## Charcoal for Children 2021: Tell Me Tales

Charcoal for Children workshops presented by LagiLagi in collaboration with CushCush Gallery are finally back after a one year break due to the coronavirus pandemic! This time, the theme is 'Tell Me Tales', aiming to discover and share local stories from the children of different villages and communities in Bali.

A series of 6 workshops are going to be held in the period of March - July 2021, at 6 different villages. The first workshop took place on 28th March 2021 at Marga Ole village, Tabanan with 18 children from Sanggar Buratwangi, and was a lively event with many children having fun rolling dice to inspire their short stories, drawing with



charcoal, and having a scavenger hunt to find materials in their surrounding environment to create a collage.



CFC2021 : Tell Me Tales first session in Marga Ole village, Tabanan - Sunday, March 28, 2021.

Credit photos : CushCush Gallery

"We are very happy to be able to invite the children to play together in their own environment during this year's Charcoal for Children Workshops. The concept this year is very immersive, in terms of both context and the approach. With the three invited artists acting as triggers, the children are encouraged to be more aware of what they have in their surroundings, at the same time also opening up their imagination with the fun activities arranged in the workshops. In turn, the artists themselves are inspired by the children's creations!" said Suriawati Qiu, co-founder of CushCush Gallery, after the first workshop in Desa Ole, Marga.



Invited artists CFC2021: Tell Me Tales - Irene Febry, 'Jong' Santiasa Putra and Juli Sastrawan

Credit photos: CushCush Gallery

This year's invited artists feature one collage visual artist, Irene Febry, and two multidisciplinary artists, 'Jong' Santiasa Putra and Juli Sastrawan. After completing all the workshops and working with the children of these six villages, these artists will take inspiration from the stories and collages created by the children to write and illustrate a children's story book, to be published next year (2022).

Charcoal For Children program is open for donations and support.

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## **About Charcoal For Children:**

Charcoal for Children Program was created in 2016, as a series of workshops that invites multidisciplinary creative practitioners to collaborate and create works with children in Bali, using LagiLagi's upcycled charcoal. The program aims is to encourage children's creativity while also raising awareness about the environment and sustainability together with our creative community.

Since its conception in 2016, Charcoal For Children Program has run for 3 years, each year having a different theme:

- CHARCOAL FOR CHILDREN 2016/17 DRAWING FUTURE CHARITY EXHIBITION, with Invited Artists: Reno Ganesha, I Wayan Sujana 'Suklu', Noella Roos, Nyoman Wijaya, Natisa Jones and Budi Agung Kuswara 'Kabul'.
- CHARCOAL FOR CHILDREN 2017/18 PLAY-PLAY CHARITY PERFORMANCE, with Invited Artists: Papermoon Puppet Theatre, Kawamura Kohesai, Monez and Adhika Annissa (Ninus).
- CHARCOAL FOR CHILDREN 2019 HANDS-ON! with Invited Artists: Venty Vergianti, Maria Yohana Raharjo, Design Stream and Budiman Ong.

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Click this link for high resolution photos and visual of CFC2021:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/11pPVYxBvKy0Gq0USIcavi-m8vFbDvoHO?usp=sharing (Credit photos: CushCush Gallery)

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**'LagiLagi'** is a social initiative initiated by CushCush, a Bali-based designer studio workshop that specializes in designing and crafting contemporary furniture, accessories and artwork by blending unique, local materials with hand-crafted techniques. LagiLagi carries with it CushCush's vision to share its environmental awareness and social mission to convey the goodness of creativity to the next generation, starting at an early age.

**CushCush Gallery (CCG)** is a platform for creative collaboration in contemporary art + design. Located in central Denpasar Bali, CCG is an alternative gallery that embraces interaction and celebrates multi-disciplinary creativity through an exploration of the intersection of art, design, materiality, engineering

and craft. In line with LagiLagi's enthusiasm in processing small pieces of wood scraps into drawing charcoal to encourage children's creativity, CCG collaborated with LagiLagi in initiating the Charcoal For Children creative program as a form of contribution to society.