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Bidding for a cause

Charity art auctions seeks to help the Philippines typhoon victims.

IN a concerted effort to help the victims of Typhoon Haiyan that ravaged much of the Philippines, a group of Malaysian artists and art collectors and enthusiasts alike have joined forces to organise a charity art auction on Dec 5.

Aptly named Artfriends For Haiyan Charity Art Auction (in collaboration with Mercy Malaysia and Henry Butcher), the fundraiser will see some 25 artworks by Malaysian art scene stalwarts like Anurendra Jegadeva, Ahmad Zakii Anwar and Jalaini Abu Hassan.

"What happened was some of us got together with some of the artists and art collectors and decided that we can do something to help out the typhoon victims.

"Some of them have donated their paintings at greatly reduced prices and some have donated their paintings free of charge," said organiser Datin Nariza Hashim Petra, in a recent interview.

The other contributing art-

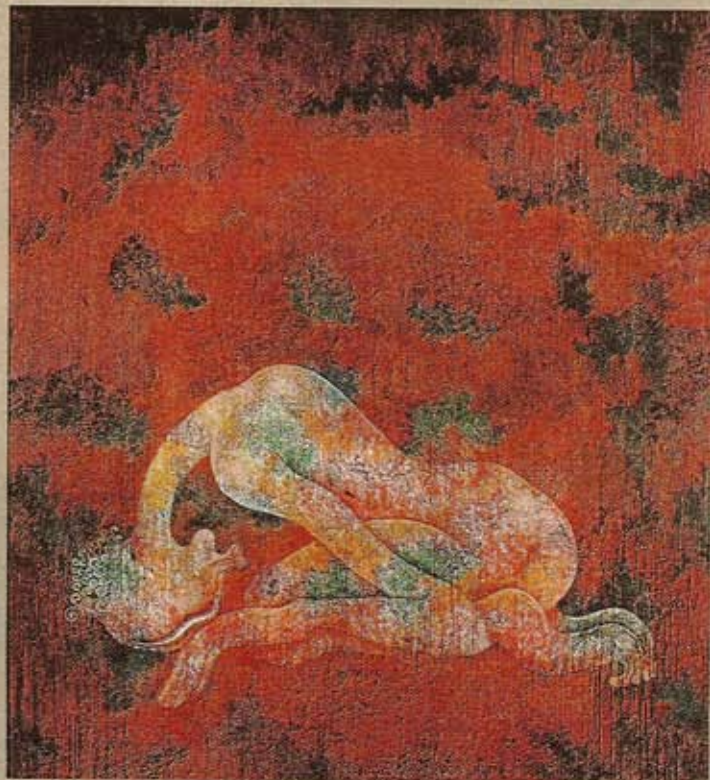
ists are Chong Siew Ying, Syed Thajudeen, Dato' Sharifah Fatimah Zubir, Tajuddin Ismail, Awang Damit, Bayu Utomo, Ahmad Shukri, Hoe Say Yong, Kow Leong Kiang, Ise (Roslisham Ismail) and Shia Yih Ying.

Nariza urged the Malaysian public to visit the auction and "bid for the stunning art pieces from renowned artists for a good cause."

The Artfriends For Haiyan Charity Art Auction will happen at the White Box, Publika Solaris Dutamas, Jalan Solaris Dutamas 1 in Kuala Lumpur on Dec 5. Preview is from 12pm to 7pm. Auction starts at 8pm. For further information, contact Megawati (Mercy Malaysia) 012-212-0608 or Chris Tay (Henry Butcher) 016-298-0852.



Vase And Mangosteen by Ahmad Zakii Anwar



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