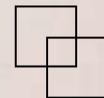


I AM ALEX

ARTIST: THE UNSKILLED BOY

EVERYDAY THINGS
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ABSTRACTION



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Autistic teen artist, The Unskilled Boy (also known as Alex Lim), will hold his first solo exhibition on August 19, in support of Cat Welfare Society

Media Release

August 17 2021: Autistic teen artist @theunskilledboy (Alex Lim) is holding his virtual exhibition, "I Am Alex" for a good cause. The show, which opens this Thursday on August 19, will feature 45 acrylic paintings and 50% of the sales proceeds will go to Cat Welfare Society (CWS). Each canvas painting (20x26x2cm) is priced affordably at \$55, and a special edition painting (61x91x1.5cm) at \$650.

The 16-year-old has already donated \$962.50 to CWS after 35 preview art pieces were sold from June to early August. Each piece was priced at \$55. The artist hopes to reach his target of \$2,000 by end August.

The new paintings will be

presented in a virtual show on theunskilledboy.com. Originally planned at [Studio Neon](http://StudioNeon) gallery, the exhibition was initiated by Haji Lane's multi-disciplinary artist @PrettyFreakyFantasy when he first saw Alex's watercolour paintings in May.

It'll become a virtual event due to the increased number of Covid-19 cases from July. The virtual show, conceptualised by creative outfit [Infected Studio](http://InfectedStudio) with technical support by Artplacer, lets visitors "walk through" the space to view the artworks up close.

The same collection will also be displayed on @theunskilledboy's [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/theunskilledboy) and [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/theunskilledboy) profiles, plus [BigCartel](https://www.bigcartel.com) and [Etsy](https://www.etsy.com) stores from August 19 at 12 noon.



"CWS is very happy and grateful to have been chosen as the beneficiary of Alex's work. All donated funds will be channelled into helping the cats of Singapore through our programmes. We hope the exhibition will also help raise awareness on our Singapore cats and rally more support for their care."

Thenuga Vijakumar, CWS President

ARTIST STATEMENT

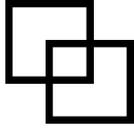
The exhibition paintings fall into three categories: Abstraction • Animal Selfies • Things & Nature. @theunskilledboy uses different painting techniques – from brushes, fingers, knife brushes to wooden sticks and wood blocks.



"What inspires me are everyday things I see around me, nature

and the different feelings I get," says the artist, who also uses neon pens, watercolour and impasto for his work. The teen started painting his series of work in a span of four months, from May through early August. In total, he has painted over 90 works, including 35 preview artworks in June as well as commissioned pieces.

"I plan to use the remaining money to buy more materials for my next charity project in November," he adds. "I want to do something meaningful with my paintings."



SPECIAL EDITION PAINTING



This is a special edition painting that represents the spirit of the exhibition collection. A colourful artwork of cheerful monsters, using acrylic and ink pens on a triple-primed gesso cotton canvas.

COOKIE MONSTERS
61x91x1.5cm
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Sky Balloon
Things & Nature



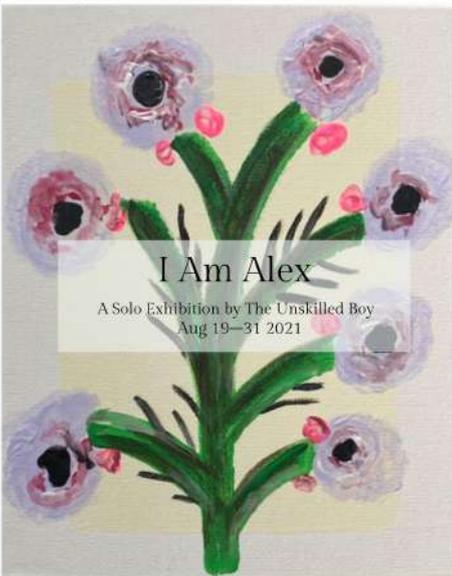
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Animal Selfies



I Am Alex

A Solo Exhibition by The Unskilled Boy
Aug 19-31 2021

a presentation of over 40 acrylic paintings
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ABOUT THE UNSKILLED BOY

Alex is a student of Pathlight School (vocational track). He has been learning art in school since primary school. He loves to draw and paint since he was little as a way of expression, and he spends hours doing that after school.

Painting not only gives him a lot of joy, it also calms his mind. Alex, who is an only child, says: "I hope my paintings will do the same for you. I hope you like what you see. You can buy my artwork for your home or gift them to a loved one."

He adds: "I told my parents that I want to donate to CWS because I love cats. I have two cats (an American Curl and a mixed Munchkin and American Shorthair) and they grew up with me. They have been a source of comfort in the last 10 years. I want to do my small part in helping community cats."

ABOUT CWS

CWS is a Singapore-based society and charity. Its mission is engaging the community to achieve sustainable and humane management of cats in Singapore through advocacy, sterilisation, mediation and educational outreach programmes.

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Alex Lim,
[@theunskilledboy](https://www.instagram.com/theunskilledboy)

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