

## Bio

Jim Allen Abel  
Born 1975 in Makassar, Indonesia

Jim Allen Abel studied photography at ISI Yogyakarta and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in 2005. After graduating he went on to work as a freelance commercial photographer for some of Indonesia's top music bands touring extensively throughout the archipelago. While working as a music photographer he was also exhibiting his artwork in galleries within Indonesia and also internationally.

Jim is now an active member of Mes56 and has been involved with the contemporary photographic collective since its inception in 2002. Mes56 is an artist collective based in Yogyakarta, which focuses on the critical exploration of contemporary photographic practices and also video as an artistic medium.

He is also the editor and founder of [www.kantorberita.mes56.com](http://www.kantorberita.mes56.com)—an online blog that investigates and tracks the development of contemporary photographic practices within Indonesia and internationally.

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## Education

1997 - 2005 Photography Department, Indonesia Institute of Art, Yogyakarta, Indonesia.  
1996 - 1997 Interior Design Department, Modern School of Design Yogyakarta, Indonesia.

## Arts In Residency

2010 Seoksu Art Project: Anyang, South Korea.  
2005 Terorrizer Photography Project: Ruang Mes56 Yogyakarta, Indonesia.

## Solo Exhibition

2013 The Mastodon Came in Through My Bathroom Window, Element Art Space, Singapore.  
The Others, Art Stage Project, SAS, Marina Bay Sands, Singapore.  
2011 Uniform\_Code, D Gallery, Jakarta, Indonesia.

## Selected Group Exhibition

- 2017** ArtJog10 : Changing Perspective, Jogja National Museum, Yogyakarta, Indonesia.  
Getok Tular 2 : Spacing Out (lamunanku...), Omnispace, Bandung, Indonesia.  
The History of Boys: the MES56 and Beyond : DECK, Singapore.  
SouthEast Asia Forum : ArtStage, Marina Bay Sand, Singapore.  
Identity Crisis : H.F Johnson Museum, Itacha, New York, USA.  
Beyond Boundaries Globalisation and Identity : Liechtenstein National Museum, Vaduz, Liechtenstein.  
Southeast Asia Forum Exhibition : Art Stage, Marina Bay Sands, Singapore.
- 2016** Dear Art World : Visma Gallery, Surabaya, Indonesia  
Commission Works for KIAF/ArtSeoul, COEX Hall, Seoul, South Korea.  
Art Bazaar, Pacific Place, Jakarta, Indonesia.  
ArtJog 9 : Universal Influence : Jogja National Museum, Yogyakarta, Indonesia.  
Indonesia (Mes56) : Keren Dan Beken, Song Eun Art Space, Seoul, South Korea.  
Chennai Photo Biennale, Chennai, India.
- 2015** Makassar Biennale #1 Trajectory : GTCC Makassar, Indonesia.  
Element Art Space Anniversary : Audi Building, Singapore.  
Art BaZaar : D Gallery Booth, Pacific Place, Jakarta, Indonesia.  
Alhamdulillah, We Made It! (Mes56): OzAsia Festival, Adelaide, Australia.  
Discover Indonesia : The Glue Factory, Glasgow, UK.  
Pause: Bangkok Art and Cultural Centre, Bangkok, Thailand.  
ArtJog 8 : Infinity Influx, Taman Budaya, Yogyakarta, Indonesia.  
Full House : Ruang Mes56, Yogyakarta, Indonesia.  
Sakinah Project : Ruang Mes56, Yogyakarta, Indonesia.
- 2014** Rayuan Pulau Kelapa Project, Bumi Pemuda Rahayu, Dlingo, Yogyakarta, Indonesia.  
Manusia dan Waktu, Jogja Gallery, Yogyakarta, Indonesia.  
Contract & Other Transaction, Ruang Mes56, Yogyakarta, Indonesia.  
Bazaar Art, Nadi Galeri, Jakarta, Indonesia.  
Dirty Feet, Cemeti Art House, Yogyakarta, Indonesia.  
Memajang Boleh Saja Asal Ada Artinya, Sarang Building, Yogyakarta, Indonesia.
- 2013** Peristiwa Sebuah Kelas, Sangkring Art Space, Yogyakarta, Indonesia.  
Concept Context Contestation: Art and the collective in Southeast Asia (Mes56) :  
Bangkok Art and Culture Centre, Bangkok, Thailand.  
Parallax: Asean-Korea Contemporary Media Arts, #1 Nemo at Bluesquare, #2 Seoul  
Citizens Hall, #3 Hanam Art Centre, South Korea.  
Homo Ludens #4, Emmitan Gallery, Surabaya, Indonesia.  
Faraway So Close, Gallery Semarang, Semarang, Indonesia.  
Dermawan Darmawan, Nadi Gallery, Jakarta, Indonesia.
- 2012** The Italian Job, D Gallerie, Jakarta, Indonesia.  
Mix Hang, Jogja Contemporary, Bantul, Yogyakarta, Indonesia.  
CUT2012 New Photography From SouthEast Asia: Politics : VWFA, Singapore.  
Zeitgeist: The Art Collection of Wiyu Wahono & Indra Leonardi, Galeri Seni Kuntskring,

- Jakarta, Indonesia.  
 Inaugural : Rachel Gallery, Jakarta, Indonesia.  
 Reclaim.Doc : National Gallery, Jakarta, Indonesia.  
 Indonesia Marker Art Dubai : Madinat Jumeirah, Dubai, UEA.  
 BaCAA #2 : Lawangwangi, Bandung, Indonesia.
- 2011** Indonesia Contemporary Photography : CCP, Melbourne, Australia.  
 Beyond Photography : Ciputra Artpreneur, Jakarta, Indonesia.  
 3rd world Images biennale : Musee du Quay Branly, Paris, France.  
 KLPhoto Awards : White Cubes Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.  
 Photography Asia @MOPT : Ricoh Ring Cube, Tokyo, Japan.  
 Speak of : Jogja National Museum, Yogyakarta, Indonesia.  
 ArtJog 11 : Taman Budaya Yogyakarta, Indonesia.
- 2010** On Camera : Biasa Art Space, Bali, Indonesia.  
 Seoksu Art Project : Anyang, South Korea.  
 Crash Project Image Factory : Sigi Art Space, Jakarta, Indonesia.  
 Codex Code : #1Kedai Kebun Forum, Yogyakarta #2 Ruang Rupa, Jakarta #3 CO2, Surabaya, Indonesia.  
 Look! See? Indonesian Contemporary Photography Exhibition : Nadi Gallery, Jakarta, Indonesia.  
 ArtJog 10 : Taman Budaya, Yogyakarta, Indonesia.
- 2009** Urbantopia : North Art Space, Jakarta, Indonesia.  
 Deer Andri : Ruang Mes56, Yogyakarta, Indonesia.  
 Blueprint Jogja (Mes56): Tembi Contemporary Art, Yogyakarta, Indonesia.  
 A Survey of Contemporary Indonesia Art (Mes56): BUS Gallery, Melbourne, Australia.  
 ArtJog 09 : Taman Budaya, Yogyakarta, Indonesia.
- 2008** Revert to read of Driyarkara : Sanata Dharma University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia.
- 2006** EarthQuake Jogja : #1 Gallery Biasa, Bali #2 Basel, Switzerland.  
 Beauty Contest : Insomnium, Malang, Indonesia.  
 AlterOrgasm : Kedai Kebun Forum, Yogyakarta, Indonesia.
- 2005** Unfolded City (Mes56): *Here & Now* 8th Yogyakarta Biennale , Taman Budaya, Yogyakarta, Indonesia.  
 Urban Culture (Mes56): CP Open Biennale, Indonesia Bank Museum, Jakarta, Indonesia.  
 Self Title "Mes56" : Room #1, Bandung, Indonesia.  
 Terrorizer: Fotografi Project, Ruang Mes56, Yogyakarta, Indonesia.  
 Glass+Cup : Parkir Space, Yogyakarta, Indonesia.
- 2004** Plesiran ke Jogja (Mes56): Culture Centre of France, Jakarta, Indonesia.  
 Holiday in Jakarta (Mes56): Passage de Reitz Gallery, Paris, France.  
 Undiscovered Territory (Mes56) : Oktagon Gallery, Jakarta, Indonesia.  
 MediaBaru@egroups New Media Art Exhibition (Mes56): Lontar Gallery, Jakarta, Indonesia.
- 2003** Keren dan Beken (Mes56): *Countrybution* 7th Yogyakarta Biennale, TBY, Yogyakarta, Indonesia.

Gelar Seni ISI Jogjakarta: National Gallery, Jakarta, Indonesia.  
"LOVE" Art Fotografi : Kita Gallery, Bandung, Indonesia.

#### Selected Video Screening

**2010** City One Minute Video : World Expo, Shanghai, China.

**2009** City One Minuta Video : (part of 53<sup>rd</sup> Venice Biennale) Arsenale Novissimo, Venice, Italy.

City One Minute Video : Ruang Mes56, Yogyakarta, Indonesia.