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# Independent Archive

- Founded in early 2012, the Independent Archive consists of a reference library and a collection of archival material pertaining to art in Singapore. Regular programmes including film screenings, music performances, performance art events, artist talks and discussions stimulate open discourse on art.
- The Archive documents visual art practice in general and maintains special focus on ephemeral time-based and event-specific art that may escape documentation by conventional institutional policy. While its geographical focus is Singapore, the Archive's relationships with artists, artistic communities and institutions around the world situate it as a cosmopolitan nexus for the cross-pollination of ideas.
- The Archive constantly develops new trajectories in the articulation of artistic discourse. These emerge through programmes designed to further the examination of art and its issues under the condition of open critique.

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- The artistic practice of Singaporean artist Lee Wen (b.1957) is characterised by his social investigations that interrogate stereotypical perceptions of culture and society. He became internationally known for his performance series Journey of a Yellow Man (1992-), where he embodied his Chinese lineage and reinterpreted its relationship to systems of classification, attribution, and alienation. First performed in 1992 in London, the Yellow Man traveled around the world for more than 20 years, and during this time, the artist became increasingly distanced from his persona. Now, years later into Lee Wen's career, the Independent Archive, which he started in 2012, is a key component of his collaborative practice, which is central to his artistic approach. It has become an institutional body that works and shares time and space with others to keep the ephemeral and transient memories of performative efforts alive. The artist envisions himself as 'organs without body,' operating through the network and formation of fellows within the Independent Archive. Lee Wen is a member of the performance artist collective Black Market International with figures such as Boris Nieslony (Germany), Roi Vaara (Norway/Finland), and Elvira Santamaria Torres (Mexico).
- The materials from the Independent Archive, which start from the early 1990s, capture the zeitgeist of performance art in Singapore and wider (South-)East Asia through

historical materials and contemporary collaborations. Selected materials are displayed in this presentation and are organised into five chapters—"Condition," "Body," "Absence," "Memory," and "Gestalt/Formation,"—that look at the development of time-based and event-specific art as a new medium as well as into its political condition. The presentation "Journey of a Yellow Man" takes visitors through a re-imagined archive with photographs, videos, writings, sketchbooks, while simultaneously, introducing the NTU CCA Singapore's Digital Resource Platform. As of today, the Platform contains over 20,000 digitalised files from the Independent Archive, arranged under a virtual tree structure to enable further scholarship in this field of practice.

The Lab presentation provides insight into a continuously expanding resource platform at NTU CCA Singapore that highlights ephemeral moments in the history of performance art from the region. The project addresses the importance of providing historically significant source material for researchers and the wider public. The digitalised files will be integrated into NTU CCA Singapore's Public Resource Platform and will be accessible at the Centre, the Asia Art Archive, Hong Kong, a collaborative partner of this project, and the Independent Archive.

#### No: LWE\_00178\_66

Artist(s): Lee Wen

Title, Year: Call of the Red (The Widow), 2013

Event: —

Location: Chicago, United States of America

Photo: Unknown

Classification: Exhibitions > Solo Exhibitions > 2015 Songs Unsung > Artworks > LWE\_00178\_66

# LEE WEN

The work by international renowned artist Lee Wen (b. 1957, Singapore) is strongly motivated by social investigations as well as inner psychological directions using art to interrogate stereotypical perceptions of culture and society.

Awarded with the Cultural Medallion of Singapore in 2005 and with the Joseph Balestier Award for the Freedom of Art in 2016, the artist entered the art scene comparatively late in the 80s, but quickly gained attention. His early practice was associated with The Artists Village in Singapore and later forged a more individuated artistic career. Lee Wen has been exploring different strategies of time-based and performance art since 1989.

He helped initiate both R.I.T.E.S.(Rooted In The Ephemeral Speak) (2009–) and Future of Imagination (2003–), an international performance art event. Since 2012, he has taken an active interest in the memory of Singapore's performance art history through the initiation of the Independent Archive.

Recent group exhibitions include Sunshower: Contemporary Art from Southeast Asia 1980s to Now, The National Arts Centre and Mori Art Museum, Japan (2017), Secret Archipelago, Palais de Tokyo, Paris, France (2015) and a solo show at the Singapore Art Museum (2012).

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No: LWE\_00171\_06 / 10

Artist(s):	Lee Wen
Title, Year:	Lifeboat 3, 2001
Event:	Theertha International Artists Workshop
Location:	Residence of Geoffrey Bawa, Lunaganga, Sri Lanka
Photo:	Dominic Sansoni
Description:	Conflict, exploitation, and resource shortages
Classification:	informed this performance. Lee Wen carries cinnamon wood stripped of its valuable bark, thus symbolising contemporary sectarianism and historical colonialism. Performances and Projects > Journey of A Yellow Man > 2001, Lunaganga, Sri Lanka > LWE_00171_06, LWE_00171_10

No: LWE\_00261

Artist(s): Lee Wen

Title, Year: Journey of a Yellow Man No. 6: History and Self, 1995 Event: 4th Asian Art Show

Location: Setagaya Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan

Photo: —

Description: Sketches and notes on the performance.

Classification: Performances and Projects > Journey of a Yellow Man > 1995, Setagaya Art Museum, Tokyo > LWE\_00261

Artist(s): Lee Wen, Lynn Lu, Arai Shinichi, Kai Lam, Jeremy Hiah Title, Year: Anthropometry Revision: Yellow Period (After Yves Klein) #2, 2008

- Event: Anthropometry Revision: Yellow Period (After Yves Klein) #2
- Location: SooBin Art International Ubi warehouse, Singapore Photo:  $-\!\!-$
- Description: A response to Yves Klein's Anthropometries (1958). Instead of the artist directing models as human paintbrushes, accompanied by his Monotone Symphony, Lee Wen joins the painting alongside two other artists, accompanied by experimental electronic music. A previous version, performed in Chengdu (China), had Chinese orchestral accompaniment.
- Classification: Performances and Projects > Anthropometry Revision > 2008, SooBin Art Int'l UBI Warehouse, Singapore > LWE\_00317\_151, LWE\_00317\_301

#### No: LWE\_00508\_02 / 14 / 32 / 57

Artist(s):	Lee Wen
Title, Year:	Journey of a Yellow Man No. 4: LIBIDO, 1993
Event:	Sense Yellow
Location:	Concrete House, Bangkok, Thailand
Photo:	—
Description:	As the Journey of a Yellow Man went from the United
Classification:	Kingdom, through India and Singapore to Thailand, Lee Wen examines here both the many connotations of the colour 'yellow' across cultures, and perspectives on the libido in Buddhist and Freudian theory. Performances and Projects > Journey of A Yellow Man > 1993, Concrete House, Nontburi > LWE_00508_02,
	LWE_00508_14, LWE_00508_32, LWE_00508_57

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	Journey of a Yellow Man No. 3 DESIRE, 1993 Journey of a Yellow Man #3: Desire The Substation, Singapore — In this exhibition, Lee Wen would work performatively on a daily basis in The Substation gallery alongside his drawings and paintings, blurring the distinction between a static exhibition and dynamic performance, as well as examining the idea of artistic work. Performances and Projects > Journey of A Yellow Man > 1993, The Substation, Singapore > LWE_00507_50,

#### No: LWE\_00509\_08 / 09

Artist(s):	Lee Wen
Title, Year:	Journey of a Yellow Man No. 15: Touching China, 2001
Event:	2nd Open Art Festival
Location:	Pengshan County, Leshan, China
Photo:	_
Description:	Drawing on the brief stays afforded to a
	traveling performance artist, Lee Wen examines
	the exoticisation of the Other (and its implied
	exploitation) through the idiom "to eat tofu", which
	refers to flirtation, even to the point of harassment.
Classification:	Performances and Projects > Journey of a Yellow
	Man > 2001, Pengshan, China > LWE_00509_08,
	LWE_00508_09

#### No: LWE\_00593

Artist(s):	Lee Wen
Title, Year:	—, 2002
Event:	_
Location:	_
Photo:	_
Description:	An excerpt of one of Lee Wen's notebooks,
	which often feature a blend of sketches towards
	performances, his own musings, and everyday note-
	taking and planning.
Classification:	Notebooks > LWE_00593

No: LWE\_00587

Artist(s): Lee Wen Title, Year: —, 2002 Event: — Location: — Photo: — Description: Notes and sketches Classification: Notebooks > LWE\_00593

#### No: LWE\_00593

Artist(s): Lee Wen Title, Year: —, 2002 Event: — Location: — Photo: — Description: A sketch of an unrealised edition of *Journey of a* Yellow Man. Classification: Notebooks > LWE\_00593 No: LWE\_00509\_08 / 09

Artist(s): Lee Wen Title, Year: Journey of a Yellow Man No. 15: Touching China, 2001 Event: 2nd Open Art Festival Location: Pengshan County, Leshan, China Photo: — Description: Drawing on the brief stays afforded to a traveling performance artist, Lee Wen examines the exoticisation of the Other (and its implied exploitation) through the idiom "to eat tofu", which refers to flirtation, even to the point of harassment. Classification: Performances and Projects > Journey of a Yellow Man > 2001, Pengshan, China > LWE\_00509\_08, LWE\_00508\_09 No: LWE\_00274

No: LWE\_00628 (temp)

Artist(s):	Ray Langenbach	Artist(s):	Lee Wen
Title, Year:	Annotated Singapore Art Diary, 1994	Title, Year:	Hi all fellow prisoners of paradiso Singaporo, —
Event:	_	Event:	_
Location:	Singapore	Location:	_
Photo:	_	Photo:	_
	A diary of the events surrounding the controversy which developed following the Artists' General Assembly in 1994, which led to the refusal of state funding for performance art, and mandatory security deposits for the licensing of performance art.		A follow-up to the letter above, apparently responding to a number of replies to the original. Topics discussed include human nature and criticism of how art is funded in Singapore. Professional Records > Correspondence > Personal
Classification:	Art Collectives and Festivals > 1993–1994 Artists' General Assembly > 1994 > LWE_00274		Correspondence > LWE_00628 (temp)

# No: LWE\_00627 (temp)

Artist(s):	Lee Wen
Title, Year:	Hi all fellow prisoners of Paradiso Singaporo, —
Event:	_
Location:	_
Photo:	_
·	An open letter posted by Lee Wen to an online art mailing list, discussing performance art practice in authoritarian conditions, and global poverty relative to prosperity in Singapore.
Classification:	Professional Records > Correspondence > Personal Correspondence > LWE_00627 (temp)

No: LWE\_00703 (temp)

Artist(s):	Elaine Ng
Title, Year:	SIA-NAC Travel Grant Application, 2001
Event:	_
Location:	_
Photo:	_
Description:	A rejection of a grant application by Lee Wen, citing the policy of not funding performance art that was in force at the time.
Classification:	Professional Records > Correspondence > Professional Correspondence > LWE_00703 (temp)

No: LWE\_00718 (temp)

Artist(s):	Lee Suan Hiang
Title, Year:	Cultural Medallion: Award, 2005
Event:	_
Location:	
Photo:	
Description:	A letter from the NAC congratulating Lee Wen on
	having been awarded a Cultural Medallion.
Classification:	Professional Records > Correspondence >
	Professional Correspondence > LWE_00718 (temp)

No: LWE\_00797 (temp)

Artist(s):	Lee Wen
Title, Year:	—, 1997
Event:	_
Location:	_
Photo:	_
Description:	A letter to Liu Thai Ker, Chairman of the National Arts
	Council, criticising the exhibition Singapore Art 97
Classification:	Professional Records > Correspondence > Personal
	Correspondence > LWE_00797 (temp)

No: LWE\_00768 (temp)

Artist(s):	Lee Wen
Title, Year:	Re: 6th Biennale of Havana in Cuba (May 97), 1997
Event:	6th Biennale of Havana in Cuba
Location:	_
Photo:	_
Description:	A report following Lee Wen's participation in the
	Biennale of Havana, recounting his experiences.
Classification:	Art Collectives and Festivals > 1997 Biennial of
	Havana > Planning Documents / Correspondence >
	LWE_00768 (temp)

No: LWE\_00804 (temp)

Artist(s): Lee Wen Title, Year: Singapore Art 97, 1997 Event: Singapore Art 97 Location: Singapore International Convention & Exhibition Centre, Singapore Photo: — Description: An exhibition review Classification: Art Collectives and Festivals > 1997 Singapore Art 97 > LWE\_00804 (temp)

#### No: LWE\_00894 (temp)

Artist(s): Lee Wen, Kai Lam Title, Year: —, 2003 Event: The Future Of Imagination: Live Art Meeting Location: The Substation, Singapore Photo: — Description: The cover letter for Lee Wen and Kai Lam's application for NAC support for a performance art festival. At the time, the NAC had recently announced that they would resume the consideration funding for performance art, and that the mandatory S\$10,000 security deposit for performance art licensing would be lifted. Includes the proposed festival budget.

Classification: -

No: LWE\_00896 (temp)

Artist(s): Norsabariah Tubi Title, Year: —, 2011 Event: R.I.T.E.S. - Rooted in the Ephemeral Speak #02-2011 Location: The Substation, Singapore Photo: — Description: Approval of an Arts Entertainment License, subject to inclusion of a nudity advisory. Classification: —

#### No: LWE\_00895 (temp)

Artist(s): Kai Lam Title, Year: —, 2003 Event: The Future Of Imagination: Live Art Meeting Location: The Substation, Singapore Photo: — Description: The cover letter for Kai Lam's application to the Lee Foundation to support a performance art festival. Classification: — No: LWE\_00897 (temp)

Artist(s): Norsabariah Tubi Title, Year: —, 2011 Event: Rooted in the Ephemeral Speak (R.I.T.E.S.) Location: The Substation, Singapore Photo: — Description: Approval of an Arts Entertainment License, subject to the withdrawal of one performance, and the inclusion of a mature content advisory Classification: —

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No: LWE\_00022\_02

Artist(s):	Lee Wen
Title, Year:	Journey of a Yellow Man No. 1, 1992
Event:	_
Location:	City of London Polytechnic, London,
	United Kingdom
Video:	Sean Fairman
Description:	The first in the Journey of a Yellow Man series, this performance took place during his education in the United Kingdom. As a Singaporean Chinese abroad, Lee Wen felt the dissonance of being mistaken for mainland Chinese, and consequently, the attendant expectations of linguistic and cultural fluency. The series is also derived from taxonomist Carl Linnaeus' division of Homo sapiens along humoral lines, with Homo sapiens asiaticus being characterised as severe, haughty, and desirous.
Classification:	Performances and Projects > Journey of a Yellow Man > 1992, City of London Polytechnic, London > LWE 00022 02

No: LWE\_00037

Artist(s):	Lee Wen
Title, Year:	Rites of Spring, 2010
Event:	Performance Art Laboratory Project (PALA Project)
	2010 / "Undisclosed Territory #4"
Location:	Padepokan Lemah Putih, Plesungan Karanganyar,
	Surakarta, Central Java, Indonesia
Video:	Jarwo, Jordan, Lee Wen
Description:	In response to his diagnosis of Parkinson's disease,
	Lee Wen takes inspiration from Igor Stravinsky's
	The Rite of Spring (1913). Rather than simple physical
	degeneration, Lee interprets the changes to his
	body as an evolving challenge that influences the
	development of his practice.
Classification:	Performances and Projects > Rites of Spring > 2010,
	Padepokan Lemah Putih, Solo > LWE_00037

No: LWE\_00127\_220

Artist(s):	Jason Lim
Title, Year:	Foreign Talent - Singapore Loves Me and I Love You
	too, 2003
Event:	Future Of Imagination: Live Art Meeting
	The Substation, Singapore
Photo:	Juliana Yasin
Description:	Aimed at blurring boundaries between audience and
	performer, the exotic and banal, and the private and
	public, this performance by Jason Lim is steeped in
	bodily confrontation and provocation.
Classification:	Art Collectives and Festivals > 2003–2015 Future of
	Imagination > 2003 > Jason Lim > LWE_00070_03,
	LWE_00070_11, LWE_00070_23

Artist(s):	Juliana Yasin
Title, Year:	—, 2006
Event:	Birds Migration: Indonesia International Performance
	Art Event (IIPAE)
Location:	National Gallery of Indonesia, Jakarta, Indonesia
Photo:	_
Description:	In this performance, poses and contortions enacted
Classification:	by Juliana Yasin are mimicked by the audience, propagated through an ad hoc network of bodies. Art Collectives and Festivals > 2006 Indonesia International Performance Art Event > 2006 > LWE_00127_220

# No: LWE\_00117\_27 / 39 / 51

Artist(s):	Sandra Johnston
Title, Year:	—, 2010
Event:	9th International Performance Art Giswil 2010
Location:	Turbine Giswil, Giswil, Switzerland
Photo:	Georg Anderhub
Description:	Centred on the interaction between the performer's
	body and a length of natural timber, there emerges
	a sense of precarity through physicality, of bodies
	coming into, and out of equilibrium.
Classification:	Art Collectives and Festivals > 2010 International
	Performance Art Giswil > 2010 > LWE_00117_27,
	LWE_00117_39, LWE_00117_51

# No: LWE\_00145\_29

	Angie Seah
Title, Year:	—, 2006
Event:	Episode 5: 12-hour Performance, Sound and Video
	Festival
Location:	Donna Ong's studio, Singapore
Photo:	_
Description:	Angie Seah's vocally-oriented performance, with its
	feedback loop of singing while listening to herself
	by stethoscope, also involved interactions between
	herself, the audience, and a potted plant.
Classification:	Art Collectives and Festivals > 2006 Episode 5: 12-
	hour Performance, Sound and Video Festival > 2006 >
	LWE_00145_29

Artist(s):	Helge Meyer, Marco Teubner, et al.
Title, Year:	—, 2009
Event:	Live Action & Live Action Plus 2009 (Goteborg   Vara
	Lidkoping)
Location:	The Substation, Singapore
Photo:	Juliana Yasin
Description:	_
Classification:	Art Collectives and Festivals > 2009 Live Action >

2009 > LWE\_00147\_80, LWE\_00147\_378

No: LWE\_00171\_03 / 05

Artist(s):	Lee Wen
Title, Year:	Lifeboat 3, 2001
Event:	Theertha International Artists Workshop
Location:	Residence of Geoffrey Bawa, Lunaganga, Sri Lanka
Photo:	Dominic Sansoni
Description:	Conflict, exploitation, and resource shortages
Classification:	informed this performance; Lee Wen carries cinnamon wood stripped of its valuable bark, thus symbolising contemporary sectarianism and historical colonialism. Performances and Projects > Journey of A Yellow Man > 2001, Lunaganga, Sri Lanka > LWE_00171_03, LWE_00171_05

# No: LWE\_00159\_32

Artist(s):	Agnes Yit
Title, Year:	Untitled, 2003
Event:	Future Of Imagination: Live Art Meeting
Location:	Museum of World Culture, Gothenburg Vara,
	Lidkoping, Sweden
Photo:	Juliana Yasin
Description:	Migration, assimilation, and cross-border flows of
	labour form the heart of this performance, which
	took place in what was once the garden at The
	Substation. Over the course of the performance,
	Agnes Yit displayed texts remarking on overwork,
	underpayment, and other related topics, culminating
	in this inundation of ink.
Classification:	Art Collectives and Festivals > 2003–2015 Future of
	Imagination > 2003 > Agnes Yit > LWE 00159 32

### No: LWE\_00183\_145

Artist(s): Lee Wen Title, Year: —, 2007 Event: National Review of Live Art 2007 Location: Tramway, Glasgow, Scotland Photo: Sylvie Ferre, Naranja Description: As part of a group performance, Lee Wen improvised using elements from his earlier work, *I am not a* performance artist, this is not a work of art (1998). Classification: Art Collectives and Festivals > 2004–2010 National Review of Live Art > 2007 > LWE\_00183\_145

#### No: LWE\_00183\_147

Artist(s): Helge Meyer Title, Year: —, 2007 Event: National Review of Live Art 2007 Location: Tramway, Glasgow, Scotland Photo: Sylvie Ferre, Naranja Description: — Classification: Art Collectives and Festivals > 2004–2010 National

Review of Live Art > 2007 > LWE\_00183\_147

LWE\_00321\_01

Artist(s): Various Title, Year: Artists' General Assembly — Group Improvisation, 1994 Event: Artists' General Assembly (A.G.A.) Location: 5th Passage, Singapore Video: — Description: Sensationalised reportage of two performances by Joseph Ng and Shannon Tam at the event ultimately led to the National Arts Council refusing to fund performance art for the next ten years if not scripted rich in detail. Classification: Art Collectives and Festivals > 1993–1994 Artists' General Assembly > 1994 > LWE\_00321\_01

# No: LWE\_00306\_128

Title, Year: Event:	Jason Lim —, 2004 Future of Imagination 2 Sculpture Square, Singapore
Photo:	_
Description:	The performance took place as part of the festival's opening as part of a collaboration between Lee Wen, Jason Lim, and a trio of breakdancers (Idzuwan, Alfian, Fahmi). A minor controversy ensued, owing to Lee's
Classification:	use of a live bird in the performance. Art Collectives and Festivals > 2003–2015 Future of Imagination > 2004 > Lee Wen, Jason Lim, and Breakdance kids > LWE_00306_128

#### No: LWE\_00339\_07

Artist(s):	Jamie McMurry
Title, Year:	365 Performances (series), 2006
Event:	Future of Imagination 3
Location:	The Substation, Singapore
Photo:	_
Description:	To draw attention to his process rather than the finished objects as the site of Jamie McMurry's practice, <i>365 Performances</i> re-enacts a selection of 10 out of a larger pool of performative actions. The exact selection was determined using inputs such as the date, the number of audience members, and the longitude and latitude.
Classification:	Art Collectives and Festivals > 2003–2015 Future of Imagination > 2006 > Jamie McMurry > LWE_00339_07

#### No: LWE\_00341\_01

Artist(s): Chumpon Apisuk Title, Year: Hearts, 2006 Event: Future of Imagination 3 Location: The Substation, Singapore Photo: — Description: Developed in the aftermath of the September 11th attack in New York, Hearts offers tribute to all who are victims of violence, political repression, and poverty. Classification: Art Collectives and Festivals > 2003–2015 Future of Imagination > 2006 > Chumpon Apisuk > LWE\_00341\_01 No: LWE\_00386\_01-4 (stitched clip)

Artist(s):	Zhou Bin
Title, Year:	—, 2012
Event:	Future of Imagination 8
Location:	Goodman Arts Centre, Singapore
Video:	Wu Jun Han
Description:	In this harrowing, highly charged performance, Zhou
	Bin pushes his body to the limit, repeating a series of
	three characters with ever-increasing vehemence.
Classification:	Art Collectives and Festivals > 2003–2015 Future of
	Imagination > 2012 > Zhou Bin > LWE_00386_01-4

#### No: LWE\_00362\_14

Artist(s):	Roi Vaara
Title, Year:	—, 2012
Event:	SHO®T THEATRE
Location:	MACRO Testaccio, Rome, Italy
Photo:	Bea Didier
Description:	To accompany the image of a 'third leg,' Roi Vaara includes a portable soundtrack: of boots squelching through mud.
Classification:	Art Collectives and Festivals > 2011 SHO®T THEATRE > 2011 > LWE_00362_14

#### No: LWE\_00461\_09

Artist(s):	Melati Suryodarmo
	Eulogy, 2008
Event:	Future of Imagination 5
Location:	Sculpture Square, Singapore, Singapore
Photo:	Urich Lau
Description:	Through her interactions with flour, a remote-
	controlled toy helicopter, and a majorette
	baton, Melati Suryodarmo reflects on the dangers of
	absolute belief, and our tendency to believe ourselves
	to be in the right. Eulogy also included music:
	Somewhere Over the Rainbow by Judy Garland.
Classification:	Art Collectives and Festivals > 2003–2015 Future
	of Imagination > 2008 > Melati Suryodarmo >
	LWE_00461_09

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No: LWE\_00072\_08

Artist(s):	Juliana Yasin (in collaboration with Karee Dahl and
	Colin Reaney)
Title, Year:	How Far Would You Travel to See Art, 2003
Event:	Future Of Imagination: Live Art Meeting
Location:	The Substation, Singapore
Photo:	Aaron Kao
Description:	As its title suggests, this performance relied on a
	conversation between the artist and the audience,
	raising questions about the value of art, as well as
	wealth disparities among art audiences.
Classification:	Art Collectives and Festivals > 2003–2015 Future of
	Imagination > 2003 > Juliana Yasin > LWE_00072_08

No: LWE\_00117\_254

Artist(s):	Lee Wen
Title, Year:	Anyhow Blues Project, 2010
Event:	9th International Performance Art Giswil 2010
Location:	Turbine Giswil, Giswil, Switzerland
Photo:	Georg Anderhub
Description:	The Anyhow Blues Project cautions that the increasing
	acceptance of performance art carries the risk of
	discipline and domestication. This project foregrounds
	the social concerns of performance art, using the form
	of 60's era protest songs. This was the project's first
	presentation.
Classification:	Art Collectives and Festivals > 2010 International
	Performance Art Giswil > 2010 > LWE_00117_254

#### No: LWE\_00117\_281

#### No: LWE\_00157\_04-5 (stitched clip), LWE\_00157\_08-9 (stitched clip)

Artist(s): Rachel Echenberg Title, Year: —, 2010 Event: 9th International Performance Art Giswil 2010 Location: Turbine Giswil, Giswil, Switzerland Photo: Georg Anderhub Description: This performance involved the gradual unraveling of the artist's socks, sweater, and pockets, while moving closer to the audience. While doing so, she also removed small sound devices which had been taped to her skin. These devices played various sounds (such as white noise, heartbeat, laughter, or birds) at a low

volume, and were handed out to the audience by the

artist. Classification: Art Collectives and Festivals > 2010 International Performance Art Giswil > 2010 > LWE\_00117\_281

#### No: LWE\_00140\_01-02

Artist(s):	Lee Wen
Title, Year:	Is Art Necessary?, 2004
Event:	_
Location:	Esplanade, Singapore
Video:	Heman Chong
Description:	In this two-part video of Lee Wen's mixed media work, Lee grapples with the function and utility of art, particularly in a society that values pragmatism. The first part sees Lee as if in a fevered dream, the canvases on his arms suggesting flight, while also encumbering him. The second part documents Lee inviting members of the public to answer the questions posed by this work.
Classification:	Performances and Projects > Is Art Necessary? > 2004, Esplanade, Singapore > LWE_00140_01, LWE_00140_02

Artist(s):	Lee Wen
Title, Year:	VITAL 07: International Chinese Live Art Festival, 2007
Event:	Vital International Live Art Performance 2007 - The
	Essence of Performance
Location:	Chinese Art Centre, Manchester, United Kingdom
Video:	_
Description:	Performances by various artists, including Lee Wen's
	Too Late the Hippie #3, and More China than You.
Classification:	Art Collectives and Festivals > 2007 VITAL:
	International Chinese Live Art Festival > 2007 >
	LWE_00157_04-5 (stitched clip), LWE_00157_08-9
	(stitched clip)

#### No: LWE\_00167\_74

Artist(s):	Elvira Santamaria Torres
Title, Year:	—, 2010
Event:	Performance Platform Lublin 2010: Black Market
	International
	Labyrinth Gallery, Lublin, Poland
Photo:	Diana Koeczewska, Lescan Sknarski
Description:	_
Classification:	Art Collectives and Festivals > 1997–2011 Black
	Market International > 2010, Labyrinth Gallery, Lublin
	> LWE_00167_74

### No: LWE\_00167\_1825

Artist(s):	Jacques van Poppel
Title, Year:	—, 2010
Event:	Performance Platform Lublin 2010: Black Market
	International
Location:	Labyrinth Gallery, Lublin, Poland
Photo:	Diana Koeczewska, Lescan Sknarski
Description:	Having a musical, rather than a visual arts background,
	Jacques van Poppel frequently incorporates
	drumming in his performances, imparting a sense of
	time in group improvisations.
Classification:	Art Collectives and Festivals > 1997–2011 Black
	Market International > 2010, Labyrinth Gallery, Lublin
	> LWE_00167_1825

### No: LWE\_00320\_01

Artist(s):	Lee Wen
Title, Year:	Ghost Stories, 1995, 1997
Event:	Simposio Internacional de Escultura
Location:	Chiapas, Mexico
Video:	_
Description:	Remarking on the consistent popularity of ghost stories in our increasingly technological, secular society, this performance examines fear, paranoia, and how a "hyper-rationalized and ultra-managed nation state" gives rise to a nostalgia for the irrational.
Classification:	Performances and Projects > Ghost Stories > 1997, Chiapas, Mexico > LWE_00320_01

# No: LWE\_00316\_04

Artist(s):	Ben Puah
Title, Year:	BENISRAT #2, 2015
Event:	/*semble*/
Location:	Former KTM Tanjong Pagar Railway Station,
	Singapore, Singapore
Photo:	Alex Yang
Description:	Early in Ben Puah's practice, he created an avatar of
	himself as a rat, imagining the world as a laboratory,
	and himself as a test subject.
Classification:	Art Collectives and Festivals > 2015 /*semble*/ >
	2015 > LWE_00316_04

# No: LWE\_00324\_01-3 (stitched clip)

Lee Wen
—, 2004
National Review of Live Art 2004
Location: The Arches, Glasgow, Scotland
The Arches, Glasgow, Scotland
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Following a performance with Black Market
International the previous year, this was Lee Wen's
first solo appearance at the National Review of Live
Art, where he would go on to present his work several
times in the coming years.
Art Collectives and Festivals > 2004–2010 National
Review of Live Art > 2004 > LWE_00324_01-3
(stitched clip)

#### No: LWE\_00340\_09

Artist(s):	Arai Shinichi	Artist(s):	Shu Yang
Title, Year:	You Are No Good-Tourist #6-, 2006	Title, Year:	Living under the Flag, 2006
Event:	Future of Imagination 3		Future of Imagination 3
Location:	The Substation, Singapore	Location:	The Substation, Singapore, Singapore
Photo:	_	Photo:	
Description:	Drawn from a series of anecdotes from his time	Description:	In his proposal, Shu Yang describes wanting to
	in Zanzibar as a Japanese Overseas Cooperation		convey the difficulties of bureaucratic and institutional
	Volunteer, Arai Shinichi's performance appears to link		negotiation involved in practicing as an artist in China,
	(and lampoon) Japanese nationalism with his sexual		as well as performatively reconciling and resolving
	misadventures.		these tensions.
Classification:	Art Collectives and Festivals > 2003–2015 Future of	Classification:	Art Collectives and Festivals > 2003–2015 Future of
	Imagination > 2006 > Arai Shinichi > LWE_00340_09		Imagination > 2006 > Shu Yang > LWE_00350_03

# No: LWE\_00346\_05

Artist(s):	Arahmaiani
	Breaking Words, 2006
Event:	Future of Imagination 3
Location:	The Substation, Singapore
Photo:	_
Description:	The audience was invited to write a word they considered beautiful on plates provided by the artist, while the artist might also comment on the words being written. The artist would later smash the plates.
Classification:	Art Collectives and Festivals > 2003–2015 Future of Imagination > 2006 > Arahmaiani > LWE_00346_05

#### No: LWE\_00353\_05

Artist(s):	Lee Wen
Title, Year:	Almost Untitled: End of the World Stories, 2006
Event:	Future of Imagination 3
Location:	The Substation, Singapore
Photo:	_
Description:	Incorporating the video from Lee Wen's earlier artwork, <i>World Class Society</i> (2000), this performance was concerned with identity, social relationships, and the process of making contemporary rituals.
Classification:	Art Collectives and Festivals > 2003–2015 Future of Imagination > 2006 > Lee Wen > LWE_00353_05

#### No: LWE\_00350\_03

Artist(s): Jürgen Fritz, Roi Vaara (Black Market International) Title, Year: —, 2010 Event: BONE 13 – Performance Art Festival Location: Schlachthaus Theatre, Bern, Switzerland Photo: — Description: — Classification: Art Collectives and Festivals > 2010 BONE > 2010 >

Day 5 > LWE\_00370\_18

No: LWE\_00442\_129

Artist(s):	Chua Chin Chin
Title, Year:	—, 2007
Event:	Fetter Field: Singapore Performance Art Event
Location:	Raffles Place, Singapore
Photo:	Bruce Quek
Description:	In 2006 and 2007, Fetter Field was organised to
	parallel Future of Imagination. It principally featured
	younger artists presenting site-specific performances
	in public. In this performance, Chua Chin Chin puts on
	a parodised persona of an office worker.
Classification:	Art Collectives and Festivals > 2006–2007 Fetter Field
	> 2007 > Chua Chin Chin > LWE_00442_129

No: LWE\_00415\_90

Artist(s):	Melati Suryodarmo
Title, Year:	The dog barked at the backyard, while the eagle flew
	after the dark. And I, 2009
Event:	Future of Imagination 6
Location:	Sculpture Square, Singapore
Video:	Ghazi Alqudcy
Description:	A study of what Melati Suryodarmo describes as
	"performance poetry", through which she proposes
	the reversal of a poem's dematerialisation of its
	subject matter to text.
Classification:	Art Collectives and Festivals > 2003–2015 Future
	of Imagination > 2010 > Melati Suryodarmo >
	LWE 00415 90

No: LWE\_00447\_66

Artist(s):	Richelle Spence
Title, Year:	—, 2007
Event:	Fetter Field: Singapore Performance Art Event
Location:	Tekka Market, Singapore
Photo:	Bruce Quek
Description:	Simultaneous with performances by Rebecca
Classification:	Cunningham and Zane Trow, who collectively referred to themselves as "throwing stones". Art Collectives and Festivals > 2006–2007 Fetter Field > 2007 > Throwing Stones > LWE_00447_66

Artist(s): Lynn Lu Title, Year: *Lemonade Stand*, 2008

Event: Future of Imagination 5

Location: Sculpture Square, Singapore Photo: Urich Lau

Photo: Urich La

Description: —

Classification: Art Collectives and Festivals > 2003–2015 Future of Imagination > 2008 > Lynn Lu > LWE\_00455\_06 No: LWE\_00543\_30

Artist(s): Kenny McBride Title, Year: —, 2007 Event: Future of Imagination 4 Location: 72-13 Theatreworks, Singapore Photo: — Description: In Kenny McBride's durational performance, meditative circumambulation is combined with the action pictured: blowing air into the fish, as if to revive them. Classification: Art Collectives and Festivals > 2003–2015 Future of Imagination > 2007 > Kenny McBride > LWE\_00543\_30

No: LWE\_00507\_71

Artist(s): Lee Wen Title, Year: Journey of a Yellow Man No. 3: DESIRE, 1993 Event: Journey of a Yellow Man #3: Desire Location: The Substation, Singapore, Singapore Photo: — Description: — Classification: Performances and Projects > Journey of A Yellow Man

> 1993, The Substation, Singapore > LWE 00507 71

No: LWE\_00556\_37

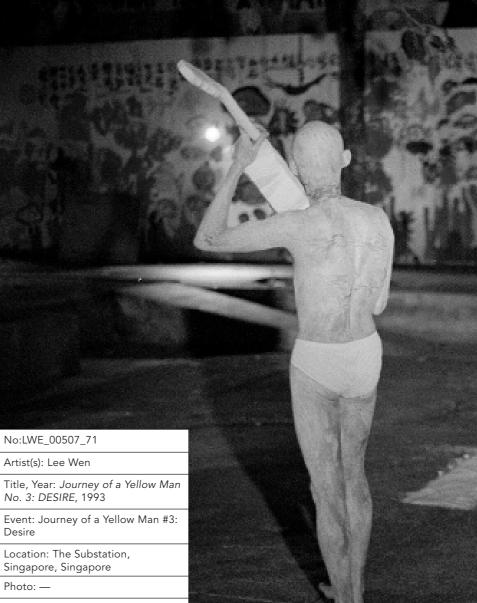
Artist(s): Bartolome Ferrando Title, Year: —, 2007 Event: Future of Imagination 4 Location: 72-13 Theatreworks, Singapore Photo: — Description: Bartolome Ferrando's reading of a text is accompanied by various actions, each with some ambiguous relationship to the words spoken. Classification: Art Collectives and Festivals > 2003–2015 Future of Imagination > 2007 > Bartolome Ferrando > LWE\_00556\_37

#### No: LWE\_00000

Artist(s): Zhou Bin Title, Year: —, 2007 Event: Future of Imagination 4 Location: 72-13 Theatreworks, Singapore Photo: — Description: With his gaping, soundless mouth, Zhou Bin likens China's broad spectrum censorship to having one's voice and words taken from one's mouth.

Classification: Art Collectives and Festivals > 2003–2015 Future of Imagination > 2007 > Zhou Bin > LWE\_00000





Description: —

Classification: Performances and Projects > Journey of A Yellow Man > 1993, The Substation, Singapore > LWE\_00507\_71

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No: LWE\_00011

Artist(s):	Andrée Weschler
Title, Year:	Can a First Performance Be Relived, 2015
Event:	Future of Imagination 10
Location:	Zarch Collaboratives, Singapore
Video:	Bruce Quek
Description:	Repeating the gestures of her 2003 performance, To
Classification:	Make Little Hoods Blush, Andrée Weschler explicitly questions the possibility of re-enactment, as detailed in the title of this performance. Art Collectives and Festivals > 2003–2015 Future of Imagination > 2015 > Andrée Weschler > LWE_00011

### No: LWE\_00050

Artist(s): The Artists Village Title, Year: Artists Investigating Monuments, 2000 Event: Artists Investigating Monuments Location: Raffles Landing Site, Singapore Video: — Description: A project by The Artists Village that sought to question the underlying meaning of monuments that we might take for granted. Lee Wen contributed Untitled (Raffles), an installation of scaffolding at the purported landing site of Sir Stamford Raffles. The installation brought visitors closer to Raffles, allowing them to regard him on more equal footing. Classification: Art Collectives and Festivals > 1989–2000 The Artists Village > Artists Investigating Monuments > 2000, Raffles Landing Site, Singapore > LWE\_00050 No: LWE\_00066\_11

Artist(s):	Andrée Weschler
Title, Year:	To Make Little Hoods Blush, 2003
Event:	Future of Imagination: Live Art Meeting
Location:	The Substation, Singapore
Photo:	Juliana Yasin
Description:	This performance was named for a book by Jean-
	Pierre Enard. Beginning with the commonplace action
	of applying lipstick, Andrée Weschler extends its
	duration and area to the extreme, thus suggesting
	both the viscerality of horror films, as well as a
	gradual translation to objecthood. In 2015, Weschler
	examined the re-enactment of this first performance
	under the title Can a First Performance Be Relived?
Classification:	Art Collectives and Festivals > 2003–2015 Future
	of Imagination > 2003 > Andrée Weschler >
	LWE_00066_11

# No: LWE\_00117\_83 / 87

	Pat Treyer
Title, Year:	—, 2010
Event:	9th International Performance Art Giswil 2010
Location:	Turbine Giswil, Giswil, Switzerland
Photo:	Georg Anderhub
Description:	A performance involving the extreme exaggeration
Classification:	of sweeping, intensifying it to the point of dance. Pat Treyer found inspiration from her work in stables, from which the tool was taken. Art Collectives and Festivals > 2010 International Performance Art Giswil > 2010 > LWE_00117_83, LWE_00117_87

# No: LWE\_00071\_48

Artist(s):	Jeremy Hiah
Title, Year:	Fall of the Triple Tower, Blood for Oil, Oil for Painting,
	2003
Event:	Future Of Imagination: Live Art Meeting
Location:	The Substation, Singapore
Photo:	Juliana Yasin
Description:	Beginning with an 'oil painting' of motor oil, Jeremy
	Hiah's performance draws on the geopolitical
	instabilities of a fossil fuel economy, its entanglement
	with the art market, and their shared complicity in
	violence.
Classification:	Art Collectives and Festivals > 2003–2015 Future of
	Imagination > 2003 > Jeremy Hiah > LWE_00071_48

# No: LWE\_00117\_217 / 223

Artist(s):	Vida Simon
Title, Year:	—, 2010
Event:	9th International Performance Art Giswil 2010
Location:	Turbine Giswil, Giswil, Switzerland
Photo:	Georg Anderhub
Description:	_
Classification:	Art Collectives and Festivals > 2010 International
	Performance Art Giswil > 2010 > LWE_00117_217, LWE 00117 223

Artist(s):	Sophia Natasha Wei	Artist(s):	Chua Chin Chin
Title, Year:	Migration of the Soul, 2006	Title, Year:	—, 2006
Event:	Birds Migration: Indonesia International Performance	Event:	Episode 5: 12-hour Performance, Sound and Video
	Art Event (IIPAE)		Festival
Location:	National Gallery of Indonesia, Jakarta, Indonesia	Location:	The Other House, Singapore
Photo:	Lee Wen	Photo:	_
Description:	At the intersection of the artist's Christian and	Description:	Continuing The Artists Village's tradition of marking
	Chinese identities, this performance reflects on the		the end of the year, they presented a 12-hour festival
	disposition of the soul, as well as our traditions and		across various venues in Little India.
	rituals of death and mourning.	Classification:	Art Collectives and Festivals > 2006 Episode5: 12-
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### No: LWE\_00127\_196 / 201

Artist(s):	_
Title, Year:	—, 2006
Event:	Birds Migration: Indonesia International Performance
	Art Event (IIPAE)
Location:	National Gallery of Indonesia, Jakarta, Indonesia
Photo:	_
Description:	_
Classification:	Art Collectives and Festivals > 2006 Indonesia
	International Performance Art Event > 2006 >

LWE\_00127\_196, LWE\_00127\_201

# No: LWE\_00147\_09

No: LWE\_00145\_61

Artist(s):	Amanda Heng
Title, Year:	—, 2009
Event:	Live Action & Live Action Plus 2009 (Goteborg   Vara   Lidkoping)
Location:	Museum of World Culture, Gothenburg, Vara, Lidkoping, Sweden
Photo:	_
Description:	Amanda Heng in a group performance with unidentified artists. The tattoo on her back is part of her 2005 performance, <i>I Remember</i> , which examined people's memories of war.
Classification:	Art Collectives and Festivals > 2009 Live Action > 2009 > LWE_00147_09

#### No: LWE\_00300\_178

Artist(s):	Muhammad Khairul Ikhwan
Title, Year:	—, 2014
Event:	Night Festival: Bold and Beautiful 2014
Location:	Singapore
Photo:	_
Description:	Under the theme of "Spread the Love", performance artists at varying stages of their careers participated in
	the Night Festival.
Classification:	Art Collectives and Festivals > 2010–2014 Night
	Festival > 2014 > General Photo and Video

Documentation > LWE\_00300\_178

No: LWE\_00320\_07 / 08 / 17 / 25

No: LWE\_00323

Artist(s):	Lee Wen
Title, Year:	Ghost Stories, 1997
Event:	Simposio Internacional de Escultura
Location:	Chiapas, Mexico
Photo:	_
Description:	Remarking on the consistent popularity of ghost
Classification:	stories in our increasingly technological, secular society, this performance examines fear, paranoia, and how a "hyper-rationalized and ultra-managed nation- state" gives rise to a nostalgia for the irrational. Performances and Projects > Ghost Stories > 1997, Chiapas, Mexico > LWE_00320_07, LWE_00320_08, LWE_00320_17, LWE_00320_25

# No: LWE\_00316\_24-25, 27-29 (stitched clip)

Artist(s): Chand Chandramohan	Artist(s): Arai Shin-chi, Skip Arnold, Anita Cahill, Chen Jin,
Title, Year: Territory, 2015	Dai Guangyu, Jozsef R Juhosz, Miriam King, Myriam
Event: /*semble*/	Laplante, Eric Letourneau, Lennie Lee, System HM2T,
Location: Former KTM Tanjong Pagar Railway Station,	Despine Olbric Marianou, Beate Roning, Shu Yang,
Singapore	Song Yongxin, Tian Liusha, Yin Xiafeng, Yi Ju, Zhu
Photo: Alex Yang	Ming, Zhu Yu
Description: In this meditative performance, Chand Chandramohan	Title, Year: China Moon: The 2nd Open Art Festival, 2001
poses the unusual question of territory, measured not	Event: China Moon: The 2nd Open Art Festival
in hectares, but in quantities a single person could	Location: Sichuan, China
carry.	Photo: Lee Wen
Classification: Art Collectives and Festivals > 2015 /*semble*/ >	Description: Documentation of the festival, featuring music by
2015 > LWE_00316_24-25, 27-29 (stitched Clip)	Yamazaki Kazuhito. In addition to the performances
	proper, Lee Wen also presents footage of the
	surrounding area, as well as conversations and
	interactions among the artists.

Classification: Art Collectives and Festivals > 2001 Open Art Festival > 2001 > LWE\_00323 No: LWE\_00368\_29

Artist(s):	Lee Wen
Title, Year:	Anyhow Blues, 2010
Event:	BONE 13 – Performance Art Festival
Location:	Schlachthaus Theater, Bern, Switzerland
Photo:	_
Description:	The Anyhow Blues project cautions that the increasing acceptance of performance art carries the risk of discipline and domestication. This project foregrounds the social concerns of performance art, using the form of 60's era protest songs.
Classification:	Art Collectives and Festivals > 2010 BONE > 2010 >

Day 3 > LWE\_00368\_29

No: LWE\_00447\_28 / 34

	Rebecca Cunningham
Title, Year:	—, 2007
Event:	Fetter Field: Singapore Performance Art Event
Location:	Tekka Market, Singapore
Photo:	Bruce Quek
Description:	Simultaneous with performances by Richelle
	Spence and Zane Trow, who collectively referred
	to themselves as 'throwing stones'. Rebecca
	Cunningham's performance involved writing
	memories onto small pieces of paper, and sticking
	them to her dress.
Classification:	Art Collectives and Festivals > 2006–2007 Fetter
	Field > 2007 > Throwing Stones > LWE_00447_28,
	LWE_00447_34

No: LWE\_00441\_08 / 17

Artist(s):	Chia Chuyia	
Title, Year:	Gray Territory, 2007	
Event:	Fetter Field: Singapore Performance Art Event	
Location:	Sculpture Square, Singapore, Singapore	
Photo:	Bruce Quek	
Description:	A durational performance, consisting of the repetitive	
	action of applying either charcoal or chalk to the	
	flagstones outside Sculpture Square.	
Classification:	Art Collectives and Festivals > 2006–2007 Fetter	
	Field > 2007 > Chia Chuyia > LWE_00441_08,	
	LWE_00441_17	

# No: LWE\_00452\_29 / 34

Artist(s):	Ezzam Rahman
Title, Year:	Help me help you, 2007
Event:	Fetter Field: Singapore Performance Art Event
Location:	City Hall, Singapore
Photo:	Bruce Quek
	Under pressure from the building's management, Ezzam Rahman modified his performance, scrubbing the steps of the former City Hall with flowers, rather than the lamb's heart he originally proposed. The focus of the performance was the state of human rights in Singapore.
Classification:	Art Collectives and Festivals > 2006–2007 Fetter Field > 2007 > Ezzam Rahman > LWE_00452_29, LWE_00452_34

Artist(s): Mongkol Plienbangchang

Title, Year: Balanceunbalance, 2008

Event: Future of Imagination 5

Location: Sculpture Square, Singapore

Photo: Urich Lau

Description: —

Classification: Art Collectives and Festivals > 2003–2015 Future of Imagination > 2008 > Mongkol Plienbangchang > LWE\_00459\_08 No: LWE\_00541\_20

Artist(s): Vasan SitthiketTitle, Year:-, 2007Event:Future of Imagination 4Location:72-13 Theatreworks, SingaporePhoto:--Description:Using rice on a tarpaulin as a medium of textual<br/>and pictorial communication, Vasan Sitthiket also<br/>performed through his movements in inscribing these<br/>images and characters, accompanied by his own<br/>voice.Classification:Art Collectives and Festivals > 2003–2015<br/>Future of Imagination > 2007 > Vasan Sitthiket ><br/>LWE\_00541\_20

No: LWE\_00539\_11

Artist(s):	Kai Lam
Title, Year:	Fish Walk, 2007
Event:	Future of Imagination 4
Location:	72-13 Theatreworks, Singapore
Photo:	—
Description:	Kai Lam takes a fish for a walk - specifically, an Asian climbing perch, capable of brief travel overland.
	During the performance, Lam hydrates the fish using water from his mouth.
Classification:	Art Collectives and Festivals > 2003–2015 Future of Imagination > 2007 > Kai Lam > LWE_00539_11

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### No: LWE\_00007

Artist(s):	Yuzuru Maeda
Title, Year:	Perfect, 2015
Event:	Future of Imagination 10
Location:	Zarch Collaboratives, Singapore
Video:	Bruce Quek
Description:	Yuzuru Maeda combines collaboration, theatricality, and the subculture of Zentai, which involves the donning of skin-tight, identity-obscuring bodysuits.
Classification:	Art Collectives and Festivals > 2003–2015 Future of Imagination > 2015 > Yuzuru Maeda > LWE_00007

# No: LWE\_00025\_01

Artist(s):	Lee Wen
	Journey of a Yellow Man No. 6: History and Self, 1995
Event:	4th Asian Art Show
Location:	Setagaya Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan
Video:	_
Description:	With a new millennium looming, and Francis
	Fukuyama's recent proclamation of the "end of
	history", the Journey of a Yellow Man also takes a turn
	at examining our relationship with history: its framing
	and ownership, and its susceptibility to manipulation.
Classification:	Performances and Projects > Journey of a Yellow
	Man > 1995, Setagaya Art Museum, Tokyo >
	LWE_00025_01

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No: LWE\_00126

Artist(s):	Lee Wen	Artist(s)
Title, Year:	Ping Pong Go-Round, 1998	Title, Year
Event:	Construction in Progress VI — The Bridge	Event
Location:	Street outside General Post Office,	Location
	Melbourne, Australia	Photo
Photo:	Lee Wen, Satoko Sukenari	Description
Description:	If a normal game of ping pong is like a conversation,	
	what about ping pong played on an annular table?	
	In this series of public installations, Lee Wen merges	
	notions of play with large scale conversations, such as	Classification
	forums and conferences. Singaporean press coverage	
	at the time called Lee a 'display artist'.	
Classification:	Performances and Projects > Ping Pong Go-Round>	
	1998, The Bridge, Melbourne > LWE_00036_19	

#### s): Jason Lim ar: —, 2010 nt: 9th International Performance Art Giswil 2010 on: Turbine Giswil, Giswil, Switzerland to: Georg Anderhub on: Jason Lim's practice is one of methodical experimentation and iteration, with every posture, tension, and material of each performance informing the next. on: Art Collectives and Festivals > 2010 International Performance Art Giswil > 2010 > LWE\_00117\_01, LWE\_00117\_21, LWE\_00117\_178, LWE\_00117\_184

# No: LWE\_00047\_05

	Artist(s):	Lee Wen	Artist(s):	Black Market International
	Title, Year:	Ping Pong Go-Round, 1998, 2015	Title, Year:	Encuentro International de Performance, 2003
	Event:	5th Asian Art Biennale Artist Making Movement	Event:	Encuentro International de Performance
	Location:	National Taiwan Museum of Fine Arts,	Location:	Mexico City, Mexico
		Taichung, Taiwan	Video:	—
	Photo:		Description:	Edited documentation of the International Encounter
	Description:	Over multiple incarnations and installations, different		of Performance, with commentary by Black Market
		sizes, details, and features have been included in Ping		International, and other artists. Featuring music by
		Pong Go-Round.		Oscar Urrutia.
С		Performances and Projects > Ping Pong Go-Round >	Classification:	Art Collectives and Festivals > 1997–2011 Black
		2015, National Taiwan Museum of Fine Arts, Taichung		Market International > 2003, Mexico City, Mexico >
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#### No: LWE\_00127\_99 / 111 / 120 / 122

Artist(s): Hong O-Bong Title, Year: —, 2006 Event: Birds Migration: Indonesia International Performance Art Event (IIPAE) Location: National Gallery of Indonesia, Jakarta, Indonesia Photo: — Description: — Classification: Art Collectives and Festivals > 2006 Indonesia International Performance Art Event > 2006 > LWE\_00127\_99, LWE\_00127\_111, LWE\_00127\_120, LWE\_00127\_122 No: LWE\_00127\_322 / 327 / 328

Artist(s):	Roi Vaara
Title, Year:	Thunder Man, 2006
Event:	Birds Migration: Indonesia International Performance Art Event (IIPAE)
Location:	National Gallery of Indonesia, Jakarta, Indonesia
Photo:	_
·	A performance which involved the artist walking through a public area, with much of his body obscured by helium-filled balloons, until he makes the decision to release them.
Classification:	Art Collectives and Festivals > 2006 Indonesia International Performance Art Event > 2006 > LWE_00127_322, LWE_00127_327, LWE_00127_328

No: LWE\_00127\_251 / 255 / 270

Artist(s): Emily White Title, Year: —, 2006 Event: Birds Migration: Indonesia International Performance Art Event (IIPAE) Location: National Gallery of Indonesia, Jakarta, Indonesia Photo: — Description: — Classification: Art Collectives and Festivals > 2006 Indonesia International Performance Art Event > 2006 >

LWE\_00127\_251, LWE\_00127\_255, LWE\_00127\_270

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Artist(s):	Amanda Heng
Title, Year:	Let's Walk, 1999, 2009
Event:	Live Action & Live Action Plus 2009 (Goteborg   Vara   Lidkoping)
Location:	Museum of World Culture, Gothenburg, Vara, Lidkoping, Sweden
Photo:	_
Description:	First performed in 1999, <i>Let's Walk</i> was a response to the fallout of the 1997 Asian financial crisis, which disproportionately affected women, thus increasing the usage of surgical (and non-surgical) cosmetic procedures to improve their job security. The artwork would later evolve into the <i>Let's Walk Some More</i> series.
Classification:	Art Collectives and Festivals > 2009 Live Action > 2009 > LWE_00147_107, LWE_00147_108, LWE_00147_109, LWE_00147_110

Artist(s):	Julie Andree T., Lee Wen, Jürgen Fritz, Jacques	Artist(s):	Black Market International (Jürgen Fritz, Lee Wen,
	Van Poppel, Roi Vaara, Elvira Santamaria, Alastair		Myriam LaPlante)
	MacLennan, Myriam Laplante, Jason Lim, Zygmunt	Title, Year:	—, 2005
	Piotrowski, Tomas Ruller	Event:	National Review of Live Art
Title, Year:	—, 2010	Location:	Tramway, Glasgow, Scotland
Event:	Performance Platform Lublin 2010: Black Market	Photo:	Sylvie Ferre, Naranja
	International	Description:	This was the first time Lee Wen performed with
Location:	Labyrinth Gallery, Lublin, Poland		Black Market International at the National Review
Video:	_		of Live Art.
Description:	Documentation of the performances and workshops	Classification:	Art Collectives and Festivals > 1997–2011 Black
	of Performance Platform Lublin 2010: Black Market		Market International > 2005, Tramway, Glasgow >
	International.		LWE_00172_26, LWE_00172_39, LWE_00172_52
Classification:	Art Collectives and Festivals > 1997–2011 Black		
	Market International > 2010, Labyrinth Gallery, Lublin		
	> LWE_00167_01, LWE_00167_02, LWE_00167_03		

# No: LWE\_00167\_105 / 127 / 219

Artist(s):	Alastair MacLennan
Title, Year:	—, 2010
Event:	Performance Platform Lublin 2010: Black Market
	International
Location:	Labyrinth Gallery, Lublin, Poland
Photo:	Diana Koeczewska, Lescan Sknarski
Description:	A performance workshop for students, under the
	direction of Alastair MacLennan.
Classification:	Art Collectives and Festivals > 1997–2011 Black
	Market International > 2010, Labyrinth Gallery, Lublin
	> LWE_00167_105, LWE_00167_127, LWE_00167_219

No: LWE\_00183\_52

No: LWE\_00172\_26 / 39 / 52

Artist(s):	_
Title, Year:	—, 2007
Event:	National Review of Live Art 2007
Location:	Tramway, Glasgow, Scotland
Photo:	Sylvie Ferre, Naranja
Description:	_
Classification.	Art Collectives and Festivals > 2004-2010 Nation

Classification: Art Collectives and Festivals > 2004–2010 National Review of Live Art > 2007 > LWE\_00183\_52 No: LWE\_00184\_01 / 09 / 10 / 11

Artist(s): Lee Wen, Arif Ayab Title, Year: Macau International Performance Art Festival, 2011 Event: Macau International Performance Art Festival 2011 Location: Ox Warehouse, Macau Video: — Description: Performances by various artists at the festival. Includes a collaborative performance by Lee Wen and Arif Ayab, as well as a roundtable discussion by the artists involved. Classification: Art Collectives and Festivals > 2011 Macau International Performance Art Festival > 2011 > LWE\_00184\_01, LWE\_00184\_09, LWE\_00184\_10, No: LWE\_00370\_92 / 93

Artist(s): Black Market International Title, Year: —, 2010 Event: BONE 13 – Performance Art Festival Location: Schlacthaus Theater, Bern, Switzerland Photo: — Description: — Classification: Art Collectives and Festivals > 2010 BONE > 2010 > Day 5 > LWE\_00370\_92, LWE\_00370\_93

#### No: LWE\_00366\_382 / 388 / 478 / 483

Artist(s): Black Market International Title, Year: —, 2010 Event: BONE 13 – Performance Art Festival Location: Schlacthaus Theater, Bern, Switzerland Photo: — Description: — Classification: Art Collectives and Festivals > 2010 BONE > 2010 > Day 1 > LWE\_00366\_382, LWE\_00366\_388, LWE 00366 478, LWE 00366 483

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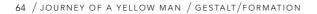
Artist(s): Black Market International Title, Year: ---, 2010 Event: BONE 13 – Performance Art Festival Location: Schlacthaus Theater, Bern, Switzerland Photo: ---Description: Over the course of the performance, various artists deposited snow from outside the venue around Alastair MacLennan, among other performative interactions. Classification: Art Collectives and Festivals > 2010 BONE > 2010 > General Photo and Video Documentation > LWE\_00371\_60, LWE\_00371\_70, LWE\_00371\_200

#### No: LWE\_00546\_09 / 11 / 14

Artist(s): Kim Kang Title, Year: —, 2007 Event: Future of Imagination 4 Location: 72-13 Theatreworks, Singapore, Singapore Photo: —

Description: —

Classification: Art Collectives and Festivals > 2003–2015 Future of Imagination > 2007 > Kim Kang > LWE\_00546\_09, LWE\_00546\_11, LWE\_00546\_14





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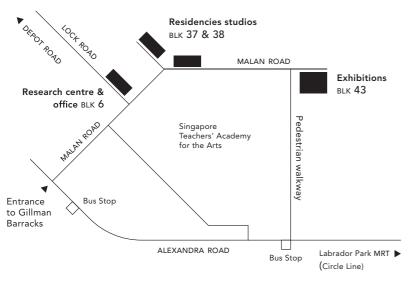
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- The Centre focuses on Spaces of the Curatorial in Singapore, Southeast Asia, and beyond, and engages in multi-layered research topics, such as PLACE.LABOUR.CAPITAL. (2014– 2017)

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PLACE.LABOUR.CAPITAL. Mousse Publishing, distributed by NUS Press, 2018 SouthEastAsia: Spaces of the Curatorial. Jahresring 63. Sternberg Press, 2017 Becoming Palm, Simryn Gill and Michael Taussig. Sternberg Press, 2017 Tomás Saraceno: Arachnid Orchestra. Jam Sessions. 2017 Theatrical Fields: Critical Strategies in Performance, Film, and Video, in collaboration with Bildmuseet Umeå. König Books, 2016

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Personally, I don't think about yellow so much anymore but it seems to be coming out of every conversation that sounds like a repeated joke that everybody seems to know but have forgotten the punchline. Responses can be tears or laughter depending on the listeners perception. This kind of misdirected understanding like a game of Chinese whispers makes us understand the importance of looking at the records per se of the evidence what has really happened. An empiricist return to be resolved from any sentimental predilections or other idealistic presumptions. —Lee Wen, 2018

No: LWE\_00508\_54

Artist(s): Lee Wen

Title, Year: Journey of a Yellow Man No. 4: LIBIDO, 1993

Event: Sense Yellow

Location: Concrete House, Bangkok, Thailand

Photo: —

Classification: Performances and Projects > Journey of A Yellow Man > 1993, Concrete House, Nontburi LWE\_00508\_54

# **Collaborative Public Programme**

Saturday, 15 September 2018, 6.00pm – 9.00pm Opening and Performance: *The Body as Archive* (2018) by Lee Wen, artist (Singapore) NTU CCA Singapore, Block 43 Malan Road, Singapore 109443

Friday, 21 September 2018, 8.00pm – 10.00pm Art After Dark x Gillman Barracks 6th Anniversary Celebrations Jam Session: *Lepak Readings* by Karl Kerridge, Terence Lau, and Kai Lam, artists and musicians (Singapore) NTU CCA Singapore, Block 43 Malan Road, Singapore 109443

Sunday, 7 October 2018, 10.00am – 6.00pm Workshop: Performance Art by Kai Lam, artist (Singapore) Limited capacity, please register at indiearchive@signet.com Independent Archive, 71 Aliwal St, #01-01, Singapore 199944

Saturday, 13 October 2018, 2.00pm – 7.00pm

Launch: Afterall journal with a special feature on Lee Wen with Professor Ute Meta Bauer, Founding Director, NTU CCA Singapore, Professor at School of Art, Design and Media, NTU, and editor, Afterall journal (Germany/Singapore); Ana Bilbao, Research Fellow, Afterall Research Centre, and editor, Afterall journal (Mexico/United Kingdom); Charles Esche, Director, Van Abbemuseum, Eindhoven, and Co-director, Afterall journal and books (Netherlands); Anders Kreuger, Senior Curator, M HKA, and editor, Afterall journal (Sweden/Belgium); David Morris, editor, Afterall journal and Exhibition Histories (United Kingdom); Anca Rujoiu, independent curator and editor, Afterall journal (Romania/ Singapore); Peter Daniel Sipel, poet (United Kingdom); Charles Stankievech, editor, Afterall journal (Canada); David Teh, Assistant Professor, National University of Singapore (Australia/Singapore); and Cresantia Frances Kova Vaka'uta. Associate Dean. Research & Internationalisation, The University of the South Pacific (Fiji) NTU CCA Singapore, Block 43 Malan Road, Singapore 109443

#### Sunday, 14 October 2018, 3.00pm – 5.00pm

Conversation: Narrating and Digitalizing Asian Art Histories with Chuong-Dai Vo, researcher, Asia Art Archive (Hong Kong) Independent Archive, 71 Aliwal St, #01-01, Singapore 199944

#### Sunday, 28 October 2018, 3.00pm - 5.00pm

Conversation: Cause to Know with Koh Nguang How, artist (Singapore), and Gilles Massot, artist (France, Singapore) Independent Archive, 71 Aliwal St, #01-01, Singapore 199944

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