

# UOL X ART:DIS ART PRIZE 2025

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## OPEN CALL

submission of entries  
deadline: 28 July 2025

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## UOL AND ART:DIS LAUNCH SECOND ART PRIZE FOR ALL ARTISTS WITH DISABILITIES IN SINGAPORE

- *Top prize of \$20,000 and solo exhibition to spotlight artistic excellence*
- *Winning works to go on roving exhibitions at UOL properties and Punggol Regional Library*
- *Submissions for UOL X ART:DIS Art Prize open until 28 July*

**Singapore, 7 May 2025** – UOL Group Limited (UOL) and ART:DIS (Arts & Disability) Singapore have launched the second edition of the UOL X ART:DIS Art Prize, Singapore's first comprehensive art prize that recognises all stages of artistic practice by artists with disabilities.

Jointly organised by UOL and ART:DIS, the competition platform builds on the success of the inaugural launch in May 2023, recognising talented artists with disabilities and providing them with opportunities to deepen their artistic practice, gain public recognition and expand market exposure.

To better reflect UOL and ART:DIS' shared commitment to inclusivity, empowerment and community engagement through the arts, the art prize broadens its reach this year and is now open to all artists with disabilities in Singapore.

This year's competition offers a total prize pool of \$52,000, a significant increase from \$28,500 in 2023, with the winner receiving \$20,000 and the opportunity to hold a solo exhibition, further elevating their profile.

Besides the top prize, other awards include \$8,000 for the first runner-up and \$5,000 for

the second runner-up. Special awards will be presented to outstanding entries in the following categories – Senior (60 years old and above), Youth (13-18 years old) and Child (6-12 years old). In addition, a partner award will be given to an outstanding entry from any category. Highly commended artists will also be recognised. All winners will receive a one-year scholarship for art classes of their choice at ART:DIS.

UOL Group Chief Executive Liam Wee Sin said: “At UOL, we envision art as a meaningful way for artists with disabilities to discover their artistic creativity and capability, and even to celebrate their unique perspectives and insights in the world of art.

“This year, our partnership with ART:DIS continues to expand. Building on the success of the inaugural UOL X ART:DIS prize, we are opening more venues for the achievements of artists with disabilities to be recognised and supported across society. Through this collaboration with ART:DIS, we aim to foster a more inclusive and compassionate culture that opens doors and changes lives.”

Executive Director of ART:DIS Angela Tan said: “We are encouraged by the growing momentum of support for artists with disabilities in Singapore, with dedicated platforms like the UOL X ART:DIS Art Prize to recognise them and establish talent pathways in the arts. We hope the art prize will serve as a catalyst to elevate the visibility of these exceptional artists and create new opportunities to advance their professional careers.”

All shortlisted entries will be showcased in a public exhibition at ION Art Gallery from 4 to 14 September 2025.

Following the main exhibition, selected works will travel to multiple UOL-owned properties and a public library across Singapore as part of a roving exhibition, including United Square, Velocity@Novena Square, KINEX, PARKROYAL on Beach Road and Punggol Regional Library.

The UOL X ART:DIS Art Prize continues to serve as a springboard for artists with disabilities, enabling them to gain professional development opportunities, reach new audiences and inspire others through their work.

Fern Wong, winner of the inaugural edition, went on to stage a solo retrospective exhibition that showcased about 40 works from her practice spanning over two decades. She will also be featured in the 2025 Gallery Children’s Biennale by National Gallery Singapore,

where children can interact with a large-scale artwork inspired by her intricate paper-cut artworks. Other merit award winners, such as Abraham Koh and Noah Tan, have gone on to receive mentorship opportunities from professional artists Tang Ling-Nah and Leo Liu respectively, debuting new works that pushed the boundaries of their practice in a group exhibition during Singapore Art Week 2025.

UOL has been a strong advocate for inclusive arts since 2014, supporting ART:DIS through various initiatives, including purchasing their artists' works to display at its residential showflats and sponsorship of exhibition spaces at its retail malls and hotels.

Submissions for the UOL X ART:DIS Art Prize 2025 are now open and will close on 28 July. Interested participants can find more information, including submission guidelines at: [www.artdis.org.sg/uolxartdis-artprize2025](http://www.artdis.org.sg/uolxartdis-artprize2025).

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UOL has won numerous accolades including Distinguished Patron of the Arts Award by National Arts Council, Champions of Good by National Volunteer & Philanthropy Centre, Sustainability Impact Awards by The Business Times and UOB, Community Chest Awards, the Building and Construction Authority Quality Excellence Award, Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat Awards, and FIABCI Prix d’Excellence Award.

### **About ART:DIS (Singapore) Ltd**

Formerly known as Very Special Arts Singapore, ART:DIS is a non-profit organisation established in 1993, championing the learning and livelihood opportunities for persons with disabilities (PwDs) in and through the arts.

We provide a wide range of programmes to enable PwDs to develop their artistic interests, grow their self-confidence and engage them as active members of a supported community, outside of and beyond formal education.

Our parallel professional development pathways further supports sustainable & meaningful impact for PwDs to gain work experience, empowering them to live independently in the community.

At ART:DIS, we value the unique strengths and perspectives of persons with disabilities and believe the arts offers us a lens to understand who they are, to connect with and to experience the world together.

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<b>Factsheet on UOL X ART:DIS Art Prize 2025</b>	
Background	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jointly organised by UOL Group Limited and ART:DIS (Arts &amp; Disability) Singapore</li> <li>• Singapore’s first comprehensive art prize recognising all stages of artistic practice by artists with disabilities</li> <li>• Builds on the success of the inaugural edition launched in 2023</li> </ul>
Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Celebrates the artistic excellence and unique perspectives of artists with disabilities in Singapore</li> <li>• Provides a platform for public visibility, professional development and market exposure</li> <li>• Promotes diversity in the arts and encourages a more inclusive and compassionate society</li> </ul>
Eligibility	Open to all Singaporean/PR individuals with disabilities in Singapore aged six and above
Prizes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Art Prize Winners (19 years old and above)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Winner: Cash Prize of \$20,000 and a solo exhibition</li> <li>◦ 1st Runner-Up: Cash Prize of \$8,000</li> <li>◦ 2nd Runner-Up: Cash Prize of \$5,000</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Special Awards</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Senior Artist (60 years old and above): \$3,000</li> <li>◦ Youth Artist (13–18 years old): \$3,000</li> <li>◦ Child Artist (6–12 years old): \$1,000</li> <li>◦ Partner Award: \$4,000 (across all categories)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Highly Commended</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Up to 10 artists: \$800 each (across all categories)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>All winners will also receive a one-year scholarship for art classes of their choice at ART:DIS</p>
Exhibitions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shortlisted artworks will be exhibited at ION Art Gallery from 4 to 14 September 2025</li> <li>• Selected works will feature in a roving exhibition across UOL properties and a public library, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– United Square</li> <li>– Velocity@Novena Square</li> <li>– KINEX</li> <li>– PARKROYAL on Beach Road</li> <li>– Punggol Regional Library</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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