

**ARTIST BIOGRAPHY**

Tan Kian Por (Chen Jian Po), 陈建坡

1949 – 2019

Tan Kian Por was born in China in 1949 and moved to Singapore in 1962. He studied at the Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts and graduated in 1970. His focus was on Chinese painting, calligraphy and seal carving. He held 16 solo exhibitions, both locally and overseas, and was a Cultural Medallion recipient in 2001.

He was the Founder and former President and Advisor of Siaw-Tao Chinese Seal-Carving Calligraphy & Painting Society. He was appointed as one of the judges at the Singapore National Oriental Art Exhibition, a specialist panel member for the Cultural Medallion and Youth Artist Awards. He was a lecturer at the Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts (1980 – 2014, from part-time to full-time) and was an esteemed member of the Calligrapher Association. He was also the first Singaporean to be appointed as an overseas honorary member of the Xi Leng Seal Carving & Painting Society of Hangzhou, China. He was appointed as Researcher of China Academy of The Art and the Permanent Honorary member of the Korean Seal Carving Society.

Awards & Appointments	
1978	Singapore National Day Art Exhibition Outstanding Award

2000	Chen Jing Zhao Calligraphy Art Award
2001	The Cultural Medallion conferred by the President of Singapore
2004	Appointed Art Advisor of the Chinese Canadian Art Council of Canada
2005	Siaw-Tao Chinese Seal-Carving Calligraphy & Painting Society Art Achievements and Recognition Award
2010	World Peace Award by the World Peace Painting and Calligraphy Exhibition Committee for his painting "Coconut Tree"

### Publications & Features

1982	Featured in <i>Singapore Book of Artists</i>
1993	Featured in China Famous Contemporary Calligrapher and Painter Record
1997	Featured in Famous Contemporary Artist Record
1998	Featured in <i>World Chinese Artists Calligraphy &amp; Painting Book</i>
2000	Launched publication <i>Chen Huai Wei Xiang: Calligraphy, Painting and Seal Carving</i>
2004	Launched publication <i>The World of Tan Kian Por: Calligraphy, Painting, Seal Carving and Photography</i>
2006	Featured in the publication <i>People at the Peak: Who's Who of Singapore</i> , 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> edition
2006	Featured in <i>The Singapore Encyclopedia</i>
2008	Published <i>Chen Wu You Xin</i> featuring his artworks and collections
2012	Launched first seal carving publication <i>Tie Bi Zhu Heng: Chinese Seal Carving By Tan Kian Por</i>
2015	Launched his second seal carving publication <i>Kai Tian Pi Di: Chinese Seal Carving By Tan Kian Por</i>
2015	Launched a publication <i>Shui Yue Xiang Wang: The Art of Tan Kian Por. Calligraphy, Painting and Seal Carving</i>
2019	Featured in <i>The Story of Singapore Teochews</i>

### Exhibitions & Key Activities

2005	International Artist Group Exhibition in celebration of "See Ma Qian" 2150 Birthday Anniversary - Shanxi China & Seoul Korea
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2006	10 Most Outstanding Artists of China, USA, Singapore, Malaysia , Japan & Taiwan Group Exhibition at Shanghai Xuhui Art Museum – China
2007	Singapore & Korea Calligraphy Exchange Exhibition – Seoul Korea
2008	Charity Art Exhibition for Sichuan Earthquake – Foshan Guangdong China
2009	In celebration of the People’s Republic of China 60th Annual Chinese Seal Carving Exhibition - Beijing China
2010	75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Art Exhibition by The Society of Chinese Artist – Singapore
2011	1 <sup>st</sup> New Impression of International Artist Art Exhibition at Henan Art Museum - China
2011	2 <sup>nd</sup> International Calligraphy Ink Garden Annual Exhibition - Jilin China
2012	The 16 <sup>th</sup> World Calligraphy Art Exhibition by Korea Art Museum- Liaoning China & Singapore
2012	Asian Art Exhibition at Cultural Art Centre - Tainan Taiwan
2013	Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts 70’ - 30 Art Exhibition – Songkhla Hat Yai Thailand
2014	The Collection of Singapore Teochew Collectors & the Artworks of Teochew Artists Group Exhibition - Singapore
2014	The 3 <sup>rd</sup> International Chinese Seal Carving Group Exhibition by Chinese Seal Carving Academy - Beijing China
2015	The 6 <sup>th</sup> Beijing International Art Biennale China Southeast Asia Exhibition by National Museum of China - Beijing China
2015	<i>Celebrating NAFA’s Fine Art</i> – Singapore
2016	The 5 <sup>th</sup> Exhibition of Yin Tang Art Scholar Gathering – Shantou China
2017	“Ink Global” World International Artists Group Exhibition – Hong Kong
2018	<i>Celebrating NAFA’s 80<sup>th</sup> Cultural Medallion Alumni Artists Exhibition</i> at Liu Hai Su Art Museum – Shanghai, China
2019	<i>Within a Square Inch: The Art of Seal Carving</i> Exhibition by NAFA – Singapore