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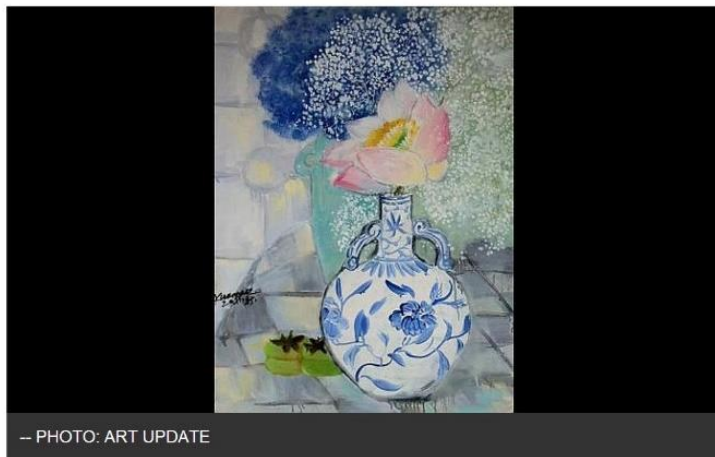
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## Chosen for China's national stamps: Artist Yuan Ye starts exhibition in Singapore



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Chinese painter Yuan Ye – whose paintings were chosen for a set of Chinese national stamps in 2013 – will showcase his art for the first time ever in Singapore. The exhibition will be on view from March 27 until April, 11 at South East Asia's premier urban art gallery 28TH FÉVRIER.

Showing the influences of both European and Asian painters, the artist combines ancient Chinese symbols with light-hearted, vibrant Western colours. Traditional blue-and-white porcelain, bamboo curtains and Chinese calligraphy merge in full harmony with the lightness and liveliness of Western painting.

Gallery director Dominic Khoo was eager to bring the one-of-a-kind artist to Singapore and exclusively owns the Asia distribution rights: "He is the Vincent van Gogh of our time – and the first Chinese artist who combines Western and Chinese art with such natural results. Many works have rarely if ever been shown in public." After a selection of his paintings was chosen for a set of Chinese national stamps – to celebrate his unique ability to represent the growth of modern China's art culture – art collectors were willing to buy Yuan Ye's paintings even before the paints dried.

"His artwork is special and flawless – this is the developing Chinese painting," says the renowned Chinese artist Wu Guanzhong about the flower vases series. Yuan Ye's unique usage of form, structure, texture and colour is a reminiscence of post-impressionism. The artist creatively interprets, reconstructs and deforms his flower vases that epitomize the wisdom of old dynasties. Although the play of brushstroke and colour seems casual, his techniques are carefully arranged and vary from expressive dabs to fine and meaningful lines. Yuan Ye: "An artist must never stop challenging himself to change and improve. The day contentment sets in is the day that artist is done!"

The viewer's familiarity and immediate appreciation is a result of Yuan Ye's outstanding artistic conception. "His art dissipates all negative emotions," says gallery director Khoo about the flower vase series. Yuan Ye creates artworks that are easy to access and have a calming effect on the viewer.

After a private opening event on March 27, the exhibition will be on view from March 28 until April 11. Curated in five linked rooms, the visitors can see the flower vase series alongside well-established international artists at DOMINIC KHOO'S 28TH FÉVRIER. The gallery of former celebrity photographer Dominic Khoo regularly attracts a vibrant crowd and is located in the OOZI Clubhouse, a historical British officer's mansion with a black-and-white façade behind Orchard Road.

**Yuan Ye | March 27 - April 11 (by appointment only)**

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