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## **EMILY CARR ALUMNUS J.A.TAN'S WORK FEATURED ON UNITED NATIONS AUTISM AWARENESS STAMP**

Vancouver, CAN, April 4, 2012 | Emily Carr University of Art + Design is pleased to announce that the work of 2010 alumnus J.A. Tan has been selected to appear in a series of stamps for the United Nations Postal Administration's Autism Awareness Campaign.

Autism, a lifelong developmental disability, is characterized by impairments in social interaction, problems with verbal and non-verbal communication and restricted, repetitive behaviour, interests and activities.

The United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) issued the new series of stamps this month to coincide with World Autism Day, which took place April 2, 2012. Artwork for the stamps was the result of a worldwide search for talented artists with autism who were eager to share their designs with the UNPA. J.A. Tan's design, entitled *Victory*, is one of eight stamps that will appear in the series.

In describing his work Tan says, "coping with everyday life as an artist challenged with autism, I strive to make a difference in the world."

The United Nations General Assembly unanimously declared April 2 as World Autism Awareness Day in 2008 to highlight the need to help improve the lives of children and adults who suffer from the disorder so they can lead full and meaningful lives.

Stamps are now available for purchase, visit <http://unstamps.un.org> for complete details.

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