### **Solo Exhibitions**

2017	If You Give Me Lemon, I'll Make Lemonade, Mizuma Gallery, Singapore
	Grey Area, Bangkok University Gallery, Bangkok, Thailand
2014	Angki Purbandono and PAPs, The Swimmers, Mizuma Gallery, Singapore
2013	Invisible Cities, Art Project Gallery, Hong Kong
	OVALOVA, Vivi Yip Art Room, Jakarta, Indonesia
2011	TOP POP, S. Bin. Art Plus Gallery, Singapore
2010	Noodle Theory, Garis Art Space, Jakarta, Indonesia
	2 Folders From Fukuoka, Vivi Yip Art Room 2, Jakarta, Indonesia
2009	Kissing The Methods, Richard Koh Fine Art, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
2008	Happy Scan, BIASA ArtSpace, Bali, Indonesia
2006	Industrial Fiesta, Changdong Art Studio, Seoul, South Korea
2007	Industrial Fiesta, Cemeti Art House, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
2000	My Brain Packages, Institut Français d'Indonésie Jakarta, Jakarta, Indonesia
1999	KOLASMANIAC, Institut Français d'Indonésie Yogyakarta, Yogyakarta, Indonesia

# Selected Group Exhibitions (Past 5 years)

2017	Unseen Amsterdam CO-OP: [Ruang MES 56], Transformatorhuis, Amsterdam, Netherlands
	After Darkness: Southeast Asian Art in the Wake of History, Asia Society Museum, New York, USA
	Traces of the Future: Contemporary Art from Southeast Asia, Mizuma Art Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
	Beyond Boundaries - Globalisation and Identity, Liechtenstein National Museum, Vaduz, Liechtenstein
	Identity Crisis: Reflections on Public and Private Life in Contemporary Javanese Photography, Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art, Cornell
	University, New York, USA
2016	South East Asia Plus (SEA+) Triennale, National Gallery of Indonesia, Jakarta, Indonesia
	Singapore International Photography Festival, National Library, Singapore
	Why are we doing what we are doing?, Mizuma Gallery, Singapore
	Indonesia in Song Eun KEREN DAN BEKEN Ruang MES 56, Song Eun Art Space, Seoul, South Korea
	Chennai Photo Biennale, Chennai, India
2015	Unveiling Fundamentals in Contemporary Art through Asia, OHD Museum, Magelang, Indonesia
	Jeonju International Photography Festival   After Photography, Jeonbuk Art Center Chamberlain; Wanpanbon Cultural Center; Hanok
	Village, South Korea
2014	SHOUT! Indonesian Contemporary Art, Museo d'Arte Contemporanea di Roma, Rome, Italy
	Multiple Languages, Silverlens Galleries, Manila, Philippines
	Fermented, Mizuma Gallery, Singapore
2013	VERSUS - Indonesian Contemporary Art, Mizuma Gallery, Singapore

# Residencies

2017	Mizuma Art Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
2016	Tangkahan Elephant Conservation and Eco-Tourism, initiation by Nicholas Saputra, Tangkahan, North Sumatra, Indonesia
2013	Drugs Rehabilitation Program, Narcotic Prison in Yogyakarta, Indonesia
2012	Artist in Residency Program, Art Project Gallery, Hong Kong
2011	Artist in Residency Program, S. Bin Art Plus Gallery, Singapore
2009	Artist in Residency Program, Fukuoka Asian Art Museum, Fukuoka, Japan
2006	Asian Artist Fellowship, Changdong Art Studio, Seoul, South Korea
2004	ruangrupa Residency Program, Jakarta, Indonesia