Greetings,

The Tweed Museum of Art is proud to announce an upcoming exhibition of watercolor paintings made over a period of forty years by artist Cheng-Khee Chee of Duluth.

*The Way of Cheng-Khee Chee. Paintings 1974-2014* is an exhibition of spectacular watercolor paintings. The show is intended to tell a pictorial story about a unique artistic vision. This dynamic retrospective reveals how the most important successes of the artist’s technical and stylistic development have come from his focus on how paint can be used to portray a world seen according to the overlay of perception with philosophy.

Cheng-Khee Chee’s philosophy and stylistic approach to art-making stems from his Chinese heritage, Malaysian/British Colonial youth and his exposure to the West. As a practitioner, the artist is both the hybrid of upbringing and the innovator of his own aesthetic.

Cheng-Khee Chee makes visual what is essentially ephemeral. He shows us sensation and how the properties of nature can be divined from within while walking a path of spiritual discovery. There is no value judgment, just insight. No elevation of Man above all else—instead, a holistic clear-eyed sense of all things that become mutually interdependent. Cheng-Khee Chee portrays an allegorical vision. Things assume form from formlessness, as did life when it emerged from the soup of the primordial seas.

Let us celebrate the artistry of Cheng-Khee Chee and the wonder of his passage from one world into the arms of another. Let us celebrate the gift of consciousness and what opportunity it offers us to see beyond ourselves and share in the delight of its expression. Let us too, acknowledge the benefit we collectively enjoy for the path that led this accomplished citizen artist to come among us and to share his gifts.

Enclosed is information about the exhibition, including a schedule of events, a biography and selected images from the exhibition for publicity use. We have also included information about the catalog that will be published by the Tweed Museum of Art.

We are very excited to bring this exhibition to the Duluth area. Please feel free to call if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Ken Bloom, Director