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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Element Art Space**

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Gallery Hours: Open Daily: 11:00am – 7:00pm (closed on Public Holidays)

## **ANNUAL CHARITY EXHIBITION - HYDRANTZ BY JANTI J. BRASALI**

Thursday, 11 June – Sunday, 21 June 2015

Opening Reception: Thursday, 11 June 2015, 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Hydrantz is a visual journey through some of the most celebrated cities around the globe from Los Angeles to New York, Singapore to Prague, seen from the viewpoint of one of the most seemingly ordinary objects-- fire hydrants. As people walk pass hydrants on a daily basis, hydrants are often ignored yet they are one of the most vital and necessary safety features of every city. They come in all different shapes, sizes and colors, but there is, in fact, a universal feature which enables any firemen throughout the world to use them. The artist, Janti J. Brasali, captures these common, dirty hydrants and by making them the focal point in each work, she elevates the importance and status of these hydrants to be beautiful and significant landmarks in every corner of the cities.

As fire hydrants' main function is to defuse fires and save lives, they complement Element Art Space's annual charity exhibition. This year, Element Art Space will support Kidz Horizon Appeal. Established in 2004, the Appeal is a charitable organisation that attends specifically to the medical needs of the most vulnerable in society – the needy children and women with chronic illnesses. Since it started, the Appeal has adopted the KKH Health Endowment Fund (KKHHEF) and almost a million is raised annually to help children with chronic illnesses, including cancer.

Hydrantz composes of 28 artworks. The exhibition will run until 21 June 2015.

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### **About the Artist**

Janti J. Brasali (b.1965) graduated with B.A. in Economics from University of Southern California in 1990. She started photography in 2002 and has subsequently joined group exhibitions in Jakarta. Her most recent solo exhibition was held last year at the World Trade Centre in Jakarta.

### **About Element Art Space**

The gallery first opened in October 2009 under the mentorship of Chua Soobin--one of the most prominent gallerists in South East Asia and was the first to introduce avant-garde Chinese art to the region. Initially named S.Bin Art Plus, the gallery changed its name to Element Art Space in 2011. Drawing from Soobin's more than 20 years of experience in the art industry, the gallery's aim remains consistent: to promote great and innovative artists from South East Asia and provide exchange and dialogue with artists, galleries and collectors from throughout the world. The gallery also offers residencies to a highly selected number of emerging artists from the region. The gallery's inaugural exhibition, "Harmony," featured the works of 33 painters and sculptors from throughout the world, many of which have never been displayed to the Singaporean public before--marble sculpture by Fernando Botero and gold-plated sculpture by Marc Quinn just to name a few. Following this grand entrance to the Singapore art scene, the gallery continues to be the advocate for compelling and challenging contemporary work by today's most exciting emerging and mid-career artists.

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