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# Local artist Yanke works with Pontiac children on art project for fundraiser (WITH VIDEO)

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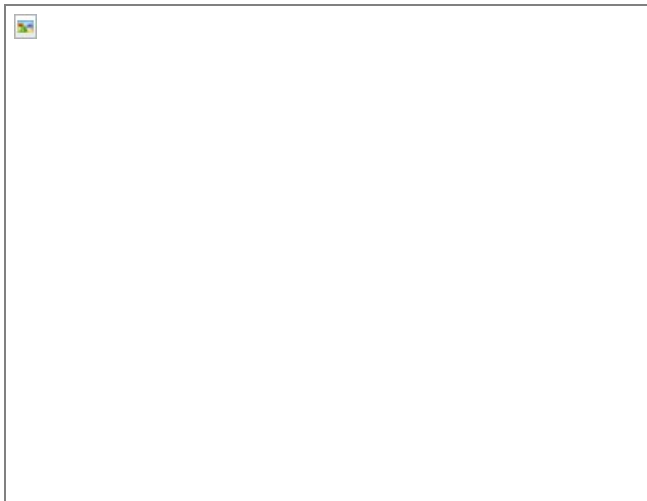


In Pontiac, 68 kids between three and five years old were armed with paint brushes on Wednesday and given 50 feet by 10 feet of space to paint.

Birmingham resident Tim Yanke describes himself as an "abstract neo-southwest artist," and four groups of 17 children each spent 30 minutes painting with him. Yanke sells his art at Park West Gallery, a Southfield art gallery with 1.2 million customers in 70 countries.



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"They're not staying within the boundaries. They're going outside the lines. They're having fun," said Yanke about the kids at the event.

During the holiday season, Yanke had the idea for this large-scale art project to benefit those less fortunate.

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cultural enrichment programs, such as art, are being eliminated to save precious limited resources. I think this is a grave injustice to the children who are being deprived of the joy that art can bring to their lives," he said.

Bob Dustman, consultant with Park West Gallery, selected Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency to host the event. The painting will feature all seasons — winter, spring, summer and fall — and will be a year-long project. To represent winter, the children painted in blue, purple, silver and white. About 400 kids from low-income families (members of OLHSA's Head Start Program) will have a hand in the completed project.

At the end, (Yanke) will cut the canvas into 16 sections and touch them up with his own style, frame them and then "we'll do a big fundraiser for the Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency," said Dustman.

Yanke said he told the children to paint with their hearts, be creative and that there's no guidelines in abstract art. He said the coolest thing about the project is "the money raised is a result of the kids, and how often do three, four or five-year-olds give back to the community."

Dustman said, when children are given paint brushes, "anything is possible." The next painting session will be in the spring, before the end of the school year.

"Education is more than just learning history dates and multiplication tables," said Dustman. "Tim may inspire some fledgling artist to create his or her own works."

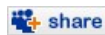
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