

ABOUT ART:DIS ARTISTS AND ARTWORKS

Newly commissioned artworks

Name of artwork: Piece by Piece



Artwork inspiration

This collaborative artwork about growth is inspired by building blocks, which most people might recall from their childhood. Just as each block in a structure comes in various shapes and sizes, so do our experiences, abilities and the paths that we may take. The galaxy in the artwork represents the vastness of a universe of potential, symbolising unlimited possibilities and imagination. It also symbolises how we are all interconnected, representing a collective sense of belonging.

Incorporated into the artwork as well are the artists' unique aspirations. Sophie aspires to be an artist while Crystal's imagination flourishes in nature. Crystal enjoys watching garden animals and insects such as snails and butterflies, and decorating flowers. Brennan's creativity comes alive when he bakes, and he would like to be a baker someday. While the three of them have different passions and capabilities, they believe that their dreams, hard work and determination are still valid, no matter how long it takes to get there.

Artist profile

1. Brennan Tay

Brennan is known for his distinctive line work and vibrant use of bright, complementary colours. His unique style brings energy and harmony to every piece of work, offering a

captivating glimpse of his imaginative world. Besides illustrating, Brennan enjoys baking and always looks forward to sharing his baked goodies!

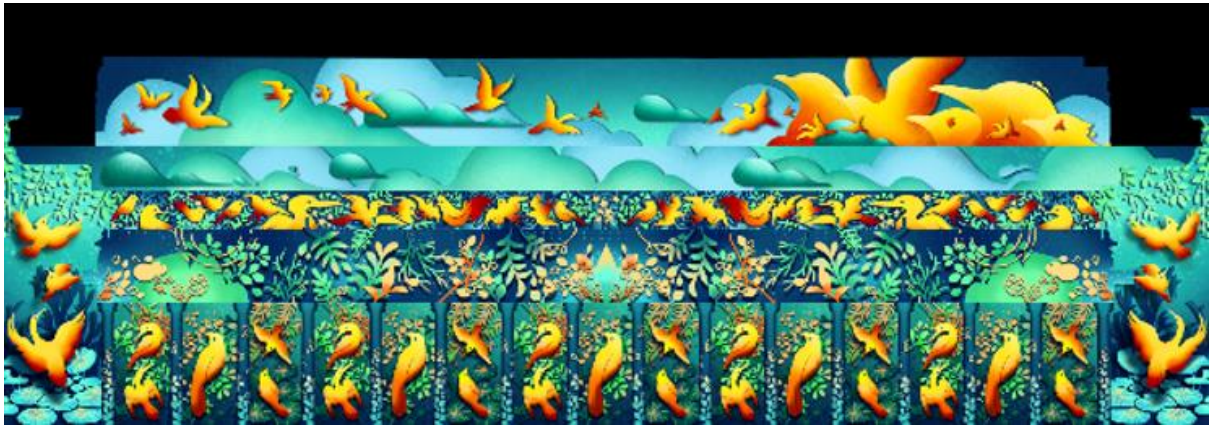
2. Crystal Tay

Crystal is a young artist who has discovered a deep passion for expressing herself through digital illustration. She enjoys creating vibrant flora and fauna reflecting her unique perspective on the world. Her creative journey has led her to explore various artistic techniques, including the use of bold colours and clean lines to bring her vision to life. Beyond art, she enjoys connecting with nature and finds inspiration in the simplicity and beauty of everyday life.

3. Sophie Valerio

Sophie is a highly talented artist who works across various mediums, including fine arts, ceramics, digital illustration, and animation. She has a deep love for character design, where her creativity knows no limits, allowing her to bring to life unique and imaginative characters into various artworks.

Name of artwork: In Flight



Artwork inspiration

Birds to Amelia represent what we as Singaporeans go through in our daily lives. In an ever-changing society, we have to adapt and endeavour as we venture through life. Like fledglings taking their first flight, we navigate different environments even as we long for the familiar and tackle challenges such as mental health struggles as we pursue our dreams of a brighter future for ourselves, our family and our future generations. Through thick and thin, we face hardships head on and gain wisdom from our experiences, as we grow and eventually break through like fully fledged birds.

Artist profile

Amelia Tan is a Visual Artist and Illustrator, exploring the interplay of light and dark through both traditional and digital media. A graduate of Nanyang Polytechnic's Animation & Visual Effects, her notable works include illustrations for the 2023 Arts & Disability Forum and design for Bank of Singapore's 2024 CNY red packets. Currently part of ART:DIS's Emerging Artist programme, she is preparing for an exhibition at Singapore Art Week 2025 before pursuing further studies. Amelia's work blends realism and imagination, reflecting her bold, creative spirit.

Name of artwork: Thriving in Singapore



Artwork inspiration

This artwork explores the interplay of inclusivity and empowerment. Singapore is made up of people of different races, abilities, talents, passions and backgrounds. Young or old, everyone is important and can contribute to society. Every one of us can achieve our goals if we believe in ourselves and are supported. Given the right opportunities, we are empowered to succeed in life if we persevere. No one can thrive or survive alone. We all need each other, so we must help one another and live in harmony.

Artist profile

Abraham Koh, who is under the Emerging Artist programme at ART:DIS, specialises in drawing and painting. He is intrigued by different modern and contemporary art styles. Abraham uses lines as well as bold, saturated and contrasting colours that contribute to his unique style of painting. His themes revolve around personal experiences of family, everyday scenes, people and their surroundings. His body of work, which includes assemblage and sculpture, have received awards of commendation at various art exhibitions and competitions. His hope is that his art will engage, excite and inspire others.

Adapted artworks

Name of artwork: Botanical Flourish



Artwork inspiration

Another artwork by Abraham Koh, *Botanical Flourish* seeks to bring to life the multifaceted aspects of Singapore. Singapore is known as a garden city but beyond flowers, leaves also add much vibrancy to the landscape with its varying sizes, shapes and patterns. This artwork celebrates leaves in all its glory and reminds us that nature is fragile and the importance of protecting it to ensure that they can continue to grow and thrive.

Name of artwork: Orchid Reverie



Artwork inspiration

Nicole loves the varying shapes, colours and patterns of orchids. Most associated with hybrids, the orchid was chosen as Singapore's national flower because it is reflective of our multicultural heritage and is the key inspiration behind this piece.

Artist profile

Nicole Koo is an artist who is fascinated by the natural world. It comes as no surprise then that the Botanic Gardens is her favourite place, where she can spend hours on end, gazing at flowers. A graduate of Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts, Nicole's practice in watercolour captures the beauty of our environment, creating an oasis of calm energy for herself and viewers.

Name of artworks: Towards A Sustainable Future and Love Is In The Air



Artwork: Towards A Sustainable Future



Artwork: Love Is In The Air

Artwork inspiration for *Towards A Sustainable Future*

Commissioned by GIC to commemorate their 40th anniversary, Noah painted a bustling garden filled with colourful floral, fauna and insects. Through his work, he hopes more will appreciate the beauty of nature and come together to protect it so that they can all thrive for a brighter tomorrow.

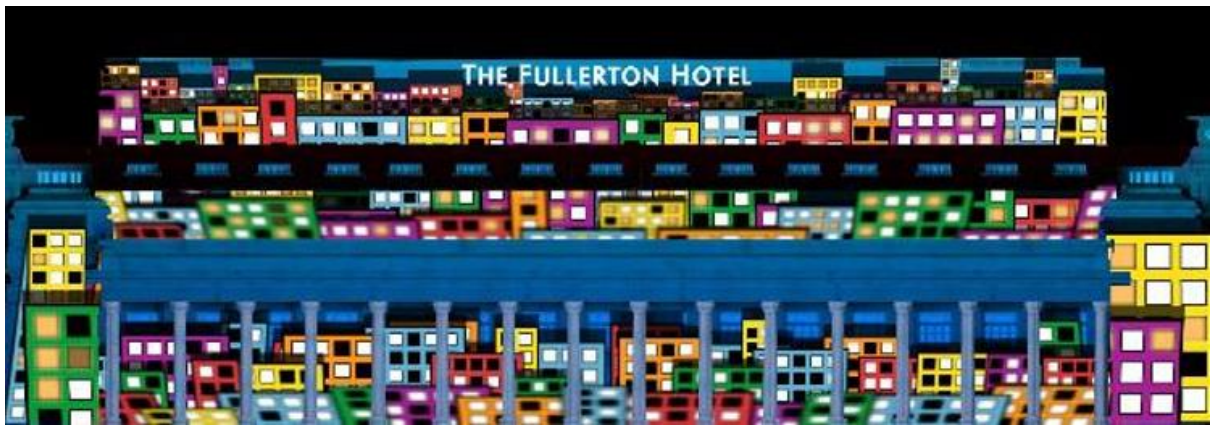
Artwork inspiration for *Love Is In The Air*

Named after the hit by John Paul Young, this painting of overlapping hearts reminds people to treasure the little things in life. With his family by his side and always there supporting him, Noah believes happiness can be found anywhere as long as there is love. We can all thrive when we are surrounded by loved ones who believe in us.

Artist profile

Noah Tan is a young artist known for his bold use of colours, with his paintings often resembling detailed digital designs. Painting has always been the activity that brought him peace and joy ever since he was a little boy. Art is an outlet and a means for Noah to express his emotions and thoughts. For his outstanding potential in the arts and his commitment to community, Noah is a recipient of the Goh Chok Tong Enable Award 2021.

Name of artwork: Peaceful Night



Artwork inspiration

While on a night stroll in her neighbourhood, Zoe wondered what went on behind each lit window. Was a family getting ready to have dinner, or was a young couple settling in for a movie marathon? With each light twinkling like stars in the night sky, Zoe hopes this painting reminds people to always make time for their loved ones.

Artist profile

Zoe Tan's love of art was piqued at an early age when she watched her father paint realistic compositions. Encouraged to be creative, Zoe pursued an academic route that led her to a career as a graphic designer. With formal training in visual language, her works demonstrate a keen awareness of spatial harmony and rhythm.