Masters of Modern Indonesian Portraiture

A major National Gallery of Indonesia initiative, Masters of Modern Indonesian Portraiture is an exhibition of thirty-five significant Indonesian art works presented at the National Portrait Gallery. The exhibition offers significant insight into the rich portrait practice of Indonesia, showcasing key modernist works (1930–80s) drawn from the National Gallery of Indonesia's collection. These will be shown alongside a selection of contemporary works by leading contemporary Indonesian artists. It will be the first time works from the National Gallery of Indonesia will be shown in Australia and importantly a rare opportunity for Australian audiences to view the work of eminent artists from Indonesia, including masters S. Sudjojono, Hendra Gunawan and Affandi.

The project is a National Gallery of Indonesia Travelling exhibition developed collaboratively for display at the National Portrait Gallery by both institutions’ professional staff. It is the first formal project in what is hoped to be an ongoing relationship between the National Portrait Gallery and the National Gallery of Indonesia. Eleven Indonesian cultural professionals will travel from Jakarta to Canberra for the event, including the National Gallery of Indonesia’s director, two leading curators and two artists.

The National Portrait Gallery and the National Gallery of Indonesia are collaborating with the Australian National University's Australian Consortium of Asian Art on an associated seminar to be help on Tuesday 23 September 2014. Prominent academics from both Indonesia and Australia will be brought together for the event.

At the Masters of Modern Indonesian Portraiture launch National Portrait Gallery Director Angus Trumble, National Gallery of Indonesia Director, Mr Tubagus ‘André’ Sukmana, Exhibition Manager Mr Zamrud Setya Negara and Curator Mr Asikin Hasan will be available for interview.

Official launch
11.00am Wednesday
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Masters of Modern Indonesian Portraiture will be displayed at the National Portrait Gallery from 20 September to 15 October 2014

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