

**FIRST SOLO ART EXHIBITION AT RECENTLY-OPENED
OCBC PENANG PREMIER BANKING CENTRE**

*Patrick Lasak's "What Dreams Can Do" open to the art enthusiasts
until 5 January 2015*

Penang, 19 December 2014 – Barely three weeks after its opening, the OCBC Penang Premier Banking Centre, the largest in Penang, is hosting its first solo art exhibition featuring Patrick Lasak's "What Dreams Can Do".



Patrick Lasak's Dance of The Sun Dragon Triptych

Open to art enthusiasts during banking hours until 5 January 2015, the exhibition will feature a selection of Lasak's large format oil paintings including a trio of paintings from the artist's most sought after Supernatural series.

Lasak's paintings balance the premeditated layers of thick paint with the uncertainty of nebulous glazes to search out forms in nature and convey a sense of predominating melancholia. He is known for this duality in his work, configuring and de-configuring, finite lines and the uncertainty of where the end might be. In sum, Lasak strives with such contradictions to fuel his search

for the perfect relationship between himself and his art, between what he is and what he does.

Ranked among Malaysia's greatest living impressionist painters, Lasak's works are a favourite of private collectors and can be found in the permanent collection of the Penang State Art Gallery.

Several of the pieces will be on sale at the exhibition, with OCBC Premier Banking customers enjoying a 20% discount. Purchases can be made through Artefactz Dreamz Gallerie at 69 Macalister Lane, where more of Lasak's masterpieces will be on display during the period of the exhibition.

According to OCBC Bank's Head of Branch Distribution & Premier Banking Ms Anne Leh the OCBC Penang Premier Banking Centre is excited at staging its first solo art exhibition since being officially opened by the Penang Chief Minister on 15 November 2014.

"We made a promise to bring lifestyle events and exhibitions to our growing clientele here in Penang and we are thrilled to kick off the series with Patrick Lasak's exciting and provoking *What Dreams Can Do*," she said.

Ms Leh added that 20% of proceeds from all sales during the exhibition will be donated to Dream Zephyr Foundation (Dreamz), an organisation dedicated to creating a sustainable fund that aims to support society's varied humanistic needs through the provision of financial aid.

In recognising the integral role that women play in building the nation and the world, the foundation is dedicated to the realisation of women's dreams – to propagate the development of women through arts & culture, intellectual and academic pursuits and the cultivation of a more balanced world that alleviates gender disparity.

Commenting on his pieces on display, Mr Patrick Lasak said: "Art adds colour to people's lives and I hope to make the world a better place through my art."

The 8,000 square-foot OCBC Premier Banking Centre in Penang is dedicated to bringing lifestyle events to the Bank's customers alongside enhanced facilities and services.

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