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APPENDIX A: Profiles of participating artists in UOB Painting of the Year Art x Fashion showcase

UOB Painting of the Year artists

	<p>Lester Lee: Lester is a multi-disciplinary artist. He graduated from Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts, Singapore and holds a Master of Arts from the University of Huddersfield, United Kingdom. His works have been shown in both solo and group exhibitions in Singapore and overseas. Lester has won many art awards, including the Gold Award, Established Artist Category in 2021 and 2013 UOB Painting of the Year (Singapore), and 1989 Outstanding Artist Award from the Ministry of Communications and Information.</p>
	<p>Khairulddin Wahab: Khairulddin has participated in various local and international group exhibitions since 2010. He graduated with a Bachelor’s degree in Fine Arts from the LASALLE College of the Arts, Singapore in 2014 where he also won the Winston Oh Travel Research Art Award.</p>
	<p>Wong Lip Chin: Lip Chin is trained in printmaking at LASALLE College of the Arts, Singapore and has held many solo and group exhibitions with galleries and museums globally. At present, he is pioneering a neo-Nanyang style to bring about a cultural turn to the local and regional art scene.</p>
	<p>Tan Woon Choor: Woon Choor is a self-taught artist and a designer who spent 20 years in the fashion industry, where he received several design awards before retracing his steps to uncover his artistic interest. He aspires to create art that showcases beauty expressed through the handmade. He hopes to encourage the</p>
	<p>Karina Simon: Karina is a contemporary artist, specialising in photorealistic pencil drawing. She has a Bachelor’s Degree in Fashion and Retailing and worked as a fashion designer. As Karina continues to develop her coloured pencil technique, she decided to pursue an art career in 2019. Her artworks have been showcased in international exhibitions in Italy, France, and Indonesia. In 2021, she received the XIII Florence (Italy) Biennale, Lorenzo il Magnifico, Bronze Award, Drawing Category; and the MUSA International’s Woman Art Award 2022.</p>



JOURNEY artists

	<p>Say Kim Han: The city life in Singapore is a source of fascination for Kim Han, who is diagnosed with intellectual disability. He enjoys jogging and when jogging, Kim Han often thinks of his favourite Singaporean landmarks, such as the Marina Bay Sands and Raffles City. He excels in sketching intricate details in his artwork, reflecting the methodical way he thinks.</p>
	<p>Wong Jun Quan: Jun Quan, who has Down Syndrome, is a huge movie and television series buff. He loves watching action films, especially if they are kung fu related. Passionate about art, Jun Quan sketches in his free time and hones his craft before going to bed every night. Jun Quan also has a keen interest in technology and enjoys drawing IT-related memorabilia, such as computers and smartphones in his artwork.</p>
	<p>Emily Chua: Emily who is diagnosed with Down Syndrome, loves animals, especially cats. Felines hold a special appeal for her as she finds them graceful and mysterious. Emily also enjoys creating art to express her feelings and perspectives. Being exposed to different art forms has helped Emily develop a better appreciation of colours in her art. She hopes her paintings can bring joy to viewers.</p>
	<p>Shennie Yang: Shennie's love for her family and parents are often her inspiration for art. As an artist with intellectual disability, Shennie gravitates toward animals and nature. She enjoys inventing art patterns using the alphabets in her name.</p>
	<p>Natalie Yap: Natalie, who is diagnosed with Down Syndrome, partial hearing and speech impairment, enjoys desserts and baking. As an artist, circles and ovals are the hallmarks of her work due to her fascination with these shapes. Natalie is diagnosed with Down Syndrome, partial hearing impairment, and partial speech.</p>

APPENDIX B: Increase in award amounts for Emerging Artist Category from 2023

Award	New from 2023	Previous
Most Promising Artist of the Year	S\$5,000	US\$3,000 (S\$3,998)
Gold Award	S\$3,500	US\$2,000 (S\$2,665)
Silver Award	S\$2,500	US\$1,500 (S\$1,999)
Bronze Award	S\$1,800	US\$1,000 (S\$1,332)