

Embargoed to 5pm Singapore time, 23 June 2015

Factsheet: 2015 UOB Painting of the Year competition

Year of inauguration: Annual competition in Singapore since 1982*

*Note: UOB started the UOB Painting of the Year competition in Thailand in 2010 and in Malaysia and Indonesia in 2011

Competition objective: To raise the awareness and appreciation of Southeast Asian artists and their artworks

Age restriction: No age restriction

Entry fee: Free

Call for entries: Artists in Singapore who wish to take part in the competition must submit their artwork and entry form between 25 and 27 September 2015, 11am to 5pm daily, at Artspace@Helutrans (39 Keppel Road, #01-05 Tanjong Pagar Distripark, Singapore 089065).

Visit www.uobpoy.com to download the entry forms and for more information. Entry forms are also available at all UOB branches in Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand.

Shortlisted artists in Singapore will be notified by phone by 1 October 2015 and winners will be announced at an awards ceremony in Singapore this November.

Art medium: Paintings in acrylic, batik, Chinese brush, collage, crayon, ink, mixed media, oil, watercolour or any other media are accepted

Criteria for Established Artist Category: Open to experienced professionals with an established portfolio of work. They must have shown their paintings in solo or group exhibitions (excluding school graduation shows); be represented by a gallery; **or**

have achieved recognition through art awards

Criteria for Emerging Artist Category: Open to aspiring artists who are pursuing an arts education; are taking their first steps to a career in art; **or** simply paint for pleasure

Categories and prizes: **Established Artist Category**
UOB Southeast Asian Painting of the Year Award: US\$10,000

UOB Painting of the Year Award*: US\$25,000

Gold Award: US\$10,000

Silver Award: US\$8,000

Bronze Award: US\$5,000

*Note: One of the four UOB Painting of the Year Award country winners from Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand will be selected for a one-month residency programme at the Fukuoka Asian Art Museum. The recipient will be selected through an interview process conducted by the competition judges

Emerging Artist Category

Most Promising Artist of the Year Award: US\$3,000

Gold Award: US\$2,500

Silver Award: US\$1,500

Bronze Award: US\$1,000

Fukuoka Asian Art Museum residency programme: The residency programme enables artists and researchers across 21 countries in Asia to interact with people in Fukuoka via art exchange programmes such as open studios, workshops, performances and lectures

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