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Norberto Roldan (aka Peewee) moved to Kamuning, Quezon City, in 2008, after relocating Green Papaya Art Projects.

The building on the corner of Kamuning Road and T. Gener Street burned in a fire on June 3. The second floor had housed Green Papaya's archival material and the works of many artists. Much of the material was lost or damaged by fire and water.

Among the salvage
are six wooden assemblages
in the series 100 Altars for Roberto Chabet.
Roldan had built the ziggurat structures with
debris from houses, found objects, second-hand fabrics
and old photographs from stores around Kamuning. For his second
solo exhibition at Silverlens, he added a large base to each of the altars.
Fluorescent lights fill three of the bases, spelling HEAT, FUME and VOLT.

Roldan built three new free-standing altars that stand nearly 10 feet. For the base elevation, he replaced the wooden cabinet shelves with glass tops and filled the insides with found objects and fluorescent lights. These ziggurats tell of an imagined life anchored by a large object: a trombone flanked by obsolete cameras, a globe stacked between film reels and cameras, a slot machine topped by a row of Maneki-Neko (Lucky Cat) and the Laughing Buddha. The slot machine was a present Roldan intended to give his brother and sister-in-law, both of whom contracted Covid-19 and passed away. Fluorescent lights—spelling HUNT, UH, and IF—suffuse the ground level of each ziggurat with a red glow.

Fugitives from the Land
of the Rising Sun is so-called
because 10 of 14 boxes survived the June fire.
Roldan had bought the fish boxes from a Japanese surplus shop in Kamuning.
He lined the boxes, which were used to display fresh catch possibly in the 1960s
and 1970s, with pages from a book of haikus. He added Japanese paper prints, school
rulers with Japanese numbering, and photographs of people with seemingly Japanese features
dating from the 1920s to 1960s. For the exhibition, the 10 boxes are stacked into two ziggurats.

The altars
allude to Chabet's
ziggurats in whimsical
drawings and collages in the
1970s and 1980s and his framed
juxtapositions of monochrome paintings
in 2010. Among those projects is *Kong Ziggurats*or *King Kong Collages* (1979-1980). The giant ape wrought havoe
on humankind in response to their vanity, greed and overreach.

In Mesopotamia,
the ziggurat was an intermediary
space between the heavens and earth,
a place where priests beseeched the gods for mercy
and blessings. This complex of layers is an apt metaphor
for our immeasurable epic of catastrophes and suffering.



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The Beginning of History Part 2 (series 06), 2019 assemblage with found objects 32h x 24w in · 81.28h x 60.96w cm

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The Beginning of History Part 2 (series 05), 2019 assemblage with found objects 32h x 24w in · 81.28h x 60.96w cm

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The Beginning of History Part 2 (series 03), 2019 assemblage with found objects 32h x 24w in · 81.28h x 60.96w cm

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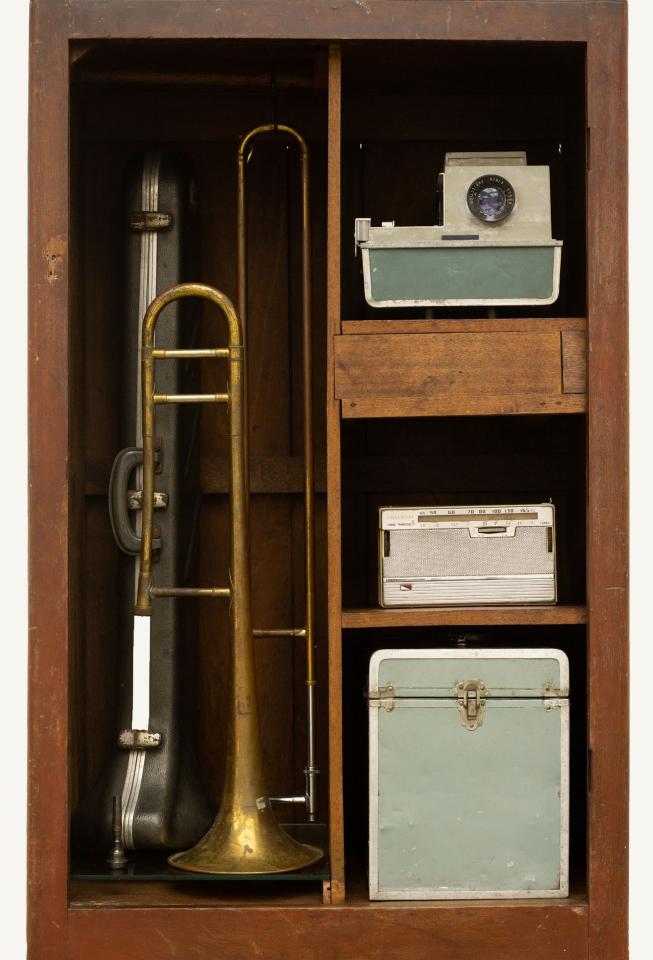






NO. 27 (cabinet version), 2020
installation with old furniture from
demolished houses, old trombone,
old slide projector, transistor radio,
other found objects, and T5 lighting system
99h x 38w x 18d in · 251.46h x 96.52w x 45.72d cm

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assemblage with architectural debris from demolished old houses, found objects, secondhand fabrics, old photographs and T5 lighting system 51h x 72w in · 129.54h x 182.88w cm

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100 Altars for Roberto Chabet \mid NO. 25, 2014-2020 assemblage with architectural debris from demolished old houses, found objects, secondhand fabrics, old photographs and T5 lighting system 51h x 72w in \cdot 129.54h x 182.88w cm

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assemblage with architectural debris from demolished old houses, found objects, secondhand fabrics, old photographs and T5 lighting system 51h x 72w in · 129.54h x 182.88w cm

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NO. 29 (cabinet version), 2020
installation with old furniture from
demolished houses, old slot machine (working),
other found objects, and T5 lighting system
107.50h x 42w x 23d in · 273.05h x 106.68w x 58.42d cm

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100 Altars for Roberto Chabet \mid NO. 21, 2014-2020 assemblage with architectural debris from demolished old houses, found objects, secondhand fabrics, old photographs and T5 lighting system 51h x 72w in \cdot 129.54h x 182.88w cm

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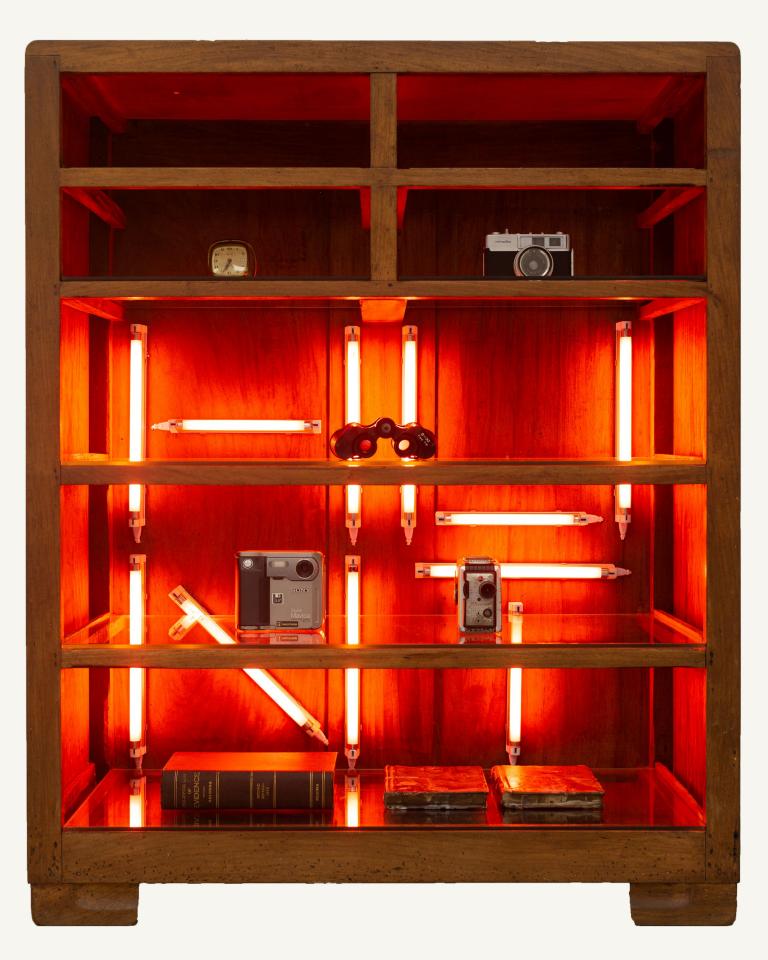




NO. 28 (cabinet version), 2020 installation with old furniture from demolished houses, old globe, vintage cameras, old binocular, other found objects, and T5 lighting system 104h x 36.50w x 18d in · 264.16h x 92.71w x 45.72d cm

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assemblage with architectural debris from demolished old houses, found objects, secondhand fabrics, old photographs and T5 lighting system 51h x 72w in · 129.54h x 182.88w cm

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Fugitives from the Land of the Rising Sun | NO. 6, 2018 assemblage with found objects, found Japanese haiku and Japanese wooden box 30h x 18w x 4d in · 76.20h x 45.72w x 10.16d cm

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Fugitives from the Land of the Rising Sun | NO. 7, 2018 assemblage with found objects, found Japanese haiku and Japanese wooden box

30h x 18w x 4d in · 76.20h x 45.72w x 10.16d cm

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Fugitives from the Land of the Rising Sun | NO. 8, 2018 assemblage with found objects, found Japanese haiku and Japanese wooden box 30h x 18w x 4d in · 76.20h x 45.72w x 10.16d cm

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Fugitives from the Land of the Rising Sun | NO. 9, 2018 assemblage with found objects, found Japanese haiku and Japanese wooden box 30h x 18w x 4d in · 76.20h x 45.72w x 10.16d cm

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Fugitives from the Land of the Rising Sun | NO. 10, 2018 assemblage with found objects, found Japanese haiku and Japanese wooden box 30h x 18w x 4d in · 76.20h x 45.72w x 10.16d cm

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Fugitives from the Land of the Rising Sun | NO. 1, 2018 assemblage with found objects, found Japanese haiku and Japanese wooden box 30h x 18w x 4d in · 76.20h x 45.72w x 10.16d cm

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Fugitives from the Land of the Rising Sun | NO. 2, 2018 assemblage with found objects, found Japanese haiku and Japanese wooden box 30h x 18w x 4d in · 76.20h x 45.72w x 10.16d cm

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Fugitives from the Land of the Rising Sun | NO. 3, 2018 assemblage with found objects, found Japanese haiku and Japanese wooden box 30h x 18w x 4d in · 76.20h x 45.72w x 10.16d cm

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Fugitives from the Land of the Rising Sun | NO. 4, 2018 assemblage with found objects, found Japanese haiku and Japanese wooden box 30h x 18w x 4d in · 76.20h x 45.72w x 10.16d cm

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Fugitives from the Land of the Rising Sun | NO. 5, 2018 assemblage with found objects, found Japanese haiku and Japanese wooden box 30h x 18w x 4d in · 76.20h x 45.72w x 10.16d cm

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Norberto Roldan's (b. 1953) practice is rooted in social and political issues. His installations, assemblages and paintings of found objects, text fragments and found images address issues surrounding everyday life, history and collective memory. His artistic process engages with ways in which material objects are re-appropriated in another context. He graduated with a degree in BA Philosophy from St. Pius X Seminary and took his BFA in Visual Communication from the University of Santo Tomas. He is represented in several landmark surveys like No Country: Contemporary Art for South/Southeast Asia, Solomon R Guggenheim Museum (2013); Between Declarations & Dreams: Art of Southeast Asia Since the 19th Century, National Gallery Singapore (2015); SUNSHOWER: Contemporary Art from Southeast Asia 1980s to Now, National Art Centre Tokyo (2017); and, Passion and Procession: Art of the Philippines, Art Gallery of New South Wales (2017).

Roldan founded Black Artists in Asia in 1986, a group with a socially and politically progressive practice. In 1990 he initiated VIVA EXCON (Visayas Islands Visual Arts Exhibition and Conference), the longest running biennale in the Philippines. He cofounded Green Papaya Art Projects in 2000 which remains to be the longest-running independent and multi-disciplinary platform in the country.



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b. 1953, Roxas City, PH



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SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2020	Ziggurat, Silverlens, Manila
2018	Artissima, Silverlens, Torino
	How can you jump over your shadow when you don't have one anymore?, Silverlens
	Manila
2017	Norberto Roldan: Rituals of Invasion and Resistance: Survey of Installation
	Works 1992-2017, curated by Patrick D. Flores, Jorge B. Vargas Museum, University of the
	Philippines Diliman, Quezon City
	In Search of Lost Time (with apologies to Marcel Proust), MO_Space Bonifacio High
	Street, Taguig City
2015	The Past Is Another Country, MO_Space, BCG Taguig
	The Unbearable Whiteness of Beauty, Taksu/Art fair Philippines, Makati
2014	One Day I Will Find the Right Words and They Will Be Simple, Taksu, Kuala Lumpur
	Hymn Among the Ruins, Taksu/Art Fair Philippines, Manila
2013	Savage Nation, MO_Space, BCG Taguig
	No Empire Lasts Forever, Taksu, Singapore
2012	Hail Mary, Vulcan Artbox, Waterford, Ireland
	Heretical Bias Towards Indifference, Now Gallery, Manila
2011	The Beauty of History Is That It Does Not Reside in One Place, Taksu at Art Stage
	Singapore
	The Beginning of History and Fatal Strategies, Now Gallery, Manila
2010	Not Past Nor Future, Neither Dead Or Alive, Silverlens, Manila
2009	Give Me Tears Give Me Love Let Me Rest Lord Above, , Pablo Gallery-The Fort, Manila
	Sacred is the New Profane, Taksu, Singapore
	Everything is Sacred, Taksu, Kuala Lumpur
2008	Objects and Apparitions, MO Space, Manila
2007	Oil, Magnet Gallery, Manila
2005	Esperanza y Caridad, Green Papaya Art Projects, Manila
2004	Confessional Box, Alliance Française de Manille, Manila
2003	Mother of Perpetual Colony, Charles Darwin University Gallery, Darwin, NT Australia
2001	Faith on the Periphery, Green Papaya Art Projects, Manila
1999	Faith in Sorcery, Sorcery in Faith, Hiraya Gallery, Manila
1994	<i>Orasyon</i> , Hiraya Gallery, Manila
1989	Images of the Continuing Struggle, Artspace, Sydney, NSW Australia
1987	<i>Images of War</i> , Hiraya Gallery, Manila

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2020 Anticipating the Day, Silverlens, Manila

2019 The Hybridity and Dynamism of the Contemporary Art of the Philippines,

HansaeYes24 Foundation, Seoul

Yellow Ambiguities, Ateneo Art Gallery, Manila

Art Basel, Silverlens, Hong Kong

Unfolding: Fabric of Our Life, Mill6 CHAT, Hong Kong

Stories We Tell To Scare Ourselves With, Museum of Contemporary Art, Taipei

2018-2019 A beast, a god and a line, a travelling exhibition

- Kunsthall Trondheim, Norway
- Museum of Modern Art, Warsaw
- TS1 Yangon, Myanmar
- Para Site, Hong Kong
- Dhaka Art Summit, Dhaka, Bangladesh

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2018	The sun teaches us that history is not everything, Osage, Hong Kong Art Basel, Silverlens, Hong Kong
2017	Philippine Art: Collecting Art, Collecting Memories, Asian Art Museum, San Francisco
2017	Sunshower: Contemporary Art from Southeast Asia 1980 to Now, Mori Art Museum
	and National Art Center, Tokyo, Japan
	Passion and Procession: Art of the Philippines, Art Gallery of New South Wales,
	Sydney, Australia
	2nd Kamias Triennial, Kamias Special Projects, Quezon City
	Net Present Value: Art, Capital, Futures, Southeast Asia Forum/Art Stage
	Singapore, Marina Bay Sands, Singapore
	<i>Translación</i> , Inaugural Exhibition, Curated by Gary-Ross Pastrana, Silverlens, Manila
	Art Stage Singapore, Taksu, Art Stage Singapore, Singapore
2016	SEMANGAT X: Visual Expressions of Southeast Asian Identity, Galeri Petronas, Kuala
	Lumpur
2015	Wasak: Philippine Contemporary Art, Arndt Gallery, Berlin, Germany
	REV ACTION: Contemporary Art from Southeast Asia, Sundaram Tagore Gallery,
	New York
	First Look: Collecting Contemporary at the Asian, Asian Art Museum, USA
	Art Basel Hong Kong, Arndt, Art Basel Hong Kong, Hong Kong
	Art Stage Singapore, Taksu, Art Stage Singapore, Singapore
	What does it all matter as long as the wounds fit the arrows?, Cultural Center of the
	Philippines, Manila
2014	Manila: The Night Is Restless, The Day Is Scornful, Arndt Gallery, Gillman Barracks,
	Singapore
	No Country: Contemporary Art for South/Southeast Asia, Center for
	Contemporary Art, Gillman Barracks, Singapore and Asia Society, Hong Kong
2013	No Country: Contemporary Art for South/Southeast Asia, Solomon R Guggenheim
	Museum, New York
	The Philippine Contemporary: To Scale the Past and the Possible, Metropolitan
	Museum of Manila, Manila
2011	Negotiating Home, History and Nation: Two Decades of Contemporary Art from
	Southeast Asia, 1991-2010, Singapore Art Museum, Singapore
2003	Santo (Art of People 3), Fukuoka Asian Art Musem, Fukuoka, Japan
2001	RX: Critical Remedies (two-person show with Nona Garcia), Lopez Museum, Manila
	Devotion (two-person show with Allfredo Esquillo), John Batten Gallery, Hong Kong
	Faith + the City: A Survey of Philippine Contemporary Art, Touring: Singapore /
	Jakarta / Bangkok / Manila
	Who Owns Women's Bodies, Touring: Manila / Bangkok / Myanmar / Tokyo
1998	Philip Morris Asean Art Awards, Hanoi Opera House, Hanoi, Vietnam
1997	Memories of Overdevelopment: Philippine Diaspora in Contemporary Art, UC Irvine
	USA / Plug-in, Canada
	New Generation of Asian Art, , Yonago City Museum of Art, Yonago, Japan
1992	New Art from Southeast Asia, Fukuoka Asian Art Museum / Hiroshima City Museum of
	Contemporary Art, Japan
	2nd Lake Naquri Open Air Art Exhibition, Naquri-mura, Japan

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OTHER ACTIVITIES

2019 *Keynote Speaker*, SHARING THE FIELD: Exchanges between Japan and the Philippines

through art, Osaka, Japan

2018 Artistic Director, Visayas Islands Visual Arts Exhibition and Conference (VIVA EX

CON), Roxas City, Capiz

Guest Speaker, Making Asian Art Public conversation at Monash University Symposium

EDUCATION

1999-2001 MA Art Studies, University of the Philippines Diliman1973-1976 BFA Visual Communications, University of Sto. Tomas

1969-1973 BA Philosophy, St. Pius X Seminary

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Lenzi, Iola, Negotiating Home, History and Nation: Two Decades of Contemporary Art from Southeast Asia, 1991-2010, Singapore Art Museum, March 2011

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