



MIND'S EYE

Art Across the Spectrum

Kirtenraw Bandiloo, 20, is the youngest of three children. He resides in Malaysia, a country which has little support for families of children on the autism spectrum. Kirtenraw attended public school with the help of his two sisters. He struggled in school because of difficulties with language and communication, and dropped out at age 16.

Kirtenraw has always had a special ability in art. He started drawing with pencil sketches when he was only six years old. In 2007, his dad took him to art lessons in Penang. That became a life-altering event as Kirtenraw discovered that he enjoyed the process of painting with poster colors. In 2010, he started painting with oils. Each painting takes days to weeks to complete. He now has an impressive collection of over 100 big, vivid, and powerful paintings.

Kirtenraw's talent mystifies his parents as they have no art background. Kirtenraw feels compelled to create each day using colors in unique ways. His parents have no idea where he gets the ideas for what he paints. He is influenced by no other artists. His creations come from his imagination, and he completely loses himself in his art. Kirtenraw's first exhibition was in 2015 at a gallery in Penang.

Kirtenraw's goal is to become a successful artist. He wants to earn enough money that he can expand his family's home and buy a big van to transport all his friends. He looks forward to having parties and displaying his art.

We are certain Kirtenraw is going to make his dreams come true. ◀