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Gus Dark – Bali Illustrator and Social Activist

Gus Dark was born in East Bali on July 21, 1982, during the summer season. He enjoys drawing, music, and films. Since childhood, he has shown a great love for art, making him well-known locally as someone you must meet when you need something to be drawn.

He studied Graphic Design at the Modern Design School in Jogja, where he met several artists whose work influenced his art.

As a cartoonist, Gus draws his own cartoon character named “Mang Ogel”. This name was given by an editor and was published in newspapers in the past.

- In 2013, he received the Superstar Supporter Award from the ROLE Foundation for supporting maritime awareness through environmental cartoons.
- In 2014, he joined the Jokowi Volunteer Movement by submitting his work to „Kolak Kotak“, and participated in the „Call of Duty“ cartoon exhibition in Peduli Sampah Jilid II in Singaraja, as well as the one in Surabaya with the Indonesian Cartoonist Community.
- He was ranked the second in the „Walhi“ (Indonesian Forum for the Environment) cartoon event.
- Together with Malang Cartoonist Community, he showed his work in the „Menolak Lupa – Tribute to Murnir“ cartoon exhibition.
- He participated in the Indonesian World Records (MURI) for „MOST CORRUPTION CARTOONS“ of the Corruption Eradication Commission (KPK), as well as winning second place in the „Anti-Corruption Poster“ event organized by the KPK; he was also one of 32 artists from all over Indonesia who entered works for the “Longest Comic Strip” in the Indonesia World Records.
- He attended the Summer Festival 2.0 in Celukan Bawang, Buleleng, Bali, with Green Peace Indonesia as a discussion trigger and conducted workshops on creating propaganda.
- In 2015, he was one of the founders of the „Art Against Corruption-Bali“ community, which collaborates with the KPK, Indonesian Corruption Watch (ICW), among others.
- In 2019, Gus Dark co-created a female superhero comic character for BASAbali (basabali.org) called Luh Ayu Manik Mas and took her to workshops at the Twitter Asia headquarters in Singapore (#CampaignsForChange).

- In 2022, his work was exhibited at the University of Denver, Colorado, USA.
- In 2023, he was invited by „Pulitzer“ to visualize journalistic work and participate in the joint exhibition „Rimba“.
- In 2023, he joined national cartoonists in an exhibition at DNA Denpasar „I love you Gudbai“.
- In 2023, he joined the HOCA team as a committee member in a cartoon and comic competition on the theme of WHOOSH, Indonesia’s high-speed train.
- In 2024, he is exhibiting at WYAH UBUD with HOCA cartoonists.
- Gus Dark continues to disseminate his own ideas and criticisms through art on social media and within communities.