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The work is a version of the artist's interpretation of tradition and technology infusion, where it combines the essence of the traditional art of 'Wayang Kulit' (shadow puppetry) with modern art. Traditional crafting methods were applied, simulating motives via cutting and pasting cutouts as a tribute to the artist's children's current art of choice.

The piece was inspired by a real-life dilemma of a father, who is concerned about the future and the challenges his three children are facing during the nationwide lockdown, due to the Covid-19 outbreak in Malaysia. While the shift to home-based teaching and learning (PdPR) is inevitable, the lack of physical interaction at school somehow impacts one's social and emotional development which is essential for every healthy growing child. The 'schooling experience' such of having to wake up early, rushing to be in school before the school bell rings, having the gang in class laughing at stupid jokes, and being disciplined by the teacher for making noise; such experience is important in building characters, learning other social values, tradition, and ideas whilst helps in being more open and more functional in society. Unfortunately, this is the big hole in PdPR which the artist hopes that life would return to normalcy as soon as possible before his children are all grown up.

The theme and the technical concept of Wayang Kulit was chosen based on its objective and function as an interesting and entertaining medium in delivering deep philosophical messages through storytelling. The elements and concept of light and shadow projected onto a white screen emphasizes the importance of the message. In the world that we are living in now, a balanced academic performance and social competence is important. Hence during this pandemic, everyone needs to continue the fight, so we can return to life where children can attend school and have healthy psychological and mental growth.



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Lightbox (Opal acrylic),
Construction paper
210 mm x 300 mm
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