

WAWI NAVARROZA

b. 1979, Manila, Philippines Lives
and works in Istanbul, Turkey

EDUCATION

- 2012 Master Europeo de Fotografía de Autor (European Master of Fine Art Photography), Instituto Europeo di Design-Madrid, Spain, scholarship award
- 2009 International Centre of Photography, New York City, continuing education
- 2002 BA Communication Arts, with honours, De La Salle University, Manila, Philippines

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 (Upcoming) Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, West Palm Beach, USA
(Upcoming) Silverlens Galleries, New York, USA
- 2022 *As Wild As We Come*, Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, London, England
- 2019 *Self-Portraits & The Tropical Gothic*, Silverlens Galleries, Manila
- 2017 *MEDUSA*, Silverlens Galleries, Manila
- 2014 *TIERRA SALVAJE*, Silverlens Galleries, Manila
- 2013 *Ultramar pt. 2: Hunt & Gather*, Terraria, Silverlens Galleries, Manila
- 2012 *Ultramar pt. 1: Falling Into Place*, Gathered Throng, Silverlens Galleries, Manila
- 2012 *On Landscape & Some Dislocations*, Galería Patrick Domken, Cadaqués, Spain
- 2011 *DOMINION*, Silverlens Galleries, Manila
- 2009 *Perhaps it was possibly because*, Silverlens Galleries, Manila
- 2008 *When All Is Said And Done*, Artesan Gallery and INSEAD, Singapore
- 2007 *Saturnine: A Collection of Portraits, Creatures, Glass & Shadow*, Silverlens Galleries, Manila / McDermott Gallery, Siem Reap, Cambodia / ArtReflex Gallery, Saint Petersburg, Russia
- 2005 *Polysaccharide: The Dollhouse Drama*, Blacksoup Project Artspace, Cubao X, Manila

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 (Upcoming) *Are You Free?*, XXIII Bienal Internacional de Arte de Cerveira, Portugal
(Upcoming) *Archipelago*, curated by Gwen Lee, Three Shadows Beijing /

- Shanghai, China
 (Upcoming) Cairns Art Gallery, Australia
- 2023 *Archipelago*, curated by Gwen Lee, Jimei x Arles Photo Festival, Jimei, China
Portraits, MoSpace Gallery, Manila, Philippines
REGENERATE, Noorderlicht Photography Festival, Groningen, Netherlands
- 2022 *Hat of the Matter*, Metropolitan Museum of Manila, Philippines
Living Pictures, National Gallery of Singapore, Singapore
- 2022 Untitled Miami Beach, with Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, Miami, USA
La risa de las flores, Real Jardín Botánico, Invernadero de los Bonsáis, Madrid, presented by Casa Asia
A bird flies into the mirror, Appetite, Singapore featuring Raena Abella, Poklong Anading, Annie Cabigting, Roberto Chabet, Nona Garcia, Wawi Navarroza. Presented by Appetite in collaboration with the Michelangelo and Lourdes Samson Collection
Our Grandfather Road: The (Gendered) Body and Place in Contemporary Southeast Asian Art, 16 Albermarle Projects, Sydney
Living Pictures, National Gallery of Singapore
 Art Fair Philippines
- 2021 *Run with the Wolves*, Lawrie Shabibi Gallery, Dubai
Tonight The Air Is Warm, featuring Southeast Asian Contemporary Photography, curated by Tolla Duke Sloane at Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, London
 FOTOMOTO: Portraits 2021, Orange Projects, Bacolod City
- 2020 Art Fair Philippines, special section on photography, Wawi Navarroza:
Self-Portraits & The Tropical Gothic presented by Silverlens, The Link, Ayala Center, Makati, Manila.
Anticipating the Day, Silverlens, Makati, Manila
Searching Sanctuary, Silverlens, Makati, Manila
- 2019 *Not Visual Noise*, Philippine contemporary photography curated by Angel Velasco Shaw, Ateneo Art Gallery at Areté, Quezon City Art Fair Philippines
Taboo, Vinyl on Vinyl, Makati
Yellow Ambiguities, Ateneo Art Gallery at Areté, Quezon City *Far Away But Strangely Familiar*, contemporary art from the Philippines curated by Tony Godfrey, Danubiana Museum, Bratislava, Slovakia
Everywhere There You Are, installation art by Ling Quisumbing Ramilo & Wawi Navarroza, Areté amphitheatre, Ateneo Art Gallery
- 2018 *Elevations Laos*, contemporary art from Southeast Asia curated by Erin Gleeson at i:cat Gallery, Vientiane, Laos
 Museum of Contemporary Art & Design (MCAD): Funding The Future, Leon Gallery, Makati
 Sovereign Asian Art Prize, Finalists Exhibition, Hart Hall at H Queen's, G/F80 Queen's Road, Hong Kong
ART|JOG|11 Enlightenment, Yogyakarta National Museum, Jogjakarta, Indonesia
Conversations/Positions by Photoma, Mabini Projects, Manila Art Basel HK, Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Center

- Manila Biennale: Open City, site-specific installation
VISIBLE: Self-Construction and Wild Growth by WNC Projects (Wawi Navarroza & Nicolás Combarro), Fort Santiago, Intramuros, Manila
Shared Coordinates (Martha Atienza, Chati Coronel, Wawi Navarroza, Yee ILann), a collaboration of Edouard Malingue Gallery, ROH Projects, MSAC and Silverlens, The Arts House at the Old Parliament, Singapore Festival Internacional de Foto, Cadaqués, Spain
 Art Fair Philippines, special section on Photography presented by Silverlens Galleries, The Link, Ayala Center, Makati
 Obscura Festival of Photography Festival, Penang, Malaysia
- 2017 Artists' Books for Everything, Weserburg Museum of Modern Art, Zentrum für Künstlerpublikationen, Bremen, Germany
 Curated by Federico de Vera, Ayala Museum, Manila
 Shared Residence, curated by Poklong Anading, Ateneo Art Gallery, Manila
Everywhere There You Are, site-specific installation by Wawi Navarroza and Ling Quisumbing Ramilo, Malasimbo Arts & Music Festival 2017, Puerto Galera, Mindoro, Philippines
Translacion, curated by Gary-Ross Pastrana, Silverlens, Manila
 Art Fair Philippines
 Angkor Photography Festival, Siem Reap, Cambodia
 Obscura Festival of Photography Festival, Penang, Malaysia
- 2016 *Roundabout: Wawi Navarroza, Mark Valenzuela, Riel Hilario*, Adelaide Central Gallery, Australia
 Merayakan Murni, Sudakara Art Space, Bali, Indonesia
Marker, Art Dubai (Special Exhibition), Medinat Jumeirah, Dubai, UAE
 Art Fair Philippines
 Obscura Festival of Photography Festival, Penang, Malaysia Chennai Photo Biennale, India
 Artist book Hunt & Gather, Terraria at PROTOTROPISM book show, The Library Project, Dublin, Ireland
- 2015 *Surface Tension: Perspective on the Changing Landscape*, Alliance Française de Manille for COP:21 Paris
 Asian Women Photography Showcase, Objectifs, Singapore
Traces (Platforms), Finale Gallery, Manila
Eagles Fly, Sheep Flock— Biographical Imprints: Artistic Practices in Southeast Asia, Art Stage Singapore (Special Exhibition: Platforms), Marina Bay Sands
 Art Fair Philippines, The Link carpark, Makati City
 ArtStage Singapore
 Obscura Festival of Photography Festival, Penang, Malaysia
- 2014 *Still Moving: After Image*, South-East Asian contemporary photography survey show, Singapore Art Museum 8Q, Singapore
 Imaging Philippine Flora, Metropolitan Museum of Manila, Manila, Philippines Ocean of Possibilities, ArtScience Museum, Marina Bay Sands, Singapore and Museum Belvedere, The Netherlands
 New Natives: An Exhibition of Philippine Contemporary Art, Lightbombs Contemporary, Hong Kong

- Creative Cities: Mapping creativity in Asia-Pacific's cities today,
 Khaosiang
 City, Taiwan
 Singapore International Photography
 Festival Noorderlicht Photo Festival, Netherlands
 Milan Image Art & Design Fair
 Art Fair Philippines, 100 Years Between Us, presented by Silverlens,
 The Link, Ayala Center, Makati, Manila
- 2013 The Philippine Contemporary: To Scale The Past & The Possible, curated
 by Patrick Flores, The Metropolitan Museum of Manila
 STRIP 2013, There But Not There: Corinne De San Jose, Wawi
 Navarroza,
 Rachel Rillo, Silverlens, Singapore
 Art Taipei
- 2012 Cultural Center of The Philippines Thirteen Artists Award 2012 Winners
 Exhibition, CCP, Manila
 Terra Cognita, Noorderlicht Photo Festival, Museum Belvédère, Heerenveen,
 The Netherlands
 Ley Hunting, Silverlens, Manila
*The Hope & The Dream in Filipino: Contemporary Photography from the
 Philippines*, The Month of Photography Tokyo 2012, presented by The
 Photographic Society of Japan and Tokyo Museum of Photography, Tokyo,
 Japan
 Singapore International Photography Festival
 Noorderlicht Photo Festival, Netherlands
 Photo Ireland: Migrations
- 2011 *Asia One projections, Recyclart*, Brussels, Belgium
Medi(t)ation: Asian Art Biennale, National Museum of Fine Arts, Taichung,
 Taiwan
 Pulse New York
- 2010 25th Asian International Art Exhibition, Mongolian National Modern Art Gallery,
 Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
It Was Always About Forever, Navarroza & Zicarelli two-person exhibition,
 Valentine Willie Fine Art, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Emerging Wave: ASEAN-Korea Contemporary Photo Exhibition,
 Hangaram Museum, Seoul, Korea
 CUT10: Parallel Universe, New Photography from South East Asia,
 Valentine Willie Fine Art: Kuala Lumpur — Singapore — Yogyakarta —
 Manila
6Six: The Silverlens Anniversary Show, Manila
 Blind Field curator, Silverlens
- 2009 Verso Manila: Contemporary Filipino Artists in Turin, Verso Arte
 Contemporanea, Turin, Italy
CUT09: Figure, New Photography from South East Asia, Valentine Willie
 Fine
 Art: Kuala Lumpur — Singapore — Yogyakarta — Manila
- 2008 *Swarm In The Aperture: Recent Photography in the Philippines*, curated

- by Patrick Flores, The National Museum of the Philippines
 Another Asia, Goethe Haus, Jakarta, Indonesia
 FOEM (Pandango sa Bingit), curated by Bogie Tence Ruiz, Art
 Center/Finale Gallery, Manila
- 2007 *100 Años Entre Nosotros/100 Years Between Us* (Navarroza homage Frida
 Kahlo centennial), Galería de Exposiciones, Instituto Cervantes de Manila
 Global/Vernacular, Ateneo Art Awards 2007 Winners Exhibition, Ateneo Art
 Gallery, Manila
Rocked Age: Images of Loud Music Culture, Metropolitan Museum of
 Manila, Manila
Eros, Alab Art Space, Manila
- 2006 *Another Asia*, Fries Museum of Contemporary Art, Leeuwarden, The
 Netherlands
Outbound, Ateneo Art Awards, Winners Exhibition, Ateneo Art Gallery,
 Manila
Polysaccharide: The Dollhouse Drama, Ateneo Art Gallery, Manila
Polysaccharide: The Dollhouse Drama, La Trobe University, Bendigo,
 Australia
 Angkor Photography Festival, Siem Reap, Cambodia
 Noorderlicht Photo Festival, Netherlands
- 2005 Angkor Photography Festival, Siem Reap, Cambodia

SELECTED AWARDS

- 2022 Lucas Artists Fellow in Visual Arts, Montalvo Arts Center, Saratoga, California
 2019 Lucas Artists Fellow in Visual Arts, Montalvo Arts Center, Saratoga, California
 Ignacio B. Gimenez Outdoor Installation Art Grant, Inaugural grantee
 2018 Sovereign Asian Art Prize, Finalist
 Kuala Lumpur International Photography Awards, Third Prize Winner
 2017 WYNG WMA Commission Hong Kong, Finalist
 Sovereign Asian Art Prize, Finalist
 Photo España Transatlantica Filipinas Shortlist (unaccepted due to travel)
 2016 Eurasian Creaspace Network Grant, University of Valencia-Asia Europe
 Foundation, Spain
 Ketemu Project Space Artist Residency, Bali, Indonesia
 2015 Prix Pictet (unaccepted nomination)
 2014 Prudential Eye Awards Singapore, Nominee
 2012 Cultural Center of the Philippines Thirteen Artists Award
 2011 Lumi Photographic Art Awards, Helsinki, Honorary Award Winner Sovereign
 Asian Art Prize, Finalist, Hong Kong
 Signature Art Prize, Singapore Art Museum –Asia Pacific Breweries
 Foundation, Finalist, Singapore
 Istituto Europeo di Design, Madrid – Master Europeo de Fotografia de Autor,
 Scholarship, Madrid
 2010 fotoMAGAZIN, Portfolio Prize, Germany
 2009 Asian Cultural Council - Silverlens Foundation Fellowship Grant, New York
 2007 Ateneo Art Awards, Philippines, Winner

Artesan Gallery Artist Residency Grant, Singapore
2006 Artesan Art Awards, Philippines, Finalist
2001 54th Art Association of the Philippines (AAP) Art Competitions, Gold Medal
for Photography, Manila

SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

- 2022 Tropical Reading: Photobook & Self-Publishing ed. Fotobook Dummies
Day, Taiwan
Rare Earth zine released at D21 in Leipzig, Germany in conjunction with the
exhibition Polar Opposites by Keturah Cummings, Lucinda Dayhew, and
Carol Anne McChrystal
- 2021 'Sari-Sari Style: Tropical Excess and an Asian Sense of Brown in Wawi
Navarroza's Photographs', academic article by Emmanuel David, VERGE
Journal: Studies in Global Asias, published by University of Minnesota
Press
- 2019 Artists' Books for Everything, ed. Anne Thurmann-Jajes, Zentrum für
Künstlerpublikationen (Center for Artists' Publications), Weserburg Museum
für modern Kunst, Bremen, Germany
- 2018 Cultural Center of the Philippines Encyclopaedia of Philippine Art
The Philippine Contemporary: To Scale The Past & The Possible,
Metropolitan Museum of Manila
- 2017 'FILTERS: A View of Recent Contemporary Philippine Photography' by Irwin
Cruz, ART ARCHIVE 01: A Collection of Essays on Philippine
Contemporary
Visual and Performing Arts, published by The Hapan Foundation, Manila
GR-09022017, curated by Silja Leifsdottir et al., published by Fotogalleriet,
Oslo, Norway
Curated by Federico de Vera, published by Ayala Museum, Manila
- 2016 Photography in South East Asia: A Survey by Zuang Wubin, NUS Press,
Singapore
No Chaos, No Party: 28 Artists in Metro Manila edited by Eva
McGovern-Basa, Manila
Marker, published by Art Dubai
- 2014 Photography Today, published by Phaidon, London
An Ocean of Possibilities, published by Aurora Borealis, Netherlands
Still Moving: After Image, published by Singapore Art Museum
Helutrans Collection Series: South East Asia Contemporary, published by
Helutrans
Hunt & Gather by Wawi Navarroza (artist book) co-published by 5 Ports
Publishing and Hardworking, Goodlooking (Office of Culture & Design),
Manila, 2014 launched at PS1 MoMA New York Art Book Fair
DOMINION by Wawi Navarroza (photobook) co-published by Stephanian,
launched at Offprint Paris
- 2013 Contemporary Photography in Asia, published by Prestel, London
- 2012 European Master of Fine Art Photography 2011-2012, published by
IEDMadrid

- 2012 Terra Cognita, published by Aurora Borealis, Netherlands
Portfolio12 – Migrations, published by Photolreland, Dublin, Ireland On
Landscape & Some Dislocations (artist-Run exhibition catalog; in
Spanish), Barcelona, 2012
- 2011 Gracias por su visita by Wawi Navarroza (artist book), published by Hiraya
Gallery, Manila, Philippines, 2011
- 2010 Curare con l'arte contemporanea by Rebecca Russo published by
Videinsight®, Turin, Italy
Emerging Wave: Asian Contemporary Photography, published by
ASEANKorea Centre, Seoul, Korea
- 2009 Preview Art Book, published by Summit Media, Manila
The Philippine Yearbook 2009: 61 Artists Who Will Change The World,
published by The Fookien Times, Manila
- 2006 Another Asia, published by Aurora Borealis, Netherlands

SELECTED PRESS

- 2022 IMA Art Magazine, Tokyo: 'Things We Lost in a Shipwreck' by Kong Yen Lin
featuring the photography of Chow and Lin, Robert Zhao Renhui, Song Nian
Ang, Miti Ruangkritya, Angki Purbandono, Wawi Navarroza and Shwe, Wuft
Humon, April 2022
ANCX Philippines: Fine art photographer Wawi Navarroza picks her favorites
from the upcoming Leon auction for the Asian Cultural Council Anniversary
Benefit Auction, March 3, 2022
- 2021 Aesthetica Magazine: Constructed Portraiture: Wawi Navarroza, March 2021
Tatler Philippines: 9 Must-Know Filipino Talents in the Arts and Culture
Scene this 2021, Tatler Philippines, March 2021
- 2018 'Art Basel HK 2018: Spotlight on Southeast Asia', Plural Art Magazine, March
2018
- 2017 Feature on MEDUSA by CNN Philippines 'A Filipino artist on the duty of
photography', May 30, 2017
VIDEO: Grid magazine Special. 'Wawi Navarroza sits down with Eva
McGovern-Basa to discuss the way landscape inspires her art. From urban
plants, to soil, to stone, she recounts the progression of works that have led
up to her latest exhibition at Silverlens Galleries, MEDUSA, an exploration of
local marble.'
- 2016 WN feature in 'The Art Basel Issue' The Edit/Net-A-Porter magazine, 2016
WN photos and writings feature in PIPELINE Contemporary Art magazine
Issue 52: Here & There, May 2016
WN for Thousandfold feature in Voices of Photography magazine Issue 18:
The Photobook as Method, May 2016
- 2015 Preview magazine feature, February 2015
- 2014 DOMINION listed in 'Best Photobooks 2014' by Daniel Boetker-Smith, Voices
of Photography magazine
- 2013 REVIEW: Hunt & Gather, Terraria by The Singapore Psychogeographical
Society
REVIEW: Hunt & Gather, Terraria by Thinking in Practice

Featured in 'Portrait of A Lady', Esquire Philippines, November 2013

Featured in 'Women of Now', Metro magazine, October 2013

COLLECTIONS

Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (Central Bank of the Philippines)

Menarco Collection / The Vertical Museum, Bonifacio Global City, Philippines

Metropolitan Museum of the Philippines

Stora Enso Photography Museum, Oulu, Finland