

Naufal Abshar solo show at Art Porters' [new space](#)

Is this Fate? by wunderkind Naufal Abshar is now showing at **Art Porters new space** at 64 Spottiswoode Park Road, Singapore 088652. Open daily 10.30am - 7.00pm. Except 28-30th Jan 2017 (CNY). Tel +65 6400 7458.

[Naufal Abshar works](#) will also be exhibited at **Art Stage** Singapore at MBS Convention Centre, January 11 to 15 (**Art Porters Booth B2**), in a group show with works by [Artheline](#), [Laure Hatchuel-Becker](#), [Mulyana](#), [Tamen](#) and [Wayan Novi](#). To view the full Naufal catalogue [click here](#).

About Naufal Abshar



Naufal Abshar (1993) is an Indonesian artist who creates vibrant paintings - on most of his works, Naufal loves to include some **humour elements**, either its manifestation (laughter) or even by putting some **satirical joke texts** on his paintings, because he believes humour and laughter as a symbolic form of protest. It can express a rejection and criticise a political matter and it can also be universal. It is an activity that creates an absolute liberation of expression and thoughts. The term of laughter could be defined as “symbolic protest” embracing individuals and groups who practice **symbolic defiance** against certain issues.

It was after graduating from the **BA Fine Arts Faculty LASALLE College of The Arts** in Singapore and **Goldsmiths of London University** that Naufal started to develop his concept edition of "HAHA" series an exploration of one of the humor manifestation which is laughter. He has studied and observed the theory of humor and its manifestation within an **Asian context** specifically Indonesia's context. After graduating he went back home to Indonesia, discover also applied all his knowledge that he learnt in University and became a fulltime artist.

Naufal is not just experimenting the function of humour and laughter but he is also trying to connect these elements into a more philosophical vision of human beings. From his perspective laughter is the bridge that links us as humans, an activity that unites us, laughter is contagious in a good way. No matter who we are and what we are as a humans we experience laughing, we may have different tastes and understandings of humour but we need to laugh at the end.

With his latest works, Naufal illustrates the story and complexity of life through puzzle paintings. He believes our life is like a **compilation of puzzles**, constructed by many stories that build one big story which is life itself. In life we are destined into certain rules and fate but Naufal believes that we all as human beings have a **freedom to choose** what kind of life we want to live. Indeed God has given each of us a certain fate with a religion, place we were born, family background and other circumstances that point to each human's differences. But nevertheless if we look back to the basics of the true fate what we are now is human beings. We all are human beings that need to have relationships, love, family, and behave as humans. Naufal believes no matter what kind of religions, political dogmas, lifestyle, and life's philosophy we have, we are one as human beings that have a freedom to choose and have to **respect the other's choices**.

The puzzle paintings give a total **freedom to the audience to curate-create their own story** and perception of their own art. Because Naufal believes art is universal, and each individual has his/her own perspective towards an artwork, for instance people can change the head of robot figure into an astronaut figure, and create a different context of the painting, or maybe the body changes into a business man costume and again it creates another very interesting meaning of the painting. Meanwhile on top of the freedom to create-curate your own story of art, the philosophy behind Naufal's work is a reflection on our life as a human. We are destined to have a kind of life, but we've been given by God heart and brain to choose what kind of story of life we live in.

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