KLAS ART AUCTION SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2023

KLAS, 150, JALAN MAAROF BANGSAR, 59200 KUALA LUMPUR.

rt auctions are exciting events that showcase some of the world's most unique and valuable works of art. These auctions provide a platform for collectors and art enthusiasts to bid on rare and iconic pieces, often fetching record-breaking prices. With each auction, there is an air of anticipation and excitement as the bids escalate, and the final result often captures headlines around the world. Whether it's a modern masterpiece or a timeless classic, the outcome of an art auction can be a fascinating reflection of our society's evolving tastes and values.

KLAS hosted its inaugural auction for the year at KL Lifestyle Art Space in 150, Jalan Maarof Bangsar, on March 5, 2023. Following the success of KLAS' art auctions in 2022, this auction kicked off to a brilliant start and set the tone for the new year. There were a total of 77 lots of varied artworks from both established and emerging artists of the local and international spheres on boisterous display. The auction was a resounding success, with many artworks selling for prices that exceeded their estimates.

The champion of the auction was undoubtedly the 'Balinese Procession, 1980's', a stunning watercolour on paper work by Lee Man Fong, that depicted the artist's affinity for Bali and their way of life. This 102 x 200 cm piece was snagged at a whopping RM117,600 after competitive bidding. Another artist whose work emerged victorious was Ong Kim Seng's 'Heart of Kathmandu - Nepal Series, 1994', an en plein air painting boasting masterful strokes and immaculate detailing, sold for RM123,200 to a lucky bidder.

The momentum was followed by venerable artist Chen Wen Hsi and his favourite subjects — 'Two Gibbons', a Chinese ink and watercolour on paper piece that showcased the artist's various brushstrokes in creating a three-dimensional quality fetched a sum of RM59,360. The late Khalil Ibrahim had a fascination with the human body and it resulted in the 'Form XXIII, 2000', an acrylic on canvas painting that was sold for RM 56,000 after a spirited bidding war.

Trailing closely behind was Father of Batik Painting, Dato Chuah Thean Teng's endearing 'Mother and Child (Durian Seller), 1970's', which was sold for RM50,400. From the Asian sphere, the next contender, Paritosh Sen's painting entitled 'Ragini Asavari', depicting a mesmerising ascetic woman in the woods fetched a respectable RM 31,920.



Chuah Thean Teng, Dato Mother and Child (Durian Seller), 1970's Batik Chinese ink and watercolour on paper 89 x 61 cm SOLD RM 50,400 Another notable sale was the master of enigma, Khoo Sui Hoe's 'Two Standing Between Leaves, Jan 1979' — a piece that underlay peace as its revolving theme. This piece was sold for RM20,160. The revelry continued with another entry by Ong Kim Seng — his 'Om Mani Padme Hum! (Jewel in the Heart of the Lotus) - Nepal Series, 1980', a favourite among his enthusiasts, fetched the price of RM20,160.

After nearly three hours of bidding for incredible artworks, the auction finally drew to a close and guests were then invited to some refreshments. KL Lifestyle Art Space has been a leading art institution in Malaysia for many years, with a focus on promoting contemporary art from Southeast Asia. The auction was a testament to their commitment to showcasing the best of the region's art, and to their ability to attract top collectors and enthusiasts.

Art collectors and interested buyers are welcomed to visit KLAS PLUS @ 150 Jalan Maarof, and its website at www. kl-lifestyle.com.my for the latest news. For any enquiries, please contact Nik at 019 333 7668 or the office at 013 361 2668. You can also send your requests to info@ mediate.com.my



Paritosh Sen Ragini Asavari, 1961 Oil on panel 90 x 60 cm SOLD RM 31,920



Lee Man Fong Balinese Procession,1980's watercolour on paper 102 x 200 cm SOLD RM 117,600

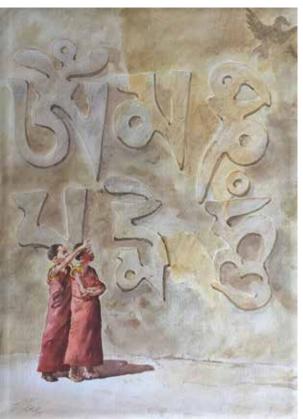


Ong Kim Seng Heart of Kathmandu - Nepal Series, 1994 Acrylic on canvas 130 x 180 cm SOLD RM 123,200



Chen Wen Hsi Two Gibbons Chinese ink and watercolour on paper 33 x 44 cm SOLD RM 59,360

> Chuah Thean Teng, Dato Bullock Cart Carriage, 1970's Batik 89 x 61 cm SOLD RM 19,600



Ong Kim Seng Om Mani Padme Hum! (Jewel in the Heart of the Lotus) - Nepal Series, 1980 Ink and colour on paper 73 x 53.5 cm SOLD RM 20,160





 Tay Chee Toh

 Together, 1968

 Gouache on paper

 46 x 95 cm

 SOLD RM 15,120



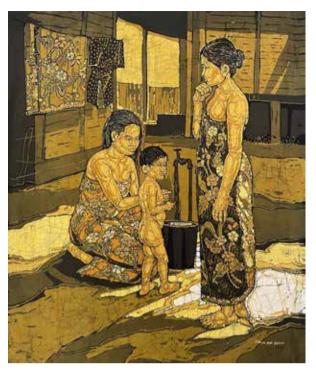
Khalil Ibrahim Form XXIII, 2000 Acrylic on canvas 95 x 99 cm **SOLD RM 56,000**



Khalil Ibrahim East Coast Fishermen, 1988 Watercolour on paper 25 x 33.5 cm SOLD RM 6,160



Seah Kim Joo Fisherman with Bounty, 1970 Oil on board 96 x 60 cm SOLD RM 11,200



Ismail Mat Hussin Mandi Bersama Ibu, 2004 Batik 90 x 76 cm SOLD RM 12,000





Laxman Pai Sunset Waves, 1977 Oil on canvas 86 x 76 cm RM 11,760

Seah Kim Joo Fisherfolks, 1974 Batik 90 x 60 cm **RM 12,320**



Lee Man Fong Balinese Procession,1980's watercolour on paper 102 x 200 cm SOLD RM 117,600



Khoo Sui Hoe Two Standing Between Leaves, Jan 1979 Acrylic on canvas 74 x 88 cm SOLD RM 20,160