



A WORTHY CAUSE

Food for thought

More than just serving delicious cuisine, E'spuma Lab is a company with heart

SINGAPORE – Several months ago, stories about the OCBC-TODAY Children's Fund in TODAY caught the attention of Mr Andrew Koh, one of the directors at E'spuma Lab. The 29-year-old had also heard about the fund from his friends. After a discussion with the other E'spuma Lab directors, they decided to sponsor the food catering for the launch of the OCBC-TODAY Children's Fund Art Exhibition 2014.

Mr Koh said: "We believe that good food should be available to everyone, and the art exhibition is the perfect platform to share our cuisine while championing this worthy cause."

Launched in March at PoMo, E'spuma Lab aims to make premium and innovative culinary techniques, usually associated with high-end fine dining, available at an

affordable price.

Mr Koh said: "Companies today have to be all-rounded. Besides aiming for business excellence, we are also a company with heart. This sponsorship is E'spuma Lab's first corporate social responsibility initiative, and we intend to continue such efforts on a regular basis."

The OCBC-TODAY Children's Fund appealed to Mr Koh and his partners because it supports the cost of counselling, mentoring and therapy to help children from distressed families rebuild their sense of self-worth and character, and satisfy their emotional needs.

Mr Koh said: "These are imperative in a child's formative years. Children are the future of our society. With the world evolving at a fast pace, equipping



A chef from E'spuma Lab serving the curry chicken with potato espuma at the launch of the OCBC-TODAY Children's Fund Art Exhibition 2014. PHOTO: ERNEST CHUA

these kids with the right values and opportunities at this age is of paramount importance."

The OCBC-TODAY Children's Fund Art Exhibition 2014 showcases the creative works of eight-year-old Tyler Tan and 15-year-old Dylan Alexander. These budding artists have offered their artwork for auction and all proceeds will go to the OCBC-TODAY Children's Fund. The Finding Home silent auction was launched at OCBC Centre Branch on Oct 27.

Guests at the event viewed the unique works of the two artists while enjoying a sumptuous spread by E'spuma Lab,

which was prepared using its key culinary techniques — espuma and sous vide.

Spanish for foam or froth, espuma is a culinary technique in which an espuma siphon is used to infuse air into food, while sous vide is a technique in which food is cooked in a vacuum at a constant temperature, using a thermal circulator.

Dishes at the event included compressed watermelon with seafood and beef rilette with raisins. There were also live stations featuring espuma potato foam with curry chicken as well as sous vide eggs with salmon skin. **PRODUCED BY THE TODAY SPECIAL PROJECTS TEAM**



Splat! by Tyler Tan



Beneficiary



OCBC-TODAY CHILDREN'S FUND ART EXHIBITION 2014

Finding Home is a collaborative exhibition 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. Their artwork will be on display at the OCBC Centre Banking Hall for the public to bid in a silent auction. You can also visit www.ocbctodayfund.sg to find out how you can donate directly to this worthy cause.

Finding Home silent auction
Oct 27 to Nov 14, 2014
OCBC Centre Branch

65 Chulia Street, Singapore 049513

Enter the worlds of two young budding artists and understand how you can help disadvantaged children piece their lives back together. Your purchase goes a long way to helping children in need.

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