



Red, white, blue and yellow. These colours which can be found adorning any accomplished artist's palette tends to invoke an image and symbol of great importance.

In every part of the country, the Jalur Gemilang flutters in the breeze, free and resolute, as it stands over a nation of diverse colours and faiths.

What is little more than a patchwork of coloured fabrics is in reality a reminder of just how far the nation has risen from its humble beginnings.

The Jalur Gemilang, as we know it today, first saw the light of day on 16 September 1963, being the successor to the previous flag of the Federation of Malaya.

It would only receive its moniker of "Jalur Gemilang" or "Stripes of Excellence" in 1997, supposedly to represent the nation's ambitious goal of success and progress.

On closer inspection, the flag consists of seven red stripes and seven white stripes, a dark blue canton with a yellow crescent moon and 14-point star within.

Each colour and component of the flag bears some form of meaning, often referring to the history and cultural background of the country.

Throughout history, colours have been endowed meaning by human observers, and this is indeed the case with the Jalur Gemilang's four colours.

Red is said to represent the blood spilt in the name of the country, belonging to brave patriots who put their lives to ensure that Malaysia continues to live even if they do not.

Due to its pure nature, white is said to be a reflection of the character of Malaysians as a whole, courteous and innocent in their everyday mannerisms.

Throughout history, yellow has been the colour of royalty in the Malay states, and as such, the authority of the monarchy is exalted through the flag.

And just as every Malaysian lives below the wide blue plain that is the sky, the blue of the flag is said to represent the unity that binds Malaysians together.

The 14 points of the star and the 14 stripes represent the states and territories that make up the country of Malaysia.

Even as the nation struggles in the face of a relentless and invisible enemy, the Jalur Gemilang continues to inspire those who happen to look upon it.

Though this month of independence will likely be observed quietly and without fanfare unlike previous years, it is still a good time to reflect on what it takes to keep that flag fluttering.

As long as there is one Malaysian who feels a sense of pride when looking upon that flag, there is still hope for the nation yet.

**ARTAS** g a l e r i

Awang Damit Afiq Sebari Badrulzzaman **Fadzril Fakaruddin** Fazrin Abdul Rahman Fuad Arif Hamir Soib **Haziq Syawal Hidayat Arshad** Ismail Awi Jaee Тее Kiah Kiean Ki m Ν Liu Cheng Hua Melton Kais Najib Bamadhaj Nik Shazmie Norman Hakim Rafiee Ghani Sabihis Pandi Sanker Sofia Haron **Stephen Menon** Shahnaz Azlin Syed Thajudeen Yuki Mun Zulkefli Talha



Artist: Awang Damit Title: Garismega "Condong Tak Rebah" Year: 2019 Size: 122 x 122 cm Media: Mix Media On Canvas RM 68,000.00



Artist: Awang Damit Ahmad Title: Garismega " Sutera Merah"... Year: 2019 Size: 122 x 122 cm Media: Mix Media On Canvas RM 68,000.00





Artist: Awang Damit Title: Garismega "Aku Kekal Disini" Year: 2019 Size: 122 x 122 cm Media: Mix Media On Canvas RM 68,000.00



Artist: Adli Title: "64: Confetti II" Year: 2021 Size: 90 x 120 cm Media: Acrylic and Soil on Canvas RM 3,600.00



Artist: Adli Title: "64: Confetti I" Year: 2021 Size: 90 x 120 cm Media: Acrylic and Soil on Canvas RM 3,600.00



Artist: Afiq Sebari (Kutan) Title: Tanggungjawab Year: 2021 Size: 152 x 122 cm Media: Acrylic on Canvas RM 3,000.00







## Badrulzzaman Tanah Air

The inspiration behind this painting derives from my experience as an archeology excavator years ago. Digging up soil as deep as three to four feet to get the tangible findings has taught me a thing or two about our homeland and life in general. One of them is that there is so much beauty that lies beneath our land. It has many undiscovered treasures, artifacts, and hidden gems that are yet to be found. On the other hand, in the perspective of life, often we have to go through rough and tough roads to see what life will teach us. Say we want to go to beautiful places such as hidden waterfalls, we have to hike for hours, pass through bushes and trees in the forest to reach that place. That experience is what I am trying to represent in my Tanah Air series. Tanah Air is a significant term that has a deeper meaning in context if we were to discuss it in depth. I personally think "Tanah Air ku" feels closer to home. These two words simply give a warmth feeling and a strong connection between a person and his homeland, compared to the word Negara (Country). Tanah (Land) and Air (Water) are the elements that complement one another, contributing to the balance of nature. While land symbolizes power and legacy for its endless resources, water represents life. Its wave, reflection, and the sound it makes will sooth you, offering you a sense of tranquility.

If you look at my painting you will see a piece of magical landscape that has a beautiful calming blue lake, surrounded by lush, mysterious land of flowers, almost captivating, hidden by the tree branches. Their vibrant colour gives an attractive impact, but are covered with old, fragile and decayed tree branches, initiating a sense of mystery, a peek into the hidden world of Tanah Air's nature. This visual depiction of my Tanah Air is a continuation of my exploration on destructive landscape series, evoking a glimpse of hope for our country to continuously grow and be known for its admirable history.



Artist: Badrulzzaman Title: Celah Dahan Tanah Larangan Year: 2021 Size: 122 x 153 cm Media: Oil Paint, Bitumen On Canvas RM 3,800.00



Artist: Badrulzzaman Title: Sempadan Year: 2021 Size: 91.5 x 91.5 cm Media: Oil Paint, Bitumen On Canvas RM 2,000.00



Artist: Badrulzzaman Title: Jajahan Baru Year: 2021 Size: 91.5 x 91.5 cm Media: Oil Paint, Bitumen On Canvas RM 2,000.00



Artist: Fadzril Fakaruddin Title: My Secret Garden I (Mind Garden Series) Year: 2021 Size: 137 x 137 cm Media: Oil on Canvas RM 4,455.00





Artist: Fadzril Fakaruddin Title: My Secret Garden II (Mind Garden Series) Year: 2021 Size: 137 x 137 cm Media: Oil on Canvas RM 4,455.00





Artist: Fazrin Abd Rahman Title: Flower 2 Year: 2021 Size: 122 x 91.5 cm Media: Spray Paint On Aluminium Strips RM 4,440.00



Artist: Fazrin Abd Rahman Title: Flower 3 Year: 2021 Size: 122 x 91.5 cm Media: Spray Paint On Aluminium Strips RM 4,440.00





Artist: Fuad Arif Title: CSL No.2 Double Life Is Liberating Year: 2021 Size: Diptych 50 x 35 cm each Media: Mix Media On Photo Paper RM 1,500.00

I consider myself as a (weird) conservative. Yet my artistic practice is a love engagement with the oblique and paradoxical nature of reality. By trusting the unknown, I am able to work as liberating as I can within my own autopoietic boundary.



Artist: Haziq Syawal Title: Red cactus and Green van Year: 2021 Size: 70 x 100 cm Media: acrylic on jute RM 2,600.00



Artist: Hidayat Arshad Title: Reshape (Multiple) Year: 2021 Size: 61.5 x 122.5 cm (Diptych) Media: Acrylic On Canvas RM 2,100.00



Artist: Ismail Awi Title: Brother, there's always rainbow after rain Year: 2021 Size: 91 x 76 cm Media: Oil On Canvas RM 4,800.00



Artist: Jaee Tee Title: Fervour I Year: 2021 Size: 100 x 75 cm Media: Acrylic on Canvas RM 4,500.00





Artist: Jaee Tee Title: Fervour II Year: 2021 Size: 100 x 75 cm Media: Acrylic on Canvas RM 4,500.00





Artist: Ch'ng Kiah Kiean Title: Bunga Raya Series I Year: 2021 Size: 65 x 45 cm Media: graphite & watercolour on pre-mounted rice paper RM 5,000



Artist: Ch'ng Kiah Kiean Title: Bunga Raya Series II Year: 2021 Size: 65 x 45 cm Media: graphite & watercolour on pre-mounted rice paper RM 5,000



Artist: Kim Ng Title: Congested Skylight Year: 2019 Size: 152.5x152.5 cm Media: Pencil and oil-based colour printed on canvas and glued RM 16,300.00



Artist: Kim Ng Title: Flourish in the shadow of (VI) Year: 2020 Size: 102x153 cm Media: Silkscreen print on canvas RM 7,000.00



Artist: Liu Cheng Hua Title: Kinship Year: 2021 Size: 65 (H) x 58.5 (L) x 33 (W) cm Media: Metal RM 2,900.00



Artist: Melton Kais Title: Rami Munuos (Happy and Satisfied) Year: 2020 Size: 153 x 213 cm Media: Acrylic on Canvas RM 17,500.00



Artist: Melton Kais Title: Evening Melody Year: 2018 Size: 153 x 153 cm Media: Acrylic on Canvas RM 12,500.00



Artist: Najib Ahmad Bamadhaj Title: Hope [igNation] Year: 2021 Size: 153 x 153 cm Media: Acrylic On Jute RM 20,000.00



Artist: Nik M Shazmie Title: The invader reciprocation Year: 2021 Size: 25 x 25 x 35 cm Media: Acrylic on gas tank RM 2,000.00



Artist: Norman Hakim Title: Semarak Year: 2021 Size: 84 x 134 cm Media: Mix Media on Canvas RM 1,200.00



Artist: Rafiee Ghani Title: Swift River Valley Year: 2020 Size: 61 x 46 cm Media: Acrylic on Canvas RM 6,600.00





Artist: Sabihis Pandi Title: Mekar Year: 2021 Size: 77 x 77 cm Media: Acrylic Cut On Canvas RM 2,500.00



Artist: Sanker Ganesh Title: Musang King Year: 2021 Size: 122 x 122 cm Media: Mix Media on Canvas RM 5,600.00



Artist: Shahnaz Azlin Title: Gelora Year: 2021 Size: 152 x 91 cm Media: Acrylic on Canvas RM 2,400.00



Artist: Sofia Haron Title: Faith & Brotherhood Year: 2020 Size: 137x 260 cm Media: Oil on Canvas RM 8,000.00



Artist: Stephen Menon Title: Penghibur Raja Year: 2021 Size: 40 x 40 cm Media: Screenprint, Collage on paper RM 2,800.00



























Artist: Lim Xiao Mun, Yuki Title: The Paradise Land Year: 2021 Size: 90 x 120 cm Media: Acrylic On Wood Panel RM 2,400.00



Artist: Zulkefli Talha Title: Muhibah Year: 2021 Size: 142 x 160 cm Media: Acrylic on Canvas RM 15,000.00



Artist: Zulkefli Talha Title: Tanah Tumpahnya Darahku Year: 2018 Size: 183 x 305 cm Media: Acrylic on Canvas RM 36,000.00

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