
Brief Biography

- 1939 Born in Chiang Rai, Thailand
- 1954-57 Studied at Poh Chang College of Arts and Crafts, Bangkok
- 1956 First entered the 7th National Exhibition in Bangkok
- 1958-63 Majored in paintings at the Faculty of Painting, Sculpture and Graphic Arts, Silpakorn University
- 1962 Won the first prize at a painting contest sponsored by Tourist Organization of Thailand (T.O.T.)
- 1964-68 Studied at Rijks Akademie van Beeldende Kunsten (Royal Academy of Fine Arts), Amsterdam, the Netherlands
- Invited as artist in residence to West Germany (1972, 74, 85, 86, 91), England (1975), USA (1975, 99), Israel (1977) and Switzerland (1978)
- 1971 Exhibition was vandalized by students, Bangkok
- 1983-97 Produced mural paintings at major banks in Thailand and other places
- 1984 Completed the Spirit and Art Village, Open House for Contemporary Natural History and Ethnology Museum of Nanglae, Chiang Rai
- Invited as artist in residence to Australia (1993), Turkey (1994), and Austria (1999)
- 2001 Opening of Thawan Duchanee Museum at UCOM Building, Bangkok

Major Exhibitions

- 1961 First solo exhibition, Suan Pakkard Palace, Bangkok
- 1964 Solo exhibition, Bangkapi Gallery, Bangkok
- 1967 Solo exhibition, Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam
- 1968 Mural painting and solo exhibition, Student Christian Center, Bangkok
- 1971 Solo exhibition, Goethe Institute Bangkok
- 1972 Solo exhibition, Gallery Downtown Hawaii, Honolulu
- 1973 Solo exhibition, the British Council Bangkok
- 1977 Solo exhibition, Israel Museum, Jerusalem
- 1989 "Contemporary Spiritual Art of Thailand" exhibition, Goethe Institute, San Francisco
- 1990 Solo exhibition, Fukuoka Art Museum, Fukuoka
- Solo exhibition, the Japan Foundation ASEAN Culture Center, Tokyo
- 1993 Solo exhibition, Melbourne University as artist in residence
- 2000 "12 Asean Artists" exhibition, National Art Gallery, Kuala Lumpur

Major Works

- 1961 "Prayer for an Ill Member of Meo Tribe" (oil on canvas, collection of Goethe Institute Bangkok)
- 1964 "Worship" (oil on canvas, collection of Fukuoka Asian Art Museum, Fukuoka)
- 1974-76 "Suvannasama Jataka" (oil on canvas, collection of the National Gallery of Art, Bangkok)

* The above Brief Biography and Major Exhibitions were compiled based on data submitted by Mr. Thawan Duchanee.