



# In Celebrating Mother's Day, Global Art Singapore Once Again Organised Mother's Day Art Contest This Year

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Congratulations to the winners of this contest from our centres.

Top Prize:  
Group D - Andrew Kang Zhe Rui

Best Performance:  
Group A – Dyllis Chong Yi En  
Group B – Choo Shuai Ying  
Lim Yi Xin  
Lau Yu Chen

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## Creativity and Art Education: Why They Matter

Creativity is the ability to generate new and innovative ideas that are relevant to a given problem or situation. Art is a form of expression that uses various media and techniques to communicate these ideas. Creativity and art are closely related, as both involve imagination, experimentation, and originality. Creativity and art education are important for children and adults alike, as they offer many benefits for cognitive, emotional, and social development. Here are some of the reasons why creativity and art education matter:

### Cognitive Development

Art and creativity involve a wide range of skills, such as problem-solving, critical thinking, and decision-making. When children engage in art and creative activities, they develop these skills, which are essential for their academic success and future careers. Art and creativity also foster curiosity, exploration, and discovery, which stimulate the brain and enhance learning. According to a study by Kisida and Bowen<sup>[^3^]</sup>, students who participated in a schoolwide arts education program showed significant improvements in writing achievement, reading comprehension, and mathematics performance compared to students who did not receive the program. The authors suggest that arts education may enhance students' cognitive abilities by exposing them to diverse perspectives, challenging them to express themselves creatively, and providing them with opportunities to practice and apply their skills.



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### Emotional Development

Art and creativity also have a positive impact on emotional development, as they allow children and adults to express their feelings, emotions, and experiences in a safe and constructive way. Art and creativity can help cope with stress, trauma, and negative emotions, as well as enhance self-esteem, confidence, and resilience. According to an article by the Novak Djokovic Foundation<sup>[1]</sup>, art and creativity can also promote happiness and well-being in children and adults. The article states that "art activities stimulate the release of dopamine, a chemical in the brain that influences mood and motivation. Dopamine also helps regulate emotional responses and enables people to take action towards their goals."

### Social Development

Art and creativity also contribute to social development, as they encourage communication, collaboration, and empathy among children and adults. Art and creativity can help bridge cultural, linguistic, and generational gaps, as well as foster respect, tolerance, and appreciation for diversity. Art and creativity can also inspire social change, as they can raise awareness, challenge stereotypes, and empower individuals and communities. According to an article by Bishop et al.<sup>[4]</sup>, adult education can play a key role in facilitating the arts and creativity for social purposes. The authors argue that "adult education can provide spaces for dialogue, reflection, experimentation, learning from others' experiences, developing collective agency, building solidarity networks, mobilizing resources, influencing policy agendas, and creating alternative visions of society."

### Conclusion

Creativity and art education are vital for human development, as they offer multiple benefits for cognitive, emotional, and social growth. Creativity and art education can enhance learning outcomes, foster emotional well-being, and promote social cohesion. Therefore, creativity and art education should be valued and supported in schools and communities as essential components of a well-rounded education.

Source:

- (1) The Benefits of Art and Creativity in Early Childhood Education. <https://novakdjokovicfoundation.org/the-benefits-of-art-and-creativity-in-early-childhood-education>
- (2) Everything You Need to Know About Creativity in the Art Room. <https://theartofeducation.edu/2018/06/everything-you-need-to-know-about-creativity-in-the-art-room>
- (3) New evidence of the benefits of arts education - Brookings. <https://www.brookings.edu/blog/brown-center-chalkboard/2019/02/12/new-evidence-of-the-benefits-of-arts-education/>
- (4) Full article: Adult education, the arts and creativity - Taylor & Francis. <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/02660830.2021.1960613>.

## Congratulations to Global Art Singapore for Winning the 2023 Parent's Choice Awards for Best Arts & Craft Enrichment Centre

May 2023

### Young Artists of the Month

WAN SEE MAN CLARISSA  
JAYDEN ANG KAI CONG  
ONG LI WEN

JAYVEN YONG JIN LONG  
PHOON YONG QING  
ISABELLE LIM YEN XIN

Congratulations to our May 2023 Young Artists of the Month. They are selected based on their efforts, attitude and commitment towards learning art.





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### WAN SEE MAN CLARISSA

11 years old. Joined in 2021 Jan.

-Pre-basic to Acrylic Junior now

-From the paintings, one can discern that Clarissa is a meticulous and tidy individual, exemplifying a love for cleanliness.

-Her compositions are rich and brimming with vibrant colors, showcasing a vivid imagination.

She exhibits a genuine curiosity and enthusiasm for exploring new concepts, which adds an element of joy and interest to her artistic endeavors.

-Group B Platinum Winner in 2021 Global Art Bedok, Hougang and Yishun Facebook Colouring Contest

- Score of 82 (A grade) Basic 1 in October 2022 International Grading Examination.



### JAYDEN ANG KAI CONG

10 years old. Joined in 2018 Jun.

- Jayden's artworks are characterized by bold and smooth lines, vibrant colors, and a distinct reflection of his personality.

- Both the shape and color choices reveal a unique and individualistic style.

- His imagination is remarkable, demonstrating a clever and subtle wit. With each fluttering brushstroke, the entire picture comes to life, filled with captivating energy.

- Group B GOLD Winner in 2021 Global Art Bedok, Hougang and Yishun Facebook Colouring Contest

- Score of 81 (A grade) Foundation 1- Foundation 3 in October 2022 Grading Examination



### ONG LI WEN

- 11 years old. Joined in 2019 Apr.

- Li Wen's progress is fast, with a serious approach to painting.

- Each delicate brushstroke reflects her unique aura, evident in every meticulous color choice.

- Her desire to learn shines through her careful artwork, leaving a truly awe-inspiring impression.

-Group B SLIVER Winner in 2021 Global Art Bedok, Hougang and Yishun Facebook Colouring Contest

-Score of 80 (A grade) Foundation 1- Foundation 3 in October 2022 Global Art International Grading Examination.



### JAYVENYONG JIN LONG

• Joined in 2019 May, 8 years old.

• From Junior 1 to Pre-Basic now.

• Jayven is a delightful young boy, radiating cheerfulness wherever he goes. His artwork showcases a distinct and unmistakable style, truly embodying his artistic identity

• Despite his buoyant nature, he displays a remarkable level of seriousness and dedication when it comes to his work.

• With unwavering confidence, he approaches his creations, resulting in remarkably unique and extraordinary pieces.

• 2022 Global Art Yishun In-House Competition Group B 3rd runner up

• Group A SLIVER Winner in 2021 Global Art Bedok, Hougang and Yishun Facebook Colouring Contest



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### PHOON YONG QING

- Joined in 2019 December, 7 years old.
- From Junior 1 to Foundation 2 now.
- Yong Qing is an exuberant student, always embracing a positive attitude towards learning. She takes delight in expressing her ideas through her artwork.
- Her painting style leans towards a charming and adorable aesthetic, often incorporating vibrant and playful colors.
- 2022 Global Art Yishun In-House Competition Group A 2nd runner-up
- Group A SILVER Winner in 2021 Global Art Bedok, Hougang and Yishun Facebook Colouring Contest

### ISABELLE LIM YEN XIN

- 6 years old. Joined in 2020 Nov.
- With an exceptional learning attitude, Isabelle diligently listens to the teacher's instructions and invests great effort into every artwork.
- Her unwavering dedication is evident as she consistently showcases a strong work ethic.
- During competitions, she exudes confidence, impressing others with her remarkable artwork.
- 2022 Global Art Bedok In-House Competition Group A 2nd runner-up
- 2022 Global Art Singapore National Art Competition 5th Runner-up.

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## School Holiday Programmes

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