

# Mr Ika Zahri Bin Sarkasi

## Batik Artist and Instructor

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Mr Ika Zahri is holding practical workshops to introduce one of the oldest traditional art forms in Southeast Asia, Batik. With the basic techniques of Batik Painting taught during his workshops, such as single application of wax onto the fabric or multiple applications of wax combined with application of colours, beautiful and intricate designs can be created.

Batik is a unique and exotic form of art. If you love creativity and appreciate beauty, batik is for you.

### About the Artist

Having grown up seeing his father, Mr Sarkasi Said, a respectable and renowned international Batik Artist in Singapore, do art pieces of great beauty, Ika Zahri has made his humble progress into the Singapore art scene as well as the international one. He studied batik from his father and has since been exhibiting his own works at various exhibitions. His art pieces were showcased in the Inspirational Art Exhibition at Substation, New York Art Expo in New York City (USA) and the first Mendaki Charity Exhibition.

In his years of teaching, he has nurtured countless number of students' artistic potential, and has jointly organized two exhibitions with them. In 2002 entitled "Our World" and in 2003 "Harmony in Wax". Then in 2006 he had ten schools for an exhibition and sales of batik product for needy children in the schools. That event was entitled "Basically Batik". In 2010 he held the "Batik Extravaganza 2010" at **United Square** Singapore. In the same year 2010, he did the "Longest Batik Painting with Mayflower Primary School". In addition to all these exhibitions he was involved with the **Peoples Association** to participate in **Chingay Parade 2014** by doing 4320 metres of Batik Painting to be displayed during the parade.

Ika Zahri has been trained from a very young age in Batik Art and he shows great potential and is considered to be a highly promising artist of the next generation.

## Academic Qualifications

School	Accreditations	Year of Graduation
Whitley Secondary School	GCE O Level	1980

## Working Experience

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Studied Batik Art with renowned Batik artist Mr Sarkasi Said</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worked under the guidance of Mr Sarkasi for 35 years</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International Exhibition at New York Art Expo in New York USA</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has been teaching Batik Art for over 30 years in various schools and organisations</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Anglo Chinese Junior School - 6 years</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ang Mo Kio Primary</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ AWWA (Art Therapy)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Beacon Primary</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Canadian International School</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cantoment Primary School - 3 years CHIJ Our Lady of God Counsel - over 5 years and ongoing</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ CHIJ Our Lady Queen of Peace - 4 years</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Eunost Primary</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ FengShan Primary - over 5 years</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Geylang Methodist Primary - 4 years and ongoing</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Holy Innocence School</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mayflower Primary - 4 years</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ South View Primary - over 7 years and ongoing</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Temasek Primary</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Towner Garden Minds (Art Therapy for children with special needs)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ XingHua Primary School - over 5 years and ongoing</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Woodlands Primary</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Worked with PCF Eunost Block 650 and the Jamiyah Childrens Home to create a 6 metre Batik piece which was later combined and made into a Batik Saree in line with the National Heritage Board and Early Childhood Development Agency's Innovation Grant Project</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Conducted Art Workshop for NTUC MY FIRST SKOOL teastchers and executive principals</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Fajar Secondary School in 2004 taught "O' Level students and achieve 2 Distinction.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Admiralty Secondary School 2006 taught "O' Level students and achieve 1 Distinction</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Organise Batik Exhibition "Our World" in 2002 involving 5 schools under the guidance of Mr Ika Zahri</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ "Harmony in Wax" 2006 also involving 6 schools under the guidance of Mr Ika Zahri</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ "Batik Forever" in 2007 was an Exhibition by both Husband and Wife</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Batik Exhibition involving 10 primary schools (Batik Extravaganza 2010)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Longest Batik Painting in collaboration with mayflower Primary 2010</li> </ul>

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Traditional Batik Art in a Modern World

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Chingay Parade 2014 (Facilitator and Instructor for “Paint with One Heart” with Passion Arts Association</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ 2014 Mr Ika Zahri participated in “The President Charity” by Donating 4 Pieces of his Art Work.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Painted with The President Dr Tony Tan and The First Lady, during the Istana Open House for Hari Raya (2015)</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ In 2015 Mr Ika Zahri and Team broke the Singapore Book of Records for painting the most number of lanterns, which amounted to 2149 painted lanterns. This was done in collaboration with Singapore Expo.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ In 2010 South View Primary School participated in an exhibition overseas in Cech Republic with an honourable mention</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ In 2011 Farrer Park Primary School in SYF was awarded a Silver Award, South View Primary a Bronze Award, Fengshan Primary with a Bronze Award.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ In 2013 Fengshan Primary receive 2 Silver awards. Some other schools also recognition or certificate of participation.</li></ul>