### Sherman ONG (born in 1971)

#### Education

1995 National University of Singapore, LLB (Hons.), Singapore

#### **Selected Solo Exhibitions**

- 2014 Spurious Stories from the Land and Water, Art Plural Gallery, Singapore
- 2010 ICON de Martell Photography Award, Institute of Contemporary Arts, Singapore Ticket Seller, Sikkema Jenkins & Co., New York, USA
- 2009 Sherman Ong, Contemporary Art Centre of South Australia, Australia
- 2008 Hanoi Monogatari (Hanoi Story), Zeit Foto Salon, Tokyo, Japan HanoiHaiku: Month of Photography Asia, 2902 Gallery, Singapore
- 2007 Missing You, Fukuoka Art Asian Museum, Fukuoka, Japan
- 2006 HanoiHaiku, Angkor Photography Festival, Siem Reap, Cambodia

#### **Selected Group Exhibitions**

- 2014 Flux: Collective Exhibition, Art Plural Gallery, Singapore Lost in Landscape, MART – Museum of Contemporary Art of Ternto & Roverto, Italy The Disappearance, Centre for Contemporary Art, Singapore
- 2013 Asia Pacific Triennial of Contemporary Art (Cinema), Gallery of Modern Art, Brisbane, Australia. *Cinema Encounters:* Sherman Ong, Casa Asia, Barcelona & Madrid, Spain *Migrants (in)visibles*, Espace Khiasma, Paris, France *Motherland* - Xiao Jing, Open House (Marina), Singapore
- 2012 Little Sun by Olafur Eliasson, Tate Modern, London, United Kingdom Asia Serendipity, Teatro Fernando Gomez, Photo Espana Madrid, Spain Panorama, Singapore Art Museum, Singapore PIMP the TIMP Volume II, Galerie Lichtblick, 21st International Photoszene Cologne, Germany. Cross-Scape, GoEun Museum of Photography, Busan, Korea I want to remember, Rotterdam International Film Festival, Netherlands Crossing SEA(s), 2902 Gallery, Singapore (Fringe event of Art Stage Singapore)
- 2011 Unseen: Cinema of the 21st Century, Queensland Art Gallery, Australia Changwon Asian Art Festival, Sungsan Arts Hall, Changwon, Korea 17th International Contemporary Art Festival Videobrasil, Sao Paolo, Brazil Prague Quadrennial of Performance Design and Space, Prague, Czech Republic Cross-Scape, Kumho Museum of Art, Seoul, Korea Cross-Scape, Jeonbuk Museum of Art, Jeonju, Korea Metropolis - City Life in the Urban Age, Noorderlicht International Photo festival, Netherlands Ming Wong:Life of Imitation, Frye Art Museum, Seattle, Washington, USA Ming Wong:Life of Imitation, Contemporary Art Spaces Tasmania, Australia Ming Wong:Life of Imitation, Hara Museum of Contemporary Art, Tokyo, Japan I want to Remember, Singapore Arts Festival, Singapore Singapore Survey 2011: Imagine Malaysia, Valentine Willie Fine Art, Singapore Photo Ireland, Dublin, Ireland Short Cuts. Singapore National Museum, Singapore Now or Never, ION Art Gallery, Singapore Kumbukumbu Za Mti Uunguao | Memories of a Burning Tree Kandy International Film Festival, Sri Lanka

When the end of Winter is almost Spring Rotterdam International Film Festival, Netherlands *Tickets,* Gdansk Docfilm Festival (Competition), Poland

 2010 Ming Wong:Life of Imitation, Singapore Art Museum, Singapore Malaysia-Singapore Cinema, Centre Pompidou, Paris, France Daegu Photography Biennale, Daegu Culture and Arts Center, Korea Nanjing Biennale, Jiangsu Art Museum, Nanjing, China Rainbow Asia, Hangaram Museum, Seoul Art Centre, Seoul, South Korea The Tropics-Views from the Middle of the Globe, Jim Thompson Art Centre, Bangkok, Thailand The Last Book, The Zentralbibliothek Zürich, Switzerland Banjir Kemarau | Flooding in the Time of Drought - Rotterdam International Film Festival, Netherlands

- Barcelona Asian Film Festival, Nether
- Rome Asian Film Festival, J

#### Kumbukumbu Za Mti Uunguao | Memories of a Burning Tree

- Rotterdam International Film Festival, Netherlands
- Goteborg International Film Festival, Sweden
- Hong Kong International Film Festival, China
- Tokyo International Film Festival, Japan
- Singapore International Film Festival, Singapore
- Montreal World Film Festival, Canada
- Bangkok World Film Festival, Thailand
- Durban International Film Festival, South Africa
- Mumbai International Film Festival, India
- Rome Asian Film Festival, Italy
- Milan Festival of African, Asian and Latin American Cinema, Italy
- Cinemanila, Manila, Philippines
- Jogja-NETPAC Asian Film Festival, Jogjakarta, Indonesia
- When the end of Winter is almost Spring
- Montreal World Film Festival, Netherlands

#### Tickets

- Montreal World Film Festival, Netherlands
- Hawaii International Film Festival, USA

2009 *Ming Wong:Life of Imitation,* Singapore Pavilion, Venice Biennale, Venice, Italy *Code Share*:10 Biennales, 20 Artists, Contemporary Art Centre, Vilnius, Lithuania *Fluid Zone:*Jakarta Biennale, National Gallery, Jakarta, Indonesia Die Tropen - Views from the Middle of the Globe, Martin-Gropius-Bau, Berlin, Germany

#### Banjir Kemarau | Flooding in the Time of Drought

- Hong Kong International Film Festival
- Cinema Digital Seoul, Korea
- Bangkok World Film Festival, Thailand
- Osian Cinefan International Film Festival, India
- Cinemanila International Film Festival, Philippines
- Q! Film Festival, Jakarta Indonesia

Hashi

- Best Screenplay Award, Singapore Film Awards, Singapore
- Rotterdam International Film Festival
- Barcelona Asian Film Festival Spain
- Rome Asian Film Festival Italy
- Sofia Film Festival, Bulgaria

#### 2008 Wonder, Singapore Biennale, City Hall, Singapore In-between (Asian Video Art), Mori Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan *Cut2:* New Photography from Southeast Asia, Valentine Willie Fine Art, Singapore *The Last Book*, Biblioteca Nacional Buenos Aires, Argentina Photo Art Asia, Bangkok, Thailand *Out of Berlin...*pass the picture! Goethe Institut, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

*OsTropicos* - Views from the Middle of the Globe, Centro Cultural Banco do Brasil, Rio de Janeiro, BraziL *Cut:* New Photography from Southeast Asia, Valentine Willie Fine Art, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia *Exodus* – Wanita Yang Berlari

Clermond-Ferrand International Short Film Festival, France Hashi

- Singapore International Film Festival, Singapore

- Mumbai Women's Film Festival India, India
- State of Things
- Asean + 3 Film Festival, Sinema Old School, Singapore

 Photoquai-World Visual Arts Biennale, Musée du Quai Branly, Paris, France OsTropicos - Views from the Middle of the Globe, Centro Cultural Banco do Brasil, Brasilia, Brazil Singapore Art Show, Singapore Art Museum, Singapore Making Heroes, Striking The Missing Chord, National Library, Singapore Exodus – Wanita Yang Berlari Independent Contemporary Dance Festival, Cultural Center of the Philippines Films of Desire, Neemrana, India Arts House, Singapore HDB Housing Project History Gallery, National Museum Singapore

Another Asia, Noorderlicht Photo Festival, Fries Museum, Leeuwarden, Netherlands 40°1`N/3°36`W, Aranjuez, Plaza de Parejas, Aranjuez Spain Landscape & Architecture, Art Salon, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia ArtConnexions, Goethe Institut/IFA RMIT Gallery, Melbourne, Australia National Museum Jakarta, Indonesia Vietnam Fine Arts Museum, Hanoi Vietnam IFA Gallery Stuttgart, Germany IFA Gallery Berlin, Germany Exodus - Wanita Yang Berlari 3rd International Dance Video Festival, Tokyo, Japan The Circle Commonwealth Film Festival, Manchester, United Kingdom

#### 2005 Exodus - Wanita Yang Berlari

- Videobrasil International Electronic Art Festival, Sao Paulo, Brazil
- 10th Hong Kong Independent Film and Video Awards, China
- Jakarta International Dance Film Festival, Indonesia
- VideoLisboa#5, Portugal

#### Drought

- Yokohama Art Triennial (Closing Presentation), Japan

- Is it easy to kill/pray?
- 4th Bangkok International Experimental Film Festival Thailand
- Singapore Short Cuts, Singapore History Museum, Singapore

2004 Singapore Season, Institute of Contemporary Arts, London, UK Month of Photography, Singapore Arts Festival, Alliance Francaise, Singapore Spirituality in Modern Singapore, Goethe Institut, Singapore **Exodus – Wanita Yang Berlari** 

- International Panorama of Independent Filmmakers, Greece
- International Film Festival Rotterdam, Netherlands
- Malaysian Video Awards, Malaysia
- Bangkok International Film Festival, Thailand
- Barcelona Asian Film Festival Spain
- Circuito Off Venice International Short Film Festival, Italy

- Turin Gay & Lesbian Film Festival, Italy

- Los Angeles Asian Pacific Film & Video Festival, USA
- La Cittadella del Corto International Short Film Festival, Italy (Special Festival Prize)
- New York Asian American International Film Festival USA

- Rome Asian Film Festival, Italy
- Dance On Screen, International Dance Film Festival London, UK
- Rencontres Internationales Paris-Berlin, Paris, France
- Bilbao International Documentary and Short Film Festival, Spain
- Asia-Europe Foundation Dance Forum, Hebbel Theatre, Berlin, Germany
- -.MOV International Digital Film Festival, Philippines 2004

#### State of Things

- Zero Gravity, Multimedia Art Asia Pacific, Singapore Art Museum, Singapore

2003 Towards the Month of Photography 2004, Alliance Francaise, Singapore Exodus – Wanita Yang Berlari

- Q Film Festival Jakarta, Indonesia
- Di Mana Bumi Dipijak | The Ground I Stand
- Videobrasil International Electronic Art Festival 2003, Sao Paulo, Brazil
- 7th Thai Short Film and Video Festival 2003, Bangkok Thailand

#### State of Things

- Emergency Filmmaking Project, The Substation, Singapore
- 2002 60's Now, Singapore Art Museum, Singapore
  - Di Mana Bumi Dipijak | The Ground I Stand
    - 7th Malaysian Video Awards, Malaysia
    - 8th Hongkong Independent Short Film & Video Festival
    - Women Inspire Film Festival 2002, Singapore
    - 2nd Singapore Shorts Film Festival, Singapore
    - Contemplation Room, Danish Ministry of Culture, Overgaden Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark
    - Danger Museum, Institute of International Visual Arts, London, UK
    - Aus Kobberling, Kassel, Germany
- 2001 Time-Image in the Peranakan House, Central District Arts Festival, Singapore

#### **Public Collection**

Fukuoka Asian Art Museum, Japan Singapore Art Museum, Singapore Seoul Art Centre, Korea Malaysia-Singapore Collection, National University of Singapore Meat, Vegetables & Dessert International Documentary Film Festival Amsterdam, Netherlands ArtConnexions, Space 217, Singapore The Circle DIBA Digital Barcelona International Film Festival, Spain El Pollo de Quijote Finalist 4th Centennial of Don Quixote Short Film Awards, Spain State of Things

#### Commissions

- 2011 *I want to Remember* Commissioned by Singapore Arts Festival 2011
- 2010 When the end of Winter is almost Spring Commissioned by Singapore Arts Festival 2010

#### 2010 *Memories of a Burning Tree* Commissioned by Rotterdam International Film Festival, Forget Africa Programme, Netherlands

- 2009 **3 works on Cinema (***Ticket Seller, Poster Painter and Collector***)** Commissioned by Tang Fu Kuen, curator for Singapore Pavilion, Venice Biennale
- 2006 *HDB Housing Project* Commissioned by the National Museum Singapore
- 2003 **Exodus Wanita Yang Berlari** Commissioned by the Indonesian Contemporary Dance Centre

#### **Honors & Awards**

- 2014 Honorable Mention (Motherland), 18th Contemporary Art Festival Videobrasil, Brazil
- 2010 ICON de Martell Cordon Bleu Photography Award, Singapore Hubert Bals (Script Development) Fund, Netherlands
- 2009 Special Mention (Ming Wong, Singapore Pavilion) Venice Biennale, Venice, Italy Best Screenplay (Hashi), Singapore Film Awards, Singapore Forget Africa Commission, Rotterdam International Film Festival, Netherlands
- 2007 Fukuoka Asian Art Museum Artist Residency Award, Fukuoka, Japan
- 2005 Special Jury Prize (Exodus), Independent Film & Video Awards, Hong Kong, China ArtConnexions:Goethe-Institut Artist Residency Award, Singapore
- 2004 Best Experimental Film (Exodus), Int'l Panorama of Independent Filmmakers, Greece Special Jury Prize (Exodus), Malaysian Video Awards, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia Special Festival Prize (Exodus), La Cittadella del Corto Short Film Festival, Italy
- 2002 Best Documentary (The Ground I Stand), Malaysian Video Awards, Malaysia

#### **Scholarships and Grants**

Singapore Government ASEAN Scholarship
Singapore Film Commission Bursary
Associate Artist, Substation
Asia-Europe Foundation Young Photographer's Forum Singapore
Asia-Europe Foundation Cultural Exchange
Singapore Film Commission Grants
Singapore National Arts Council Grants

#### Residencies

- 2005 Goethe Institute Art Connexions Residency, Hanoi, Vietnam
- 2007 Fukuoka Asian Art Museum, Japan
- 2009 Rotterdam Film Festival Forget Africa Residency, Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania