



Ho Tzu Nyen

Time & the Tiger

Booklet in easy-to-read language

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About the art show





This guide is in easy-to-read English.

The art show is called:
'Time & the Tiger'.

It is an exhibition by an artist.
The artist is named Ho Tzu Nyen.
He was born in 1976 in Singapore.
He lives and works there.
Singapore is in Southeast Asia.

The art show is on the floor -1.
You can see the art show until Sunday, 24 August 2025.

You can get more information:

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 -  by e-mail: visites@mudam.com
- You can also book a guided tour.

Guided tour means:

Someone shows you through the art show.





The art of Ho Tzu Nyen

Ho Tzu Nyen makes films and videos.
He often uses images from films.
Sometimes, he also finds images on the internet.
He creates animation-films.

What are animation-films?

The figures in animation-films are drawn.
Or made on the computer.
For example: The Smurfs.

In his videos, Ho Tzu Nyen tells many stories.
He mixes old stories with things that really happened.
The old stories are made up.
They did not really happen.

Ho Tzu Nyen is very interested in the history of Southeast Asia.
In his videos he talks about time.
In his videos are a lot of tigers.
There are many tigers in the stories from Southeast Asia.
In the past, there were many tigers.
Today, most of them are gone.



Ho Tzu Nyen helps us to understand different cultures.

What is culture?

Everything, what people think and do themselves.

For example: Art, music.

But also how people live and think.

For example: What they eat.

And how they talk.

The art show shows us:

How time passes.

In a country or a part of a country, there are a lot of different cultures.

Old stories are still important today.

The Room of Time

Go down the stairs and in the left room.

The first art-work is made of 43 videos.

All of those videos tell us something about time.

There are images of things.

The things show that time passes.

For example: A candle shows that it **won't** burn forever.
It goes out with time.

You can tell or measure time with different objects.

For example: An hourglass.

Other images show time in nature.

For example: The life of some insects is very short.

There is another video in the room.

The video is made of two projections.

You can see one part on the wall.

The other part is on a screen.

The video shows images from the Internet or from films.



The Hotel Aporia Room

Next to the stairs, there are 4 screens with videos.
Visitors can sit in front of each screen.
The videos come from films or archives.

The videos talk about Japan in World War 2.
World War 2 happened from 1939 to 1945.
It was the worst war of history.
Over 60 million people died.

Some stories are about “kamikazes.”
Kamikazes were Japanese pilots.
They attacked airplanes from the American army.
There are also stories about Japanese philosophers
and film-makers.

What is a philosopher?

A philosopher thinks a lot.
And he searches for answers.
For example, about life.
Or about the world.



The Tiger Room

A long time ago, people from Europe colonised Asia.

What is colonising?

It means that people go to a new country.

They say: This country belongs to us now.

They live there and they make their own rules.

The people from Europe mistreated the people from Asia a lot.

Ho Tzu Nyen tells a story:

A man from Europe wants to build the city of Singapore.

He meets a tiger in the forest.

This story shows two different worlds.

There is the world of humans.

They want to build cities and streets.

There is the world of the tigers.

It is the world of the forest and the animals.

It is a magical world.

In this story, humans change nature.

At the end, a puppet theatre appears.

It comes from Indonesia.

A lot of puppet theatres were there.

Indonesia is a country.

It is close to Singapore.

In the next room, Ho Tzu Nyen tells us a story about a tiger.
In the past, there were many tigers in Southeast Asia.

Tigers were very important to people.

They told many stories about tigers.

They believed that tigers could talk to spirits.



The Southeast Asia Room

The art show ends in the room 'Auditorium'.
Here, Ho Tzu Nyen shows us Southeast Asia.

It is a large group of countries:

- Singapore
- Malaysia
- Thailand
- Vietnam
- Indonesia and more

In the past, these countries were not a group.
They were all separate.
After 1945 people start calling it 'Southeast Asia'.
These countries are different.
They speak different languages.
For example: Vietnamese, Indonesian, ...
They have different religions.

There are photos, videos and texts from the countries.
Ho Tzu Nyen found these images on the internet.
The film is special.
A computer connects the images and sounds (audio).
Every time you watch the video, it's different.

This room shows us important things:

In Southeast Asia there are a lot of different cultures.



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