



# melangkori

## A Work-in-Progress Showing – first of the Buddha Body Series

Five years ago Tony Yap embarked on a choreographic research project focusing on Malaysian shamanistic trance-practice of his birth place, Malacca. He took this newly developed work into various international collaborative works as well as solo works. *E1- Evocation of a Lost Boy* is a result of this continuing process. This is in keeping with his original vision of a major solo autobiographical monologue in dance. TYC have since established building artistic relationships with key masters and artists in Indonesia, Vietnam, Malaysia and Korea. These relationships have led to an integration of creative elements leading to the final stage for this major series of work, *Buddha Body Series 1-3 (1-Melangkori, 2-Rasa, 3-Sayang)*.

As part of Tony's fellowship with the Dance Board of the Australia Council, one of his primary goal is to enrich his professional skills in the tradition of Javanese dance and vocal work. In September last year, Tony studied under the master, R.Ay Sri Kadarjati Ywandjana (Ibu Kadar) and make further investigation into trance dance practices as a major preparation for the first creative development of Buddha Body Series. This series will also draw on issues of trance, migration and identity as well as the language of 'emptiness' and 'fulfilment' in spirituality.

**Melangkori** (melancholy) as a poetic beginning, arising from the sense of loss of someone or memory of a past. Melangkori's relationship to emptiness in the sense of the overall theme of Buddha Body Series. This work will continue the long term collaborative project of **Tony, Madeleine Flynn, Tim Humphrey** and **Naomi Ota** as the core members of TYC. **Bambang Nurcahyadi** and **Ben Rogan** joins the artistic team in this process of development.

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Work-in-Progress showing on  
**Saturday 9 May**  
@ 7.00 pm

Northcote Town Hall  
High Street, Northcote

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### The artists

Choreography/performer: **Tony Yap**

Dramatugy/Creative Collaborator:

**Ben Rogan**

Musicians/Composers:

**Tim Humphrey & Madeleine Flynn**

Visual Installation: **Naomi Ota**

Video artist: **Bambang Nurcahyadi**

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