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Art Creates Cures Foundation Announces Inaugural Charity Gala and Auction

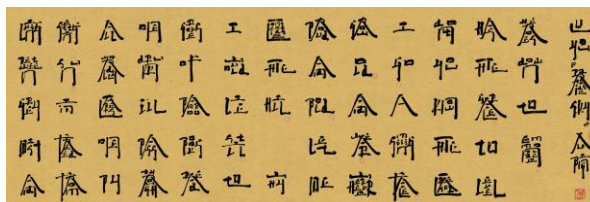
January 2018 Inspired by his own battle with pancreatic cancer, art entrepreneur Budi Tek was moved to initiate Art Creates Cures Foundation (ACC) to give those diagnosed with this deadly disease every possible chance. Joining together with partners Sotheby's, and Johns Hopkins Medicine, the goal of ACC is to raise funds to support the development of an innovative "early detection test" as well as a cure for pancreatic cancer. ACC's goal is to support research that advances the understanding of the biology of the disease, translates this new knowledge into better patient care, and in so doing, improves the lives of patients living with pancreatic cancer.

UPCOMING EVENTS

To kick off fundraising for this worthy cause, Art Creates Cures will present the premier annual **Art Creates Cures Charity Gala and Auction** on **Wednesday, 28 March, 2018** to launch the foundation. The inaugural event of the newly established non-profit foundation will take place at the elegant Four Seasons Hotel in Hong Kong. Bringing together leaders in the art and science communities, the foundation aims to accelerate and transform cancer research by uniting the creativity and ingenuity of artists and that of biomedical scientists. The gala will allow guests to support pancreatic cancer research through their financial contributions as well as give them the opportunity to bid on unique experiences. Contemporary artworks donated by collectors and such world-renowned artists as Zhang Huan, Hu Junjun, Xu Bing, Zhao Bandi, Yang Fudong, among others, will be sold as part of the Sotheby's 2018 Spring Sale with the proceeds also supporting Johns Hopkins' fight against pancreatic cancer.



Yang Fudong, *Seven Intellectuals in Bamboo Forest, Part V*
2007, C-print, 120 x 180 cm, ed 5/10



Xu Bing, *Lu You, Partridge Sky*
2017, ink on paper 180 x 69 cm



Zhao Bandi
Panda's Memory, Female Teacher and Student
2017, Oil on Canvas and video

ABOUT PANCREATIC CANCER

Three quarters of those diagnosed with pancreatic cancer die within a year of diagnosis and less than 1 in 10 will survive beyond 5 years. In the United States, pancreatic cancer is the 4th leading cause of cancer-related death in both men and women. Sadly, the number of people affected by pancreatic cancer continues to grow and by 2030, death from pancreatic cancer is predicted to be the second leading cause of cancer-related death in the United States. As these tragic figures suggest, pancreatic cancer is one of the most aggressive and deadly forms of cancer. Additional research funding is urgently needed to further advance our understanding of the disease and drive improvements in patient care.

For more information about ACC, please contact Justine Alexandria at justine@artcreatescures.org or visit artcreatescures.org.