

## LUIS ANTONIO SANTOS

### Bio

Luis Santos experiments with the photorealistic painting as specimen, one that can quietly creep into human consciousness to unnerve and unsettle.

Amongst his repeated subject matter is that of skulls, both human and animal. These he reproduces with scientific accuracy against wooden panels or a monochrome background from models of skulls, relating the real-life medical dissection process with the methodical building up of illusion in painting, thereby exploring death, meaning and the essence of existence in certain ambivalent, metaphysical directions Santos has been exhibiting in solo shows in the Philippines since 2010, the first named Modular/Variations zooming in on traumatized human skulls that bear marks of illness or injury. In his recent one-man show in Manila, Then It Happened (2013), ten portraits of art world friends, mentors and relatives surround the viewer. While their dress stands out in clear depiction, their faces are blurry, paradoxically frozen in a whirl of movement. The community of people depicted familiar enough to many viewers, but standing apart in their strangeness and elusiveness as neither corpse nor ghost.

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b. 1985, Manila, PH



Untitled, 2014

#### SOLO SHOWS

- 2016 *Index*, Finale Art File, Manila
- 2015 *Measuring Distance*, Silverlens, Manila
- 2014 *Momentary Lapses*, Blanc Gallery, Manila
- 2013 *Then It Happened*, Blanc Gallery, Manila
- Structures*, Silverlens, Manila
- Nocturne*, West Gallery, Manila
- 2011 *Modular/Variations*, West Gallery, Manila
- Exposition*, Manila Contemporary, Manila

#### SELECTED GROUP SHOWS

- 2018 *Malang Memorialized*. Finale Art File / The Block, SM City North EDSA
- Mga Bagong Kristo sa Lumang Simboryo*. Art Informal, Greenhills
- Art Fair Philippines*, Silverlens, Manila
- 2017 *Melted City 4*. Blanc Gallery, Quezon City
- Recent Works*. Art Anton, Pasay
- Extreme Present*. Mono8, Manila
- Gentlemen Take Polaroids*. Artery Art Space, Quezon City
- Overland*. Pinto Art Museum, Antipolo
- As Far As Near As Deep And Wide And Tall*. Galerie Roberto, Alabang
- Ingress/Egress*. Underground Gallery, Makati
- Vitamin P*. Mono8, Manila
- //image\_sampler*. Sampaguita Projects, Quezon City
- Re:View 2017*, BenCab Museum, Baguio
- 2016 *Art Fair Philippines*, Silverlens, Manila
- Binding*. Blanc Gallery, Quezon City
- Topsy Turvy*. Finale Art File, Makati
- Art Fair Philippines*. Makati
- The Out Sounds From Way In: Imaginary Album and Music Show*. Vinyl on Vinyl Gallery, Makati
- Extended Play Vinyl on Vinyl Gallery*, Makati
- Re:View 2016*, BenCab Museum, Baguio
- 2015 *Paperviews 15: Rapid Cycling*, Manila
- Re:View 2015*. BenCab Museum, Baguio
- B.a.B.E.L.*, Underground Gallery, Manila
- Naked Lunch*, Altro Mondo, Manila
- You Are Here*, Vinyl on Vinyl, Manila
- Fotosemana*, Thousandfold, Manila
- fu:bar*, Siva Galerija, Croatia
- Order of Objects After Arrival*. Project Space Pilipinas, Manila

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- Melted City 2*, Blanc Gallery, Manila  
*Art Fair Philippines*, Manila
- 2014 *Art Fair Philippines*, Manila  
*Kadinsky*, J Studio, Manila  
*Gathered Narratives*, Silverlens, Manila  
*Paperviews 14: On Immanence*, Project Space Pilipinas, Manila  
*Anonymous*, J Studio, Manila  
*Athens Video Art Festival 2014*, Greece  
*BP Loud Tate 2014: Code / All Glitched Up*, Space, UK  
*Before and After*, West Gallery, Manila  
*Rebel with a Cause*, Univers
- Re:View 2014*, BenCab Museum, Baguio
- 2013 *Tones of Home*, Blanc Gallery, Manila  
*Art Fair Philippines*, Manila  
*Perdido Eden*, Ode To Art Gallery, Singapore  
*The Mona Lisa Project*, Cultural Center of the Philippines, Manila
- 2012 *Outerhope*, Blanc Compound, Manila
- 2011 *Survivalism*, Light and Space Contemporary, Manila  
*Anti-Hero Show*, Altro Mondo Arte Contemporaneo, Manila  
*Recent Prints*, The Department of Avant-Garde Clichés (DAGC), Manila  
*Munnyfestation*, Blanc Compound, Manila
- 2010 *12 x 9*, West Gallery, Manila
- 2009 *Stick with the Enemy*, Mo\_space, Manila

### EDUCATION

*De La Salle University*, Bachelor of Science in Business Management,  
Philippines