

## Hundreds of Artists Take Part in the Tenth Jogja Biennale

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**TEMPO Interactive, Yogyakarta:** About 360 artists from cities throughout Indonesia will take part in the Tenth Jogja Biennale which begins in December 10 2009 and end in January 10, 2010. The event titled "Jogja Jamming" will be officially opened by Culture and Tourism Minister Jero Wacik, on December 10. "Minister Jero Wacik will put up artworks in public areas, including the leather puppet painting by Mbah Tjipto Wibakso in Tugu Station," Yuyuk Sugarman, the event's spokesperson, said yesterday.

One day before official launch of the Tenth Jogja Biennale, a preview will be held especially for sponsors. Although the event is a only few days away, Yuyuk said, a number of artists have begun creating their artwork. They are making mural paintings in some areas, like on the wall that used to be the Progo Shop in front Yogyakarta Culture Park and on kiosks and carts of street vendors in the Northern Square. "In a few days, statues of the Indonesian presidents created by Albara will also be displayed in Gadjah Mada University Traffic Circle," Yuyuk added.

The Jogja Biennale director, Butet Kertaradjasa, said this is the first time the event was not funded by artwork sales. "All funds for the event was provided by the sponsors," he said.

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