



M. Nasir with his painting 'The Sit, The Walk, The Dance' which is selling for RM7,000.
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Syed Thajudeen's RM17,000 oil painting entitled 'The Holy Book'.

Ushering in Syawal with an art display

By SALINA KHALID

IF YOU are a fan of singer, songwriter and actor, M. Nasir, then the *Menjelang Syawal* exhibition at Menara Maybank's Balai Seni should interest you.

Two of his paintings are among the pieces on display, proving that the artiste's versatility also extends to art.

The two pieces by him are an oil painting entitled *The Sit, The Walk, The Dance* and a batik piece which he did in 1978 entitled *Batik Alam Batik*.

M. Nasir is among 17 local artists who have submitted their works for the exhibition, organised by Maybank as a tribute to the coming month of Syawal when Muslims celebrate Hari Raya Aidil Fitri.

The exhibition-cum-sale is on until Feb 7. Part of the proceeds from the sale of the artworks will be donated to charity.

The participating artists are Adnan Salleh, Ahmad Radzi Bedu, Ahmad Zakii Anwar, Ariffin Ismail, Awang Damit, Ghani Othman, Hamidah Abdul Rahman, Jalaini Abu Hassan and Mohammad Din Mohammad.

The others are Mohd Roslan, Nasarudin Ahmad, Razalli Lesut, Sharifah Zuriah Aljefri, Syed Thajudeen, Yusof Ghani and Zakaria Awang.

All the works on display have an Islamic theme.

Among them are *Tankard* by Ahmad Zakii, *Ramadhan* by Ariffin Ismail, *Akal dan Hati I & II* by Yusof Ghani, *Musim Menyambut* by Jalaini Abu Hassan and *Hijrah* by Radzi Bedu.

Ahmad Zakii Anwar, who submitted a series of still life works on Middle Eastern jars, said the jars in his paintings depicted museum pieces which he saw when he went to Istanbul a few years ago.

"Painting the jars give me a down-to-earth feeling which evokes my thoughts about God and his creations.

"Like potters and their creations, God created human beings from clay. Just like pots, we will also turn into dust in the end," said the Johor-born artist.

Located at first floor of Menara Maybank, the exhibition is open from 10am to 6pm daily except on Sundays and public holidays.

Admission is free.



Ahmad Zakii with one of his paintings on jars.



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