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# STREET ART *in* George Town

Take an amazing tour around George Town to discover the unique painted walls mimicking life in the city and the wrought-iron caricatures with anecdotal descriptions of the streets that they adorn.



# Welded iron wall caricatures

Blending humour and historical facts, these metal sculptures describe the prevailing colloquial demeanor of the early settlement days that gave memorable moniker to the streets and landmarks that are George Town icons today. Like voices from the past, they creatively symbolise the intimate relationship the people have in their daily lives with these landmarks that stand to this day.

*Note: This project consists a total of 52 sculptures located in George Town. Currently 24 sculptures have been installed. Production of the remaining sculptures are in progress.*



# Street art by Ernest Zacharevic

Many have become enamoured of the newly transformed streetscape of George Town, much thanks to the beautiful and evocative murals that Ernest hand painted. From what originally was a short visit to Penang, the Lithuanian-born artist who graduated with Honours from Middlesex University in London, has since taken up temporary residence in Penang and is currently pursuing a career as a full-time artist, animator, photographer and filmmaker.





# Marking George Town



**1** Jimmy Choo



**13** Kopi 'O'



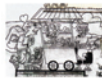
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## **A** Boat



## **B** Kids on Bicycle



## **C** Old Motorcycle



**D** Boy on Chair



**E** Old Man



## F Broken Heart



## G Kungfu Girl



## H Trishaw Man





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## Jimmy Choo

This is the place where the famous shoe designer, Jimmy Choo, started his apprenticeship.

\*Location: Lebuah Leith / Lebuah Muntri



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## Win Win Situation

Muntri Street was named after The 'Orang Kaya Menteri' of Larut, Perak, Ngah Ibrahim.

\*Location: Lebuah Muntri



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## Mr Five Foot Way

Five foot way were meant to protect pedestrians from the hot sun and rain. With the influx of immigrants, work increasingly became hard to find. Many of the old and unemployed thus began using these corridors to set up small businesses instead. The Hokkiens began calling these 'goh ka ki' or 'five foot way' trades.

\*Location: Jalan Transfer



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## One Leg Kicks All

The 'black and white' Amahs were Cantonese domestic servants from Guangdong who did all kinds of household chores and would refer to themselves with wry humour as "Yat Keok Tet" (One Leg Kicks All).

\*Location: Lebuah Muntri





**Narrowest Five Foot Way**  
 Obviously, this is less than five feet...  
 The 'five foot way' of Wan Hai Hotel is said to be the narrowest in Penang.

\*Location: Lorong Stewart



**Bullock Cart Wheel**  
 In the days when your money could be as "big as a bullock cart wheel", this was a popular rest stop for limousines of the time.

\*Location: Jalan Masjid Kapitan Keling



**Cheating Husband**  
 The local Chinese say the rich men who lived on Muntri Street kept their mistresses here, hence the name 'Ai Cheng Hang' or Love Lane.

\*Location: Love Lane



**Tok Tok Mee**  
 Tok tok mee is so called because hawkers would strike a 'tok tok' sound to signal their presence.

\*Location: Jalan Masjid Kapitan Keling / Lebu China



## Wrong Tree

Also called toddy or palm wine, tuak is an alcoholic beverage made from underdeveloped flower of the coconut palm. The collecting and market for tuak was entirely an Indian affair with the majority of its drinkers being Indian labourers.

\*Location: Lorong Pasar



## Too Hot

The famous Weld Quay was the birthplace of Keling Mee, a spicy Indian noodle dish created to whet the appetites of sailors and port workers.

\*Location: Pengkalan Weld



## Ting Ting Thong

One of the favourite foods sold at Seck Chuan Lane is ting ting thong or rock candy, a hardened mixture of sugar, sesame seeds and nuts loved by kids. It has to be "chiselled" and "hammered" to break it into smaller biteable pieces.

\*Location: Lorong Seck Chuan



## Labourer to Trader

The early convict labourers were reputed to have built most of the government buildings in Penang. Some ex-convicts became petty traders and were the core group who started the Chowrasta Market.

\*Location: Jalan Kuala Kangsar



## Kopi 'O'

One Tall, Double Shot, Decaf Espresso  
KOPI-O'-KAU!

\*Location: Lorong Kimberley



## Untrained Parakeet

Parrot astrologers were Indian fortune tellers, who used green parakeets to foretell a person's future.

\*Location: Lebuah King



## Three Generations

Kimberley Street is famous for its hawker food. Some stalls have been here for over 3 generations.

\*Location: Lebuah Kimberley/ Jalan Sungai Ujong



## Rope Style

Rope walk was named after the rope making activities on the street.

\*Location: Jalan Pintal Tali



## Procession

The Tua Pek Kong Hneoh Grand Float Procession is held in the Year of the Tiger to wash away bad luck and bring great wealth and health.

\*Location: Lebu Armenian



## Too Narrow

The hand-pulled rickshaw was the most popular form of transportation in early Penang.

\*Location: Lorong Soo Hong



## Limousine

This was the place to go for Chinese books, stationery, coffins and paper effigies. All the pleasures of the material world can be reproduced in paper burnt as gifts for the hereafter.

\*Location: Lebu Carnarvon / Lorong Carnarvon



## Property

In the 1800's, shops and godowns on Victoria Street were built at the Seafrent.

\*Location: Lebu Victoria

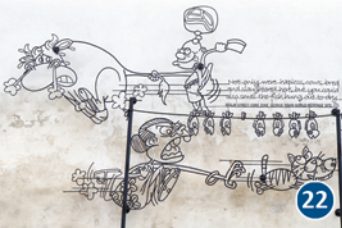


## Escape

This old Acehnese godown was originally a jail building already extant in 1805 - hence the thick walls and small windows.

\*Location: Lebuah Acheh

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## Cow & Fish

Not only there were hapless cows bred and slaughtered here but you could smell the fish hung out to dry.

\*Location: Lebuah Melayu / Lorong Ikan

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## No Plastic Bag

A petty-trading neighbourhood, where you can find activities such as drying of salted fish and basket weaving.

\*Location: Lorong Prangin

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## Waterway

Prangin River was a bustling waterway for all manner of goods that were shipped to Penang from all over the world.

\*Location: Gat Jalan Prangin

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