

# J.A. Tan

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## EDUCATION

- 2010 Bachelor of Fine Arts  
Emily Carr University of Art and Design, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 2006 Certificate of Fine Arts  
St. Scholastica's College, Manila, Philippines
- 2004 High School Diploma  
Donum Dei Academy, Manila, Philippines

## EXHIBITIONS:

- 2019 Mainly Mozart Festival, "Finding your Inner MozArt", 31 May - 02 June 2019, San Diego, USA (group show)
- 2017 "Find Your Happy Place", 05 November - 30 November 2017, Aphrodite Organic Cafe, Vancouver, B.C. Canada ( solo show)
- 2016 " FAAB Fashion Arts Benefit", 03 April 2017 - 07 April 2017, United Nations and New York Philippine Consulate, New York City, U.S.A (group show)
- " Amazing Journeys - Part 2", 18 January 2016 - 23 January 2016, Medical City Lobby, Manila, Philippines ( solo show)
- 2015 "*Amazing Journeys*", 02 December 2015 - 01 February 2016, Hycroft Gallery, Vancouver, B.C. Canada ( two artist show)
- "*Beijing International Art of Autism Exhibit*", 21 August - 23 August, 2015, Beijing, China (group show)
- "*Art for Autism*", *Pan American Arts Project*, Miami, Florida, USA, 24 July 2015 (gfaaroup show)
- 2014 "*So This is Canada*": *a Juried Art Exhibition of Impressions of Canada*, International Arts Gallery, Vancouver, B.C. Canada, 03 May - 14 May 2014
- "*Painted Stories*", Gallery Nine, Quezon City, Philippines (solo exhibition)
- 2013 *Earth: the Annual Juried "Discovery" Exhibition for New and Emerging Artists*, Seymour Art Gallery, North Vancouver, B.C., Canada, 08 January 2013 - 02 February 2013

- “...On and On... Step by Step...” *The Art of J.A. Tan*, ArtistSpace, Ayala Museum, Makati City, Philippines (solo exhibition)
- “Glaxo Smith Annual Art Exhibit”, GSK Headquarters, London, England, March 2013 (group show)
- “United Kingdom Autism Trust Exhibit”, London, England, March 2013 - present, (group show)
- 2012 “J.A. Tan: A Sneak Peek”, Kimera, Orange County, L.A. (solo exhibition).
- Sketchbook Project 2012*, Brooklyn Art Library, Call # 154.18-6.
- 3rd Annual Generation One Juried Art Exhibition*, International Arts Gallery, Vancouver, B.C. Canada
- 2011 *2nd Annual Generation One Juried Art Exhibition*, Irving K. Barber Center, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C. Canada
- An Art Studio Open House* (solo exhibition), Salt Water Studios, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 2010 *Piece by Piece...A Selection of My Personal Best*, ArtistSpace, Ayala Museum, Makati City, Philippines (solo exhibition)
- Connect: Our Community, Our Art, Our Show*: a juried art exhibition Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 2009 *Autism and My Art*, Monarch House, Burnaby, BC, Canada (ongoing solo exhibition)
- Seeing You, Seeing Me: Contemporary Portraiture*, Manila Contemporary Gallery, Makati City, Philippines
- 2007 *Foundation Show*, Concourse Gallery, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 2006 *Moving... Forward*, Oakwood Hotel, Makati, Philippines (solo exhibition)

#### **AWARDS:**

- 2020 Honorable Mention, “Lighthouse Inspiration #2”, acrylic on canvas, 24” x 36”, Gallery Ring, online competition, May 2020.
- Finalist, “United Together”, mixed media acrylic on canvas, 30” x 24”, Gallery Ring, online competition, April 2020.
- 2019 Honorable mention, “ Rice Fields”, acrylic on canvas, 24” x 36”, Gallery Ring, online competition, December, 2019.
- 2019 Second prize, “First Movement”, acrylic on mixed media, 30” x 24”, Finding your Inner MozArt, San Diego, USA, 30 May 2019.
- 2018 One of 4 artists chosen from around the world to animate their art used in the film “The State of Being/ In my Head and Heart”, produced by University of Exeter, U.K., 2018.

- 2012 Artwork *"Victory"* selected as one of eight designs for the United Nations Postal Administration stamps for Autism Awareness released 02 April 2012.
- 2011 First prize, *"Coming into Fall"*, mixed media on canvas, Budding Picasso Art Competition, Autism Community Training, Vancouver, B.C. Canada, August 2011.
- People's Choice Award 2011, *"The Forest Again"*, acrylic on canvas, Generation One Art Exhibition, Irving K. Barber Centre, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, May 2011

### COMMISSIONS:

- 2014 -  
present: Private commissions, Vancouver, B.C. Canada
- 2013 Private commissions, Vancouver, B.C. Canada
- 2012 Private commissions, Vancouver, B.C. Canada and Manila, Philippines
- 2011 Private commissions, Vancouver, B.C. Canada and Manila, Philippines
- 2010 Private commissions, Vancouver, B.C. Canada  
Bank of Singapore, International Private Banking Philippine Representative Office,  
Makati City, Philippines
- 2009 Private commissions, Makati City, Philippines
- 2007 Papillon Restaurant, Manila, Philippines

### BIBLIOGRAPHY:

- 2017 Illustrator for "Social Skills Handbook for Autism", written by C. Pascuas, published by Edx Autism Publishing ([www.autismhandbooks.com](http://www.autismhandbooks.com)), 2017
- 2015 "2016 Calendar of International Artists", The Art of Autism, Fallbrook, California, USA, July : "Throwing a Party".
- "2016 Calendar", University of New Hampshire, Institute of Disability, New Hampshire, USA, December.
- 2014 "J.A. Tan: Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man", Reyes, Cid, Art+ Contemporary Art Philippines, Issue #34, September 2014, 37.
- 2012 "A Philippine Pride Issue: Outstanding Filipinos Make a Nation Great", Philippine Airlines "Mabuhay" In-flight Magazine, June 2012, 94.
- Philatelic Bulletin*, United Nations Postal Administration, April 2012, 7.

- "THE ART of autism: Shifting Perceptions"*, Hosseini, Debra, 2012, 4, 100-101.
- "J.A. Tan's art to grace United Nations autism stamp"*, Smith, Janet, The Georgia Straight, 09 April 2012.
- "Filipino's artwork chosen for UN postage stamp"*, Manarang, Didi, The Philippine Star, 17 March 2012, I-3.
- "Filipino Artist with Autism Wins UN Stamp Design for WAAD"*, Koe, Dang, Manila Bulletin, 26 March 2012.
- "United Nations Announces Autism Awareness Stamps for World Autism Day April 2"*, Hosseini, Debra, Santa Barbara Autistic Art Examiner, 02 March 2012
- 2011 *"J.A. Tan and His World of Shapes and Colors"*, Victoria, Wilfred, Living Today Filipino Canadian Magazine, June 2011, 21 - 23.
- "The Art of Autism: Shattering Seven Myths through the Voices and Art of Those on the Spectrum"*, Hosseini, Debra, 2011, 55 – 57.
- 2010 *"Uninhabiting Silence"*, Velasquez, Winnie. Contemporary Art Philippines. September-October 2010, 24.
- "Impressive Showcase of Autistic Art"*, Reyes, Cid. Philippine Daily Inquirer, 13 September 2010, D1 – D2.
- "Piece by Piece"*, Acosta, Carmencita. Expat Newspaper, 07 August 2010, 15.
- "Gigantism, Autism, Literature and Art"*, Yuson, Alfred. The Philippine Star, 26 July 2010, H3-H4.
- "Visions of J.A. Tan's World, Piece by Piece"*, Manarang, Didi. The Philippine Star, 12 July 2010, E2.
- 2008 *"Special Deeds Children"*, The Washington Times. 27 July 2008.

#### **OTHER ACTIVITIES:**

#### **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS:**

- 2015 *Keynote speaker, "Breaking Boundaries", Manulife Philippines, Sales Kick-off Ceremony, 21 January 2015*
- 2014 *Artist Talk & Interactive Demonstration, "Painted Stories", SM Aura, Metro Manila Philippines, 16 March 2014*
- 2013 *Artist Talk, "...On and on... Step by Step...", ArtistSpace, Ayala Museum, Makati, Philippines, 21 August 2013*
- Keynote Speaker, "A Part of...not Apart", International Association of Special Education Biennial Convention, 07-11 July 2013, Vancouver, B.C. Canada*

2011 *Keynote Speaker, "Painturas...Inside Out", The 3rd Biennial Autism Vancouver Biomedical & Behavioral Congress, Vancouver Convention Center, Vancouver, B.C. Canada 09 April 2011*

2010 *Artist Talk, "Piece by Piece", ArtistSpace, Ayala Museum, Makati, Philippines, 23 July 2010*

#### **SPORTS:**

2016 *Gold Medalist, Para-Taekwondo Games, Sirota's Alchymy, Richmond, B.C. Canada, 28 February 2016*

2015 *Bronze Medalist, B.C. (British Columbia) Taekwondo Championships, Capilano University, North Vancouver, B.C. Canada, 08 March 2015*

2014 *Bronze Medalist, B.C. (British Columbia) Master's Cup Taekwondo Championships, Capilano University, North Vancouver, B.C. Canada, 01 November 2014*

2013 *Gold Medalist, Para- Taekwondo, Intermediate Division (below 29 years old), 2013 Canadian National Taekwondo Championships, 09 - 13 January 2013, Vancouver, B.C. Canada*