

# Kulay Diwa Gallery of Philippine Contemporary Art

Gao



Artopia is a culmination of the artist's artistic journey of being a self-taught artist. The works in the show are results of years of learning and experimenting of what kind of art should he really do. The first series of his golden works, Artopia is a collection of recent paintings produced in gold monochromatic color schemes, a color palette he's comfortable working with. Each title of his works have "ia" at the end which is sometimes a combination of words, or a single existing word, or a word he just invented (e.g. Art + Utopia = Artopia). His subject matters are diverse such as global supremacy, war, urban decay, environmental degradation, tyranny, atrocity, or even giving homage to influences, often taking references from mass media, writings, and personal experiences. He deconstructs and constructs images added with elements of both familiar and unfamiliar, juxtaposing, layering, and plotting to produce a single image that conveys a sense of hysteria and chaos. Some of his works have direct meaning, some ambiguous, or some have no meaning at all, just letting the paintings tell their own story. Most of the time he just does things that naturally comes out of his head. A spontaneous process that is almost automatic, an expression of less rules and boundaries questing for inconclusive reasoning and imagination.

GAO (b. Edgar Aguilar Rezaga)

Contemporary Visual Artist

Hometown: La Carlota City, Negros Occidental

Based: Las Piñas City

Awards:

Finalist - Art Association of the Philippines, ECCA'

1st Semi-Annual Art Competition 2010

Finalist - Art Association of the Philippines, ,NCCA

Commission on Filipino Overseas'

Centennial Hawaii Migration 2006  
Finalist - Metrobank Art & Design Excellence 2005  
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Finalist - Metrobank Young Painters' Annual 2002  
2nd Prize - Pasalamat Arts & Culture Festival 2001  
Painting Category  
3rd Prize - Pasalamat Arts & Cultural Festival 2001  
Mixed Media Category  
Grand Prize - Coca Cola Bottlers Association 2001  
Can Relief Sculpture (Group)  
Grand Prize – Provincial Environment Painting Competition  
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