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PROFILE

Thai floral and spatial artist whose practice spans more than three decades. Trained as an engineer, Intakul served Her Majesty Queen Sirikit, The Queen Mother, from 1998 to 2006 and developed Contemporary Thai Floral Design, a fusion of Thai court floral craft and modern structure that became a visual language for welcoming state guests in Thailand and abroad. He has created site-specific installations in more than fifteen countries, written more than 500 articles and eleven books on floral art and culture, and founded the Museum of Floral Culture in Bangkok (2012–2022). Since 2022 he has devoted himself fully to art, creating immersive spatial installations rooted in Asian floral culture and belief.

EDUCATION & TRAINING

1988–1991	Floral design training, Manako Flower Academy, Bangkok — Thailand's first structured floral design school, of Japanese origin
1984–1988	B.Eng. in Electronics Engineering, King Mongkut's Institute of Technology Ladkrabang, Bangkok, Thailand
1982–1983	AFS Intercultural Programs exchange student, Modesto, California, United States

INSTITUTION FOUNDED

2012–2022	**Museum of Floral Culture**, Bangkok — Founder and Director; established in honor of the 80th Birthday Anniversary of Her Majesty Queen Sirikit to conserve and exhibit Asian floral heritage

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS & INSTALLATIONS

Forthcoming

2027	Fresh-flower installation for the 30th anniversary of European Flower Design (EFD), Tokyo, Japan (October)
2027	Collaboration with Ock Pop Tok weaving studio, Luang Prabang, Laos (mid-2027)
2026–27	Community art initiatives, Thonburi, Bangkok, Thailand (December 2026–February 2027)

Solo exhibitions

2026	**Siri of Siam** (*Siri haeng Duangjai Siam*), Art Jawel, Siam Paragon, Bangkok, Thailand (July–August)
2026	**NEST: Sanctuary of the Soul II**, Rosewood Bangkok, Thailand
2026	**NEST: Sanctuary of the Soul I**, River City Bangkok, Thailand (May); centered on *Phassa Vihara*, an immersive sanctuary of architectural lotus-leaf columns, natural scent and 432 Hz sound
2023	**Flowers, River & Possibilities**, Artist-in-Residence Program, The Peninsula Bangkok, Thailand
2023	**Flower & Cosmos II: The Universe Within**, River City Bangkok, Thailand (with Lalanta Fine Art Gallery)
2023	**Flower & Cosmos: The Universe Within**, Lalanta Fine Art Gallery, Bangkok, Thailand

Curatorial work

2026	**Tiger & Torma: Timeless Tales of Nepal**, curator and artist; an exhibition translating Himalayan Buddhist wisdom through Nepalese craftsmanship, River City Bangkok, Thailand (August)

Installations and site-specific works

2026	Installation at Zenkoji Temple, Nagano, Japan (April)
2026	**Roi Malai**, Sikka Art & Design Festival 2026, Dubai, United Arab Emirates (January)
2025	Installation celebrating the **50th Anniversary of UAE–Thailand Diplomatic Relations**, Dusit Thani Dubai, United Arab Emirates (November)
2024	**Light Within**, light installation, Sofitel Luang Prabang, Laos
2024	Two large-scale sculptures in honor of the 72nd Birthday Anniversary of His Majesty King Maha Vajiralongkorn, Siam Paragon and ICONSIAM, Bangkok, Thailand
2023	**Maha Atsadang Phetra**, large-scale light sculpture for the Lantern Boat Festival (Lai Heua Fai) and the end of Buddhist Lent, Sofitel Luang Prabang, Laos

2018	Large-scale floral installation for the opening of ICONSIAM, Bangkok, Thailand
2015	**Butsaban Chalee**, floral exhibition in honor of the 83rd Birthday Anniversary of Her Majesty Queen Sirikit, The Emporium, Bangkok, Thailand (with Siam Commercial Bank)
2011	Large-scale floral installation for the opening of Regent Galleria, Taipei, Taiwan
2011	Floral installation, exhibition on Lanna floral culture and photography exhibition for the launch of *FlorESSENCE*, Tamarind Village, Chiang Mai, Thailand
2010	Floral offering installation honoring the Trimurti, Pura Dalem temple, Ubud, Bali, Indonesia
1997–2026	Annual Flower Festival (group exhibition), Nai Lert Park, Bangkok, Thailand

CULTURAL DIPLOMACY & INTERNATIONAL FESTIVALS

2024	Floral demonstration and workshop for ambassadors and spouses accredited to India and diplomats of the Royal Thai Embassy, New Delhi, India
2018	Floral design for **Art & Soul of Thailand**, presented by HRH Princess Sirivannavari Nariratana Rajakanya, Paris, France (Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand)
2017	Fresh-flower sculpture for the **130th Anniversary of Thailand–Japan Diplomatic Relations**, Suntory Hall, Tokyo, Japan (Ministry of Foreign Affairs / Tourism Authority of Thailand)
2017	Workshop, *Thai Paritat* course for officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Museum of Floral Culture, Bangkok
2016	Workshop for spouses of newly appointed Thai ambassadors, Devawongse Varopakarn Institute of Foreign Affairs, Bangkok
2015	Floral design for the **Ultimate Showcase** dinner for international media, Department of International Trade Promotion, Ministry of Commerce, Dusit Thani, Bangkok
2014	Fresh-flower sculpture for the **Thailand Festival**, Moscow, Russia (Tourism Authority of Thailand / Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
2014	Floral demonstrations and workshops to promote tourism to Thailand, Kolkata and New Delhi, India; workshop for the Royal Thai Embassy and Tourism Authority of Thailand staff, New Delhi
2012	Floral demonstration and workshop for spouses of foreign ambassadors to Thailand, Museum of Floral Culture, Bangkok
2007	Floral sculpture for the red carpet, **Rome International Film Festival**, Rome, Italy (City of Rome)
2005	Fresh-flower sculpture for the **Thailand Festival**, Rome, Italy (City of Rome / Tourism Authority of Thailand)

ROYAL CEREMONIES & STATE OCCASIONS

2018	Floral installation for *Krong Phaka Bucha Phrakhun*, in homage to HRH Princess Srinagarindra, Mae Fah Luang Art and Cultural Park, Chiang Rai, Thailand
2014	Lecture and exhibition on Thai floral culture before HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn, academic seminar organized by Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok
2006	Floral design for royal banquets celebrating the **60th Anniversary of King Bhumibol Adulyadej's Accession to the Throne**, Grand Palace, Bangkok
2006	Floral design for state banquets honoring **President Jacques Chirac** of France and **King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofía** of Spain, Chakri Maha Prasat Throne Hall, Grand Palace, Bangkok
2003	Floral design for the royal banquet for leaders of the **APEC Summit**, Chakri Maha Prasat Throne Hall, and for the APEC Summit venue, Ananta Samakhom Throne Hall, Bangkok
2003	Floral design for state banquets honoring **President Vladimir Putin** of Russia and **President George W. Bush** and Mrs. Laura Bush of the United States, Grand Palace, Bangkok
2000	Floral design for royal banquets during Her Majesty Queen Sirikit's state visit to China, Beijing and Shanghai
1998–2006	Floral design for the Annual Silk Competition in the presence of Her Majesty Queen Sirikit, Phu Phan Rajaniwet Palace, Sakon Nakhon, Thailand

SELECTED COMMISSIONS & COLLABORATIONS

2025	Floral concept and design, Nekajui, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve, Guanacaste, Costa Rica
2018	Wedding of a Japanese couple to promote tourism to Sukhothai, Sukhothai Historical Park, Thailand (Tourism Authority of Thailand)
2015	Floral concept and design, Mandapa, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve, Ubud, Bali, Indonesia

2015	Floral design for a large-scale wedding, Ahmedabad, India
2011–2016	Floral concept and design for The Park Hotels, major cities across India
2011	Floral design for the centenary of the Apeejay Surrendra Group, Hyderabad, India
2011	Floral set design for a Chivas Regal film directed by **Wong Kar-wai**, Jodhpur, India
2011	Floral concept and design, Regent Taipei, Taiwan
2010	Floral concept and design for the lobby, Mandarin Oriental, Bangkok
2008	Floral design for the wedding of Tony Leung Chiu-wai and Carina Lau, organized by Wong Kar-wai, Paro, Bhutan
2006	Floral concept and design, Bulgari Resort Bali, Indonesia
1999, 2009	Floral concept and design, The Sukhothai Bangkok (lobby redesigned in 2009)

PUBLICATIONS

Books

2019	*Malee Malai: A Thai Floral Craft Textbook for Young People*. Bangkok: Museum of Floral Culture. 30,000 copies distributed free of charge to primary schools nationwide with the Office of the Basic Education Commission, an education system serving over six million students; accompanying video lessons on YouTube.
2016	*Grand Celebrations: Extraordinary Floral Designs for Weddings and Events*. Bangkok: Museum of Floral Culture. Launched at The Park, New Delhi, India.
2015	*Asian Style License: Textbook on Thai Floral Art* (in Japanese). Tokyo: EFD School of Floral Art.
2013	*Floral Journey Bangkok*, a guide to Bangkok through floral art and culture. Bangkok: Museum of Floral Culture.
2011	*FlorESSENCE: Essence of Modern Flower Design*. Bangkok: Museum of Floral Culture.
2009	*Dok Mai Thai: The Flower Culture of Thailand*, published in honor of the 77th Birthday Anniversary of Her Majesty Queen Sirikit. Bangkok: Museum of Floral Culture.
2005	*Modern Asian Living*, with Wongvipa Devahastin na Ayudhya. Singapore: Periplus Editions.
2003	*Color Your Moods: 48 Flowers in Glasses* (in Thai). Bangkok: Baan Lae Suan.
2002	*Tropical Colors: The Art of Living with Tropical Flowers*. Singapore: Periplus Editions. Launched in Singapore.
1997	*Cher… Flowers, Love, Imagination* (in Thai). Bangkok: Srisara.
1997	*Cher… Flowers, Friendship, Journeys* (in Thai). Bangkok: Srisara.

Columns

2009–2011	"Floral Journey," *Bangkok Post* (30+ articles)
1998–2018	"Simple Flower," *ELLE Decoration Thailand* (100+ articles)
1994–2016	"Cher," *Ploy Kaemphet* magazine (500+ articles)

LECTURES, TEACHING & WORKSHOPS

2023	Talk as "Floral Culture Ambassador," WV Connect Wedding Summit, Mamallapuram, India
2022	Lecture and workshop on contemporary Thai floral design, Ms. National Universe Pageant, Bangkok
2012–2019	Curriculum design, lectures and workshops on contemporary Thai floral design with the EFD School of Floral Art, Japan (Sapporo 2017; Tokyo and Osaka 2018; Tokyo 2019)
2019	Launch workshop for *Malee Malai* on traditional Thai floral crafts, Museum of Floral Culture, Bangkok
2018	Lecture on floral design for weddings and festivals, EMF Global Convention & Awards, Galle, Sri Lanka
2016	**Malai Wan Mae** (Mother's Day Garland) festival and garland-making workshop, Museum of Floral Culture, Bangkok
2013	Lecture, demonstration and workshop for the Silver Jubilee of the Crafts Council of Tamil Nadu, Coimbatore, India
2012	Lecture, "The Floral Route to Siam," National Museum Volunteers, Bangkok National Museum
2012	Lecture on floral art for Marriott Asia-Pacific executives, Shanghai, China
2008	Floral demonstration and workshop, Fleur Creatif flower festival, Alden Biesen Castle, Belgium