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OVER 2.8 MILLION RAISED IN RECORD-BREAKING NATIONAL GALLERY SINGAPORE GALA 2025

The milestone gala rallied support to advance the Gallery's mission in shaping a thoughtful and inclusive future in the arts



Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry, Mr Gan Kim Yong, delivering his address at the Gallery Gala 2025

SINGAPORE, 14 September 2025 – National Gallery Singapore's **Gallery Gala 2025: A Decade of Imagination** raised a record of over **S\$2.8 million** on Saturday night, the highest fundraising total in the Gallery's history. The funds will advance the Gallery's mission of making art accessible to all – from enabling new exhibitions, deepening curatorial research, and expanding programmes that engage children, seniors, and underserved communities.

Bringing together more than 300 guests from Singapore's arts, business and philanthropic circles, the Gala – a biennial fundraising mainstay – was held as part of the Gallery's 10th anniversary celebrations. The event was graced by **Guest of Honour, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister**

for Trade and Industry, Mr Gan Kim Yong, who spoke on the importance of philanthropic support in sustaining and growing the arts.

Mr Peter Ho, Chairman of National Gallery Singapore, addressed the Gallery's beginnings and said in his welcome address, "Ten years ago, we opened our doors with a bold vision: to create a People's Museum where art belongs to everyone. Tonight, we celebrate not just a milestone, but a dream realised together. What started as Singapore's home for modern Southeast Asian art has blossomed into something even more ambitious. We now champion both modern and contemporary artists across our region, holding the world's largest public collection of modern art from Singapore and Southeast Asia."

Speaking on the theme of the Gala, Dr Eugene Tan, CEO and Director of National Gallery Singapore, said, "A Decade of Imagination reflects our recognition that the next ten years demand fresh perspectives. We must refresh our approaches, reinvent our programming, and reimagine how we connect with evolving audience expectations whilst maintaining our commitment to making art accessible to all. The proceeds from this gala will directly support our curatorial research, international exhibitions, and community access programmes."



Guest of Honour Mr Gan Kim Yong with National Gallery Singapore Senior Management and Gallery Gala 2025 Steering Committee members (Front row, from left: Assistant CEO, Marketing and Development and Co-Chair Aun Koh, Co-Chair Jazz Chong, Chairman of National Gallery Singapore Peter Ho, CEO and Director of National Gallery Singapore Dr Eugene Tan, and Co-Chair Lee Woon Shiu. Back row, from left: Albert Lee, Ho Kheng Lian, Celeste Basapa, Layla Pi, Wendy Long, Willabelle Ong, Vir Kotak, and Jason Ong)

Mr Aun Koh, Gala Co-Chair, said on behalf of the Gala's Steering Committee, "We want to thank everyone who came together – our committee members, volunteers, and supporters who dedicated their time, resources, and networks – to make this milestone evening possible. With everyone's generosity, we raised an incredible S\$2.8 million, a powerful reminder of what can be achieved when we come together to champion the value of art. Their passion is what makes the Gallery's mission come alive, inspiring connections across generations and communities."

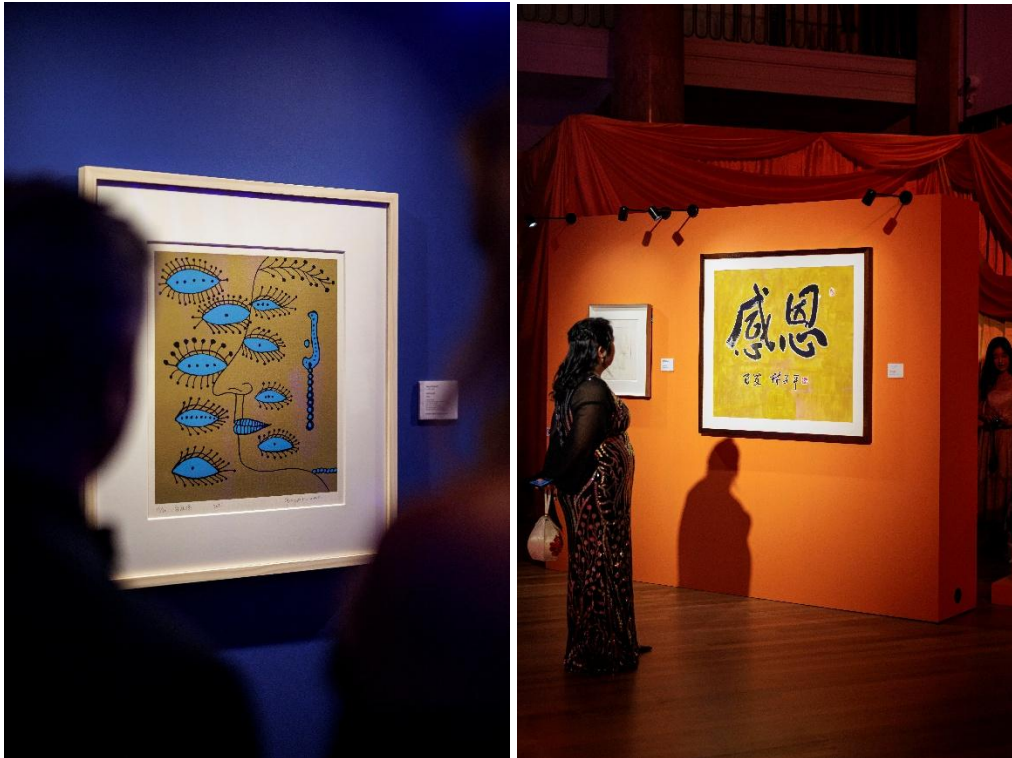
Celebrating the art of giving: key highlights of the Gallery Gala



Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry, Mr Gan Kim Yong, speaking to artist Li Huayi in front of his artwork Pine Breezes in Golden Glow II, which he jointly contributed with the Kwai Fung Hin Art Gallery for the Gala Auction



Gallery Gala guests bidding for lots during the Sotheby's-managed auction



Left: Self Portrait by Yayoi Kusama; and right: Gratitude by Lim Tze Peng on display at the Gallery Gala's auction

The evening's highlight was the Sotheby's-managed auction featuring close to **90 rare artworks and luxury experiences**, from pieces by the likes of Liu Kang, Heman Chong and Fernando Zóbel, to experiences such as the *Britannic Explorer Train Experience from The Cadogan to Le Manoir Aux Quat'saisons* by Belmond and more. Spirited live bidding among Gala guests, together with strong participation from the wider public in the online auction, drove record results. Li Huayi's *Pine Breezes in Golden Glow II* sold at S\$517,000 – the highest ever auctioned item at the Gallery – contributing to the record total, where 100% of the proceeds are directed to the Gallery. Other notable artworks such as *Self Portrait* by Yayoi Kusama and *Gratitude* by Lim Tze Peng sold for S\$55,000 and S\$50,000 respectively.



Gallery Gala guests in the Gallery's Singtel Special Exhibition Gallery 1



Left: HAVEN; and right: SORN performing at the Gallery Gala 2025

Other highlights also include guests making a grand red-carpet entrance up the historic City Hall steps for the very first time – an arrival that reflected the Gala's theme of imagination. The Gallery's Singtel Special Exhibition Gallery 1 was reimagined into an extraordinary long-table dining hall among masterpieces, where guests embarked on a culinary journey by Michelin-starred Julien Royer of Odette, Damian D'Silva, and Peranakan icon Violet Oon, who cooked live in the galleries. With the support of more than 20 official partners, the night came alive with uniquely curated experiences and performances by HAVEN, SORN, DJ Nicolette, DJ Kiara, and NAFA – making the Gala a night to remember.

More than a fundraiser, the Gallery Gala 2025 was a powerful showcase of the transformative power of imagination and a testament to the collective generosity of artists, patrons, and supporters. Their passion and commitment ensure that art remains accessible to all – building a cultural legacy that will inspire generations to come.

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About National Gallery Singapore

National Gallery Singapore is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year as a leading visual arts institution and the largest modern and contemporary art museum in Southeast Asia. Dedicated to making art accessible to all, the Gallery engages audiences of all ages through its exhibitions, educational programmes, and public festivals.

Home to the world's largest public collection of Singapore and Southeast Asian art, the Gallery is redefining the region's art history through pioneering research, strategic acquisitions, and thoughtfully curated exhibitions. By offering new perspectives, it recontextualises the region's artistic contributions within global narratives.

Located in the heart of the Civic District, the Gallery is housed in two national monuments – the City Hall and former Supreme Court – making it an iconic cultural landmark where architectural grandeur meets deep historical significance.

A vibrant cultural destination, the Gallery has been ranked among Asia's Top 10 most visited museums by The Art Newspaper since 2019. It has also received accolades at the Singapore Tourism Awards, including "Best Leisure Event" for Light to Night Festival 2020 and "Outstanding Leisure Event" for Gallery Children's Biennale 2021.

As a registered Charity and an Institute of Public Character, the Gallery relies on public support to expand its collection, advance research, and bring art to more people, shaping cultural discourse and inspiring creativity for generations to come.

Annex A: Quotes from Gala Guests

Guest name and details	Quote
<p>Edward Fung, Director of Kwai Fung Hin Art Gallery</p> <p><i>Spouse of Catherine Kwai, Founder of Kwai Fung Hin Art Gallery, which, together with the artist, contributed Pine Breezes in Golden Glow II by Li Huayi. Mr Fung had the winning bid for an auction item</i></p>	<p>I'm delighted to have won the <i>Timeless Elegance: 2019 Corton-Charlemagne, Grand Cru from Domaine de la Romanée-Conti</i> at the Gala Auction. What makes this experience truly meaningful is knowing that every bid contributes to a greater purpose – supporting the arts and the important work of National Gallery Singapore.</p>
<p>Chloe Tong, Co-Founder at ACE Team Foundation</p> <p><i>Guest at the Gallery Gala</i></p>	<p>The work of ACE Team Foundation has always been about bringing people together and building with open hands. We've always been inspired by the way the Gallery does that through art - creating spaces that unite our community, spark imagination, and nurture a deeper sense of belonging. We hope our support encourages more to rally behind the Gallery's mission, and together, keep shaping a future full of creativity and connection for generations to come.</p>

Annex B: List of Official Partners for the Gallery Gala 2025

	Partner	Details
1	Sotheby's	Official Auctioneer https://www.sothebys.com/en/
2	Helutrans	Official Art Logistics https://www.helutrans.com/
3	Taittinger	Official Champagne https://www.taittinger.com/en
4	Tatler	Official English Language Media Partner https://www.tatlerasia.com/
5	ICON	Official Chinese Language Media Partner https://www.iconsingapore.com/
6	OUE Restaurants: Gilmore and Rempapa	Culinary Partner https://www.ouerestaurants.com/
7	Laderach	Culinary Partner https://sg.laderach.com/

8	Odette	Culinary Partner https://odetterestaurant.com/
9	Violet Oon	Culinary Partner https://violetoon.com/
10	Orientalist Spirits	Beverage Partner https://www.theorientalistspirits.com/
11	1925 Brewing Co	Beverage Partner https://the1925.com.sg/
12	Frasers Property	Official Partner https://www.frasersproperty.com/sq
13	F&N	Official Partner https://www.fnnfoods.com/
14	The Capitol Kempinski Hotel	Official Hotel https://www.kempinski.com/en/the-capitol-singapore
15	WILD Entertainment	Entertainment Partner https://www.teamwildent.com/
16	Cliz	Gift Bag Sponsor

		https://clizdesign.com/
17	Hanjan	Gift Bag Sponsor https://hanjan.store/
18	L'Oreal Helena Rubinstein	Gift Bag Sponsor https://www.loreal.com/en/loreal-luxe/helena-rubinstein/
19	Conrad Singapore Marina Bay	Special Thanks https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/sincici-conrad-singapore-marina-bay/
20	Culina	Special Thanks https://www.culina.com/home
21	Leica	Special Thanks https://leica-store.sg
22	Panasonic	Special Thanks https://www.panasonic.com/sg
23	The Rocket Eyewear Company	Special Thanks https://rocketeyewear.com/
24	The Atelier & Co	Special Thanks

		https://www.the-atelier.co/
25	Stellaire	Special Thanks https://www.thestellaire.com/
26	NAFA	Special Thanks https://www.nafa.edu.sg/