

The Great Imagination

Tribute to Leonardo da Vinci

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World Youngest Savant Artist

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Back & Front Cover: Divine Annunciation, 2022



details of *Virgin Resonance*, 2022

Curatorial Statement

by WinSon Loh

Welcome to the groundbreaking exhibition, “Da Vinci vs Delwinci,” where we embark on a captivating journey that brings together two exceptional artists from different eras, yet united by their boundless creativity and visionary ideas. Leonardo da Vinci, a legendary Renaissance genius, and Delwin Cheah Wien Loong, a contemporary artist with an extraordinary artistic talent despite being diagnosed with Asperger’s Syndrome, showcase their masterpieces side by side in this remarkable showcase.

Through the ages, Leonardo da Vinci has been celebrated for his ingenuity and brilliance, producing iconic works that have left an indelible mark on the world of art and beyond. His insatiable curiosity and pioneering spirit have been a source of inspiration for countless generations. On the other hand, Delwin Cheah, a young prodigy, defies the odds with his artistic talent, proving that art knows no boundaries and can transcend challenges.

“Da Vinci vs Delwinci” is not just an exhibition of extraordinary artworks but a celebration of the power of art to transcend time and space. It presents an unprecedented dialogue between two artistic giants, allowing visitors to explore the shared themes, innovative techniques, and distinctive styles that define their artistic endeavors.

As you navigate through this extraordinary exhibition, you will witness Da Vinci’s iconic masterpieces, such as the enigmatic Mona Lisa, the profound The Last Supper, and the revolutionary Vitruvian Man, displayed alongside Delwin Cheah’s stunning creations. Delwinci’s artworks, inspired by Da Vinci’s genius, demonstrate his unique artistic lens, known as “Delwinism,” where he merges da Vinci’s visionary ideas with his own contemporary interpretation.

Beyond the juxtaposition of artworks, “Da Vinci vs Delwinci” invites us to reflect on the

power of art in connecting the past and the present. It encourages us to see how artistic inspiration can transcend centuries and cultures, creating a harmonious dialogue between these two exceptional artists.

As you immerse yourself in this extraordinary encounter between Da Vinci and Delwinci, we hope you’ll be inspired by their shared passion for art, their audacity to challenge boundaries, and their ability to transform the world through their creativity. This exhibition serves as a testament to the enduring impact of art and the indomitable human spirit, reminding us that art has the power to inspire, transform, and unite us all. Enjoy this exhilarating journey through time, as Da Vinci meets Delwinci, and their artistic spirits intertwine, leaving an everlasting impression on the canvas of our hearts and minds.



details of *Timeless Battle*, 2022

Delvin Cheah
2022

Artist Statement

Leonardo Da Vinci had always been one of my favourite artists. I love his artworks. I had a chance to see his arts at The Louvre, Paris such as Mona Lisa, Bacchus, and others lately. I love the way of his imagination and the way of how he had painted. I am using my own style “Delwinism” to create another dimension based on his works. I know that this series of my painting which I am paying a tribute to Da Vinci may cause a storm and I am bracing myself for it.



details of *Love & Saint Anne*, 2023



details of *Maria's Redemption*, 2023

List of artworks



Last Supper Unveiled
2022 | acrylic on canvas | 71cm x 122cm



Divine Annunciation

2022 | acrylic on canvas | 71cm x 122cm





Ermine Reimagined
2022 | acrylic on canvas | 71cm x 122cm



Swan's Embrace

2022 | acrylic on canvas | 71cm x 122cm





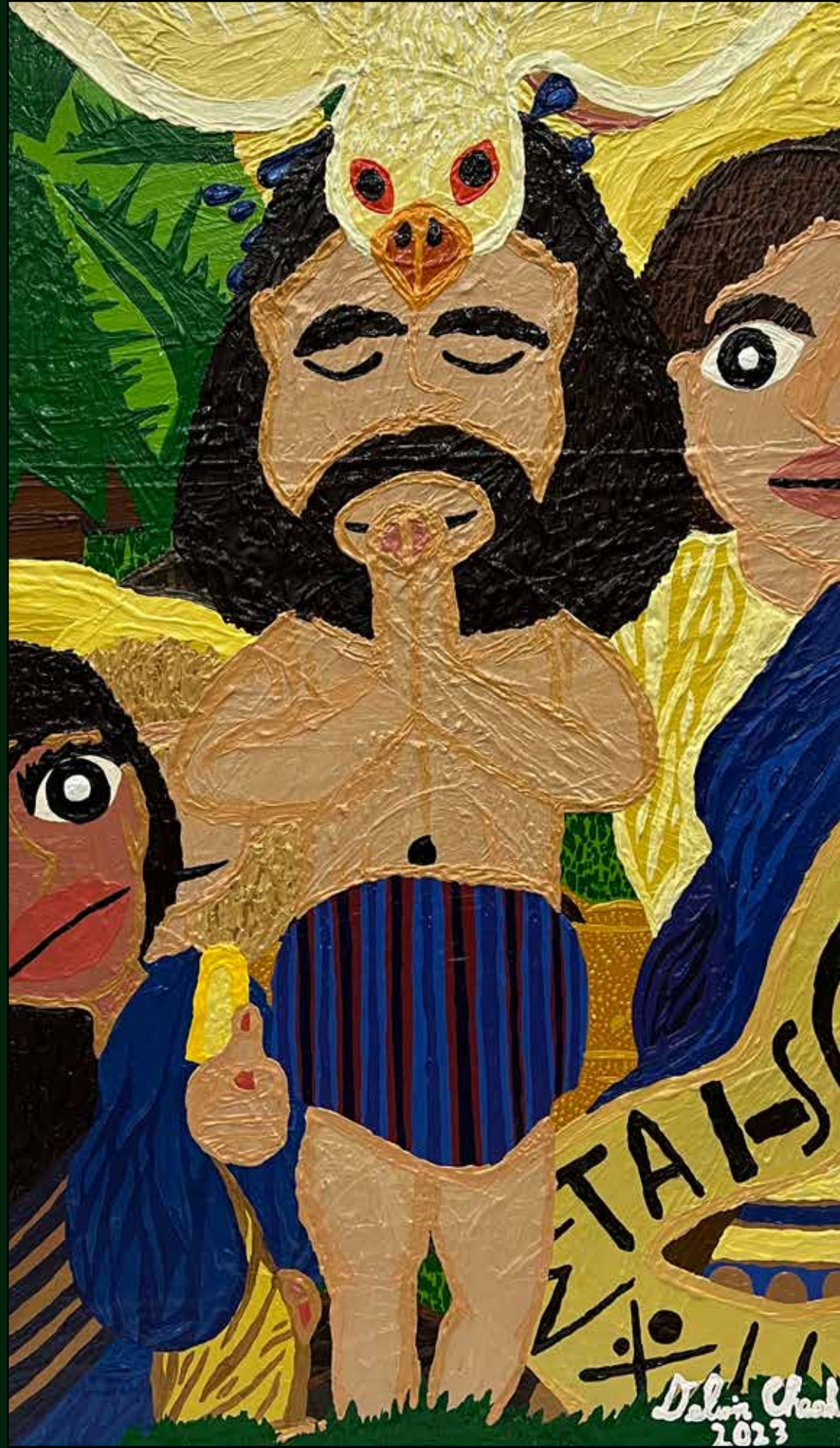
Virgin's Resonance
2022 | acrylic on canvas | 71cm x 122cm



Timeless Battle

2022 | acrylic on canvas | 71cm x 122cm





Baptismal Echoes

2023 | acrylic on canvas | 122cm x 71cm



Maria's Redemption

2023 | acrylic on canvas | 122cm x 71cm





Light of Mundi

2023 | acrylic on canvas | 122cm x 71cm



Bacchus' Revival

2023 | acrylic on canvas | 122cm x 71cm





Love & Saint Anne

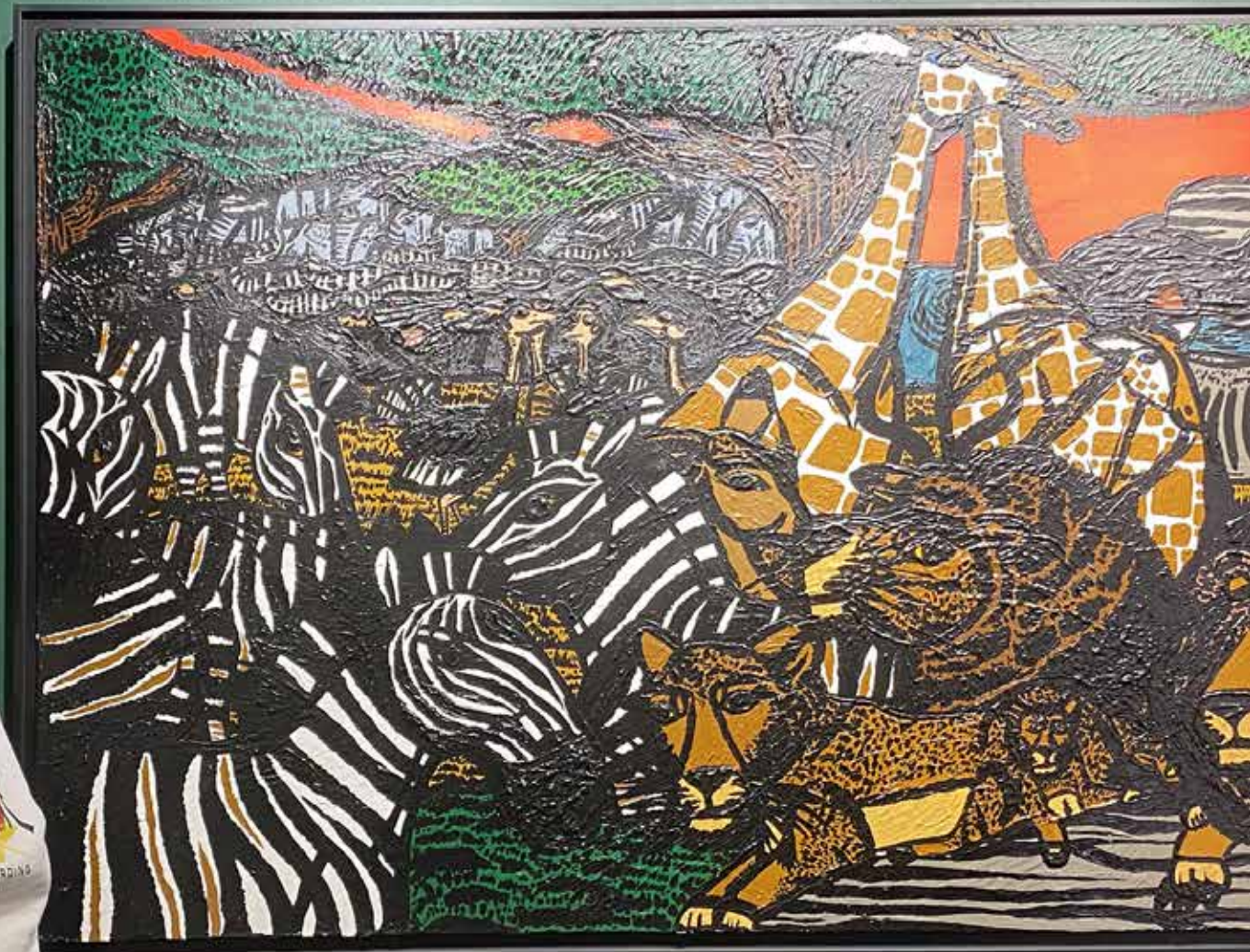
2023 | acrylic on canvas | 122cm x 71cm



Mona: Modern Odyssey

2022 | acrylic on canvas | 122cm x 71cm





Delwin Cheah (b. 2003, Penang, Malaysia)

Meet the extraordinary artist who has created insightful works of art despite being diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome, a form of autism. Despite the challenges posed by this disorder, 20-year-old Delwin Cheah Wien Loong continues to astound his family, friends, and a growing number of admirers. Individuals with Asperger's Syndrome often struggle with social interactions and exhibit rigid and repetitive behavior and thought patterns. However, this has not hindered the Penang-born artist from honing his skills and pursuing his passion for art.

A dreamer at heart, Delwin enjoys sharing his story of resilience and his incredible journey, which began at the tender age of three. By the time he was nine, one of his masterpieces was showcased at the United Nations building in New York as part of the Strokes of Genius Art Exhibition, held in conjunction with World Autism Awareness. Since then, Delwin has held numerous exhibitions, earning him the world record for being the "World's Youngest Savant Artist to Hold Solo Art Exhibition," as recognized by Record Setter, USA. He also holds the titles of "Malaysia's Youngest Artist to Hold a Solo Visual Art Exhibition" and "Malaysia's Most Outstanding Personality in the Art Category" in the Malaysia Book of Records for 2014. Delwin's artwork has been presented to world leaders, and he has received letters of appreciation from President Barack Obama of the United States and Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II of England.

From a young age, Cheah developed a deep love for nature and an awareness of the plight of endangered animals. With his unwavering commitment to wildlife conservation, Delwin collaborated with the Worldwide Fund Malaysia (WWF) to design a limited edition "Malayan Tiger" t-shirt, with the proceeds going towards the largest wildlife conservation organization in the world. Recognizing his contributions, the Malaysian government named him the new icon of Malaysia, or "Ikon Negaraku," at one of its national unity platforms. Alongside his family, he established the HUKU Tigers Awareness movement to raise awareness about the Malayan Tigers among schools and communities.

For Delwin, the purpose of his art lies in capturing the world's beauty. He strives to differentiate himself from other artists by perceiving things differently and daring to paint with his emotions rather than simply learning about them. He expresses, *I believe the world is incredibly beautiful, and I want to share this with everyone through my drawings and paintings.*

Solo Exhibitions

- 2023 “The Great Imagination”, PINKGUY Gallery, Bangsar, Malaysia
- 2022 “Freedom - oxygen of the soul”, PINKGUY Gallery, Bangsar, Malaysia
- 2013 “I can draw”, One East Museum, Penang, Malaysia

Group Exhibitions

- 2016 “Art for Nature”, WWF Malaysia
- 2014 “I M POSSIBLE”, Artemis Art at China House, Penang, Malaysia
Arts Kuala Lumpur - Melbourne : Discover Malaysia Art
Melbourne, Australia
- 2013 Animals’ Kingdom Charity Art Exhibition, Art Malaysia
- 2012 Stroke of Genius Art Exhibition, United Nation Plaza, New York

Awards

- 2017 “Ikon Negaraku”
- 2014 The Most Outstanding Personality (Art Category)
The Malaysia Book of Records
- 2013 The Youngest Artist To Hold Solo Visual Art Exhibition
The Malaysian Book of Records
World Youngest Savant Artist (ASD) to hold a Sold Exhibition
by Record Setter, USA

Videos

Delwin Cheah Solo Exhibition PINKGUY | Curated by WinSon Loh
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tkv6ZWHgJKk>


Delwin Cheah | The Artist’s Journey
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6HcH90iF950>

Delwin Cheah | Journey MV
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yEebTlrRB7M>

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