

Subscriber profile: **J.A. Tan**

I am an artist with autism. I moved from the Philippines twelve years ago and attended Emily Carr University of Arts and Design, where I received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in 2010.

Since then I've been working as a visual artist in Vancouver, mounting solo shows and doing group shows in Vancouver, Canada; in the U.S. particularly California, New York and Miami; London, U.K.; Beijing, China, and Manila, Philippines. I have also been commissioned to create works for offices and residences in Vancouver and Manila.

A high point in my young career was having one of my paintings chosen from among 200+ submissions, issued as a United Nation's stamp in April 2012. I even traveled to the United Nations in New York for the release of the stamp and met then-Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon! I have also collaborated with a fashion designer, creating wearable art for a fashion show in New York and an author providing

illustrations for a book published in 2017.

Art is a way for me to express my thoughts, feelings, and ideas. Coping with everyday life as an artist challenged with autism, I strive to make a difference in the world.

Through my paintings, drawings and mixed media artworks, I am able to not only communicate my innermost thoughts and feelings but also create images that hopefully inspire others.

When not painting at my studio on Granville Island, I practice tae kwon do and enjoy getting together with friends. Much of my inspiration comes from things around me and my travels around the world.

I am currently accepting art commissions. Visit my website at www.artofjatan.com and follow me on [facebook.com/artofjatan](https://www.facebook.com/artofjatan) and Instagram [com/artofjatan](https://www.instagram.com/artofjatan) You can also email me at artofjatan@gmail.com

I have been a subscriber to *The Artist's Journal* for a while now and do appreciate the listings and calls for entry.

