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THE PHENOMENON OF SHAPE AND AESTHETICS OF BALINESE WAYANG AND CARTOON BOG BOG ON BOG BOG BALI CARTOON MAGAZINE VOL. 09 YEAR 2010-2011

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ABSTRACT

Cartoon is a loanword from English "cartoon", Italian "cartone" which means 'paper' (Italy) or image. According to Munawar Ahmad, cartoons are defined as depictions or symbols, which are shown in a satirical, contempt, humorous discourse (Ahmad, 2001). Another opinion says that cartoons are drawings or paintings that are made full in the upper left corner to the bottom right of a thick paper that tells about the problem perceived by the painter as an outpouring of emotion (Pramono, 1996). The fundamental difference between cartoons, comics, and caricatures is comic and caricature is the genre of cartoons. The word Wayang comes from the Javanese word meaning "shadow". When viewed from the meaning of philosophy, "wayang" can be interpreted as a shadow or a reflection of the properties that exist in the human psyche, such as anger/wrath, virtue, greed and others. The research method used is descriptive qualitative method to give description about Balinese wayang phenomenon and Bog Bog cartoon on Bog Bog Bali Cartoon Vol. 09 year 2010-2011. The results obtained are the aesthetics and meaning given to Balinese wayang and Bog-Bog cartoon is a social criticism of the phenomena that exist in the community. The form of Balinese wayang characters is an illustration of classical tradition that has the rules of aesthetics and local meaning. The form of Bog Bog cartoon character has Balinese cultural values with parody form belonging to post-modern aesthetic.

Keywords: wayang, cartoon, shape, aesthetics, meaning

I. INTRODUCTION

Cartoon is a loanword from English "cartoon", Italian "cartone" meaning "paper"
(Italy) or image. Cartoon has two meanings: images with fun appearances, related to



prevailing circumstances (especially about politics) and movie that create motion fantasies as a result of shooting a series of drawings depicting a change of position (Achmadi, 2011). According to McCloud, cartoons are the simplification of an object visually or in the form of illustrations (Soeherman, 2007: 1). Cartoon has the following characteristics: 1) The picture is a bit concise; 2) Not much use of words; 3) Easy to understand and recognize; 4) Messages are usually clearer and fresher. The types of cartoons are Gag cartoons, editorial cartoons, caricature cartoons, animated cartoons, and comics. Cartoons Gag is a cartoon picture that is meant only as a funny or burlesque image without the intention of reviewing a problem or actual event. Editorial cartoon is a satire column in the newspaper commenting on the news and issues being busy discussed in the community. Caricature cartoons are cartoons that have been painted by making changes to a person's face or shape. Animated cartoons are cartoons that can move or live visually and vocalize. Comics is a blend of art and literary art. Comics are formed from a series of images that are entirely a series of one story that in each picture there is a speech balloon as a narrative story with a figures/character that is easily recognized. The purpose of making a cartoon is to a) convey a message to its audience, whether it is political, social, or educational; b) As a medium that is not only entertaining, but also intelligent and actual; c) But there are also cartoons that are solely as entertainment alone that can be read by any circle (Achmadi, 2011). Cartoon strengths are easy and inexpensive to obtain, do not require much equipment, are easy to use, can be used for all levels of learning and discipline, and shorten complex ideas. While cartoon weakness is the short duration ability, less likely to be seen for large groups, and only two-dimensional (Deskoni, 2012).

When viewed from the meaning of philosophy "wayang" can be interpreted as a shadow or a reflection of the characteristic that exist in the human psyche, such as anger wrath, virtue, greed and others. Wayang as one of the performing arts of Indonesia has been long enough known to the community, especially the people of Java, Bali, and Sunda. According to Mulyono (Amir, 1994: 33-35), wayang performances started from prehistoric times which originally served as a worship ceremony in the ancestral spirits called "Hyang". The shape of the puppet was originally made of leather and depicts the spirit of the ancestors. The play played at



this time was the heroism and adventure of the ancestors. The language used is pure ancient Java. The wayang literature does not exist yet, the stories are orally passed down from generation to generation. Next is the time of Mataram I where the wayang not only functions magically-myth-religious, but also serves as an educational and communication tool. Stories are taken from "Ramayana" and "Mahabharata" which have been given local traits and mixed traditional myths (the heroes in the books became heroes and gods parallel to their own ancestors). The wayang performance already existed in 907 as evidenced by the Balitung inscription. The East Java era or the wayang kulit purwa performance has achieved a perfect form, that it can touch the hearts of the audience. Wayang daun rontal made in 939 describes the gods, knights, and Pandawas. The punakawan guarding the knights, can be seen at Penataran temple (1197) and at Gatutkaca Sraya (1188), while the wayang gabungan (kayon) is in Jago temple (1343). Wayang beber purwa made from paper and using slendro gamelan existed in 1361.



Picture 1. Wayang Beber Purwa

(source: https://wayang.wordpress.com/2010/07/23/wayang-beber-2/)

The time of Islam arrival, wayang serves as a tool of dakwah, educational and communication tools, literary and cultural sources, and as entertainment. The story is taken from the stories of Babad, namely the confusion between the epos Ramayana/Mahabharata Indonesian version with Arabic/Islamic stories. Wayang is shaped flat looks like a shadow like the present. Wayang kulit purwa form is finalized (way of making, leather tools, debog, blencong, and others) so as not to conflict with religion. In the independent Indonesia era, wayang not only serves as entertainment but also for education, mass communication, arts education, literary education,



philosophy, religion, and others. New wayangs just started to show such as Wayang Suluh, Pancasila, and struggle, wayang wahyu, wayang Indonesian language, and others.



Picture 2. Wayang Purwa Pipih

(source: https://sportourism.id/heritage/wayang-sudah-ada-sejak-zaman-kutai-tarumanagara)

Aesthetics is derived from the Greek *aisthetikos* which literally means "to understand by sensual observation," a word in English written aesthetics or sometimes esthetics that has an aesthesis root meaning "feeling" as well as perception (Junaedi, 2016: 14). Ideally the aesthetic theory would allow one to distinguish the aesthetic from the nonesthetic by explaining the various conditions or properties used as a condition to be fulfilled or possessed of the aesthetic objects (Eaton, 2010: 7).

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

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"wayang" comes from the Javanese word meaning "shadow". The word "wayang" in Big Indonesian Dictionary (*Penyusun*, 2008) is defined as an artificial puppet of people etc made of leather or wood sculptures and so on which can be used to portray characters in traditional drama performances (Balinese, Javanese, Sundanese, etc.), usually played by the *dalang*.

III. PROBLEM STATEMENTS

What is the shape and aesthetics of Balinese wayang and Bog bog Cartoon on Bog Bog Bali Cartoon Magazine Vol. 09 Year 2010-2011?

IV. RESEARCH METHOD

The methodology used in this study is a qualitative methodology with descriptive method to provide an overview of the phenomena that occur in the given problem. The phenomenon of cartoons and *wayang* in the magazine bog bog bali cartoon magazine vol. 09 year 2010-2011 is explained by using postmodern theory of form and aesthetics.

V. **RESULT**

Wayang as one of the richness of art in Nusantara has unique characteristics that are not owned by other countries. In shapes, wayang depiction is divided into face, body, hands, and feet. In the face, the depiction of the face has undergone a change from en face to en trios quart that is the facial depiction is done from the side. This is because the wayang performance is played on the curtain or screen, that the depiction of the face from the side is something that cannot be denied and the most logical. The facial drawing from the front causes the entire shadow wayang kulit body to be portrayed in profile, except for the shoulder that is rotated so that both are



visible so that the wayang hand can be easily moved. Wayang kulit hand is made longer than the size of the body with the aim that wayang's hand are easy to move so that the elongation of the shoulders, especially the back shoulder is logical. The foot part of the wayang is divided into two namely the wayang jangkahan and wayang bokongan. In wayang jangkahan, the position of the enlarged leg is widened as it will move and the attenuation cranes appear to be longer. The characters of wayang are the gallant figures, the giants and the bambangan jangkah figures. Brave characters such as Gatot Kaca, Bhima Baladewa, and so on. Prominent figures such as Abhimanyu, Wisanggeni, Irawan, and so forth. In wayang bokongan, the legs are painted as people stand and their butt is clearly visible (Subagya, 2016).

Aesthetically, wayang is and art and craft. Wayang form with distinctive carvings in drawing figures and materials use are animal skin is an art form. Wayang characters have different roles. There are characters who are weak graceful, loud, humorous and so on certainly are determined by the mastermind skills as the story introduction. Another aesthetic value of wayang is the art of music and the story of wayang. Gamelan as a musical accompaniment in wayang performances must have different variations of shapes, sizes, and sounds. How to play it is also diverse but most of the instrument is played by beat (Isnawati, 2017).

The principles of eastern aesthetics are embraced in the *wayang* story, such as the principle of balance, unity, order, focus, variation, characteristic patterns, not distinguishing the tragedy patterns of comedy, emphasizing the beauty of taste, and at the same time becoming a living encyclopedia (Nurgiyantoro, 2011). The principle of equilibrium, for example, emphasizes the balance between the microcosm and the macrocosm, between the above (god) and the under (human and other beings), between the king and the people, between the elements of form and content. The principle of unity, for example, is seen in the fact that all the related aspects of *wayang* performances are a unified whole. Principles of order, nature, especially order in equilibrium. The principle of focusing is seen in didactic focus through symbols.



In the magazine Bog Bog Bali cartoon magazine volume 09 year 2010-2011, one of the issues raised is about *wayang* and cartoon. In this edition is a social criticism of the phenomena that occur in the community. The pictures made a lot of telling about the phenomenon of community life based on the local wisdom of the people of Bali. The form of cartoon characters created has local cultural values of Bali with a parody form that can be classified as a postmodern aesthetic. The word "Parody" in Indonesian dictionary has an understanding of literary or artistic works that deliberately imitate the style or word of the author or other creator with the intention of seeking witty effects (Compilers, 2008). Parodies can also be said to mimic a form or type of story used to insinuate or to create a humor effect (Trianto, 2007).



Picture 3. Player and Computer Game



In Picture 3 shows a visual about players and computer games. By using a simple color that is gray. In reality, players on computer games use a common outfit instead of using traditional Balinese clothing. The use of Balinese traditional clothing is done for certain occasions such as wedding invitations, meetings at meeting halls and so on. Not all activities using Balinese traditional dress. In Picture 3, players use Balinese traditional dress with a computer game of *wayang*. This shows a criticism of the current phenomenon in which computer games played by the public is a very modern game and there are no games that support local wisdom. The parody is a player who uses Balinese traditional outfit by playing a computer game that is *wayang*. *Wayang* as a local cultural icon is used as a computer game icon by displaying it on a computer screen.









Picture 4. Wayang Kulit Lamp Performance

In Wayang Kulit performance the use of lighting is to produce a shadow effect on the screen made of white cloth is very vital. In some areas usually use oil lamps (blencong) or electric lights. Blencong is made of carved wood or bronze, with a hole in the middle to put oil and has a fuse facing toward the screen/curtain. As it is known that the current oil price is quite expensive. For wayang performance, it takes a considerable amount of kerosene where according to data from the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources (ESDM) of the Republic of Indonesia, the price of kerosene per liter is 2500 rupiah. Moreover, usually wayang performance are usually done overnight, of course the need for kerosene is also quite a lot. In addition, the use of blencong is considered less practical and inconvenient. Next comes the idea for lighting at wayang performances is to use petromax and electricity. But it is also considered expensive and less efficient. Looking at the phenomenon, the cartoon raises a parody about the use of lights for wayang performances is to use a flashlight as a solution to the problem of lighting cost of wayang performances.





Picture 5. Wayang Performance on Car's Windshield

Traffic congestion due to the increasing number of motor vehicles creates a high level of stress in the community. The stress experienced by can potentially make people desperate to commit violations on the highway without regard to risk for themselves and others. According to the Chief Medical Officer of Psychiatric Psychiatry at Marzoeki Mahdi Bogor, Lahardi Kembaren, a driver suffering from a stressful condition, a fight or flight or combat-ready behavior will occur and does not care about police officers or violates traffic signs without regard to risk for road users, even one's self. Lahargo also said that people with high job pressures who for years every day have to face traffic jams are potentially suffering from mental health problems. Mild mental disorders, among others, are characterized by difficulty sleeping, while symptoms of severe mental disorders include psychosomatic, depression, and anxiety disorders. Psychosomatic is a physical condition disorder due to psychological conditions that are problematic because of stress. Psychosomatic symptoms are characterized by headache, eyelid twitching, stiffness, cold sweats, nausea, diarrhea, and itching. According to him, mental health disorders due to traffic congestion can be avoided by managing stress levels, among others, by preparing more time to complete the work, leave early to avoid congestion, and set up the route. Can also do therapy with music that calms the soul and keeps physically fit so not easily tired and become angry (Afrianti, 2014).



Based on this phenomenon it gives inspiration for artists to make a funny cartoon by making a wayang performance on the windshield of a car. As previously explained, therapy can reduce stress levels due to traffic congestion. Wayang as performance arts can be a solution to reduce stress. This is because wayang is well accepted by the community because it is wealthy of local art and culture. Many things that can be obtained by watching wayang, in addition to entertainment, wayang also have elements of the story that contains the philosophy of life to be a guide in living human life. So that the audience can enjoy an interesting show and can be a medicine to calm the soul due to stress.

VI. **DISCUSSION**

The types of cartoons are Gag cartoons, editorial cartoons, caricature cartoons, animated cartoons, and comics. Cartoons Gag is a cartoon picture that is meant only as a funny or burlesque image without the intention of reviewing a problem or actual event. In the magazine Bog Bog Bali cartoon magazine volume 09 year 2010-2011, one of the issues raised is about *wayang* and cartoon. In this edition is a social criticism of the phenomena that occur in the community. The pictures made a lot of telling about the phenomenon of community life based on the local wisdom of the people of Bali. The form of cartoon characters created has local cultural values of Bali with a parody form that can be classified as a postmodern aesthetic.

VII. CONCLUSION

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