



RAISING HOPE

Investing in children

Supporting young artists as well as the OCBC-TODAY Children's Fund

SINGAPORE – From Oct 27 to Nov 14, the OCBC-TODAY Children's Fund held an art exhibition at the OCBC Centre Branch showcasing the creative works of eight-year-old Tyler Tan and 15-year-old Dylan Alexander.

These budding artists had offered their artwork for auction with proceeds going to the OCBC-TODAY Children's Fund. Seven paintings have been auctioned, raising a total of S\$10,688. The highest bid of S\$3,000 went to *Eyes of the Sky* by Tyler.

One of the winning bidders is Ms Cynthia Tan, an executive vice-president in a finance institution. She had bid S\$1,000 for Dylan's painting named *The forest hanging high up above the clouds*.

Ms Tan said: "I like the painting because it has a clean and minimalist feel.

The artist had attempted to communicate the theme without making the painting busy and pretentious. It is not easy to use a single colour to create a message."

CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE

Although not an avid art collector, Ms Tan likes art and buying paintings from aspiring artists who have yet to make their mark. She believes it serves as a form of encouragement to the artist.

She said: "The OCBC-TODAY Children's Fund Art Exhibition, themed *Finding Home*, provides young artists with an avenue to express their dreams. The paintings may not be in the league of famous painters yet, but I feel that to know someone likes it enough to bid for it gives



Eyes of the Sky, by Tyler Tan.

PHOTOS: KOH MUI FONG



The forest hanging high up above the clouds, by Dylan Alexander.

these artists the confidence to push on."

In addition, the art collaboration supports the OCBC-TODAY Children's Fund, which appealed to Ms Tan, who said: "If you don't invest in children, how else can you have a future for the nation?"

Mr Chia Boon Khiang, senior director of fund-raising at Singapore Children's Society, said: "Every dollar contributed towards the Fund via the silent auction

will go towards supporting the cost of counselling and therapy to build up our children's self-esteem and empower them to strive towards a better future."

More paintings by Tyler and Dylan are available for auction online.

You can view the paintings and make a bid at <http://ocbctodayfund.sg/art-exhibition>. **PRODUCED BY THE TODAY SPECIAL PROJECTS TEAM**



Splat! by Tyler Tan



Beneficiary



OCBC-TODAY CHILDREN'S FUND ONLINE ART AUCTION

Enter the worlds of two young budding artists and understand how you can help disadvantaged children piece their lives back together. *Finding Home* is a collaboration by Tyler Tan and Dylan Alexander. They are doing their part for children from the Singapore Children's Society by offering their creative works for sale, with all proceeds going to the OCBC-TODAY Children's Fund.

To view the paintings and make a bid, visit <http://ocbctodayfund.sg/art-exhibition>

Your purchase will go a long way to helping children in need. You can also visit www.ocbctodayfund.sg to find out how you can donate directly to this worthy cause.

Get involved TODAY. Thank you for supporting the OCBC-TODAY Children's Fund.