

# JOGET

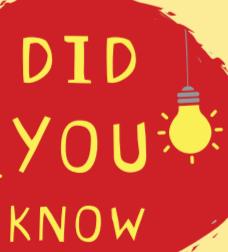
BY SYED AHMAD JAMAL, 1957



Is this scene calm and restful?

Or is it full of noise, colour and fun?

In this painting, Syed Ahmad Jamal has depicted a roomful of people dancing the joget, a traditional Malay dance. Imagine if you were there watching the joget.



Malaysia artist Syed Ahmad Jamal has blended the figures and faces into each other or the environment. This makes the dancers look like they're moving really quickly! The rest is a colourful, melodious blur.

## LET'S CELEBRATE!

The joget is a popular and fast-paced traditional dance usually performed at wedding celebrations and festivals, or any other joyful event! Mr Syed Ahmad Jamal made this painting in 1957, the year Malaysia gained its independence. Perhaps he wanted to portray all those parties that were happening that year, with people dancing and playing music to celebrate their new country.

Syed Ahmad Jamal. *Joget*. 1957. Oil on board, 102 x 122 cm. Collection of National Gallery Singapore.

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