

# Buy art to help charity

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Tickets for the auction cost \$7 at the door. The preview runs from 6:30-7:30 p.m. with the auction starting at 8 p.m.

Visitors can bid on the works of many Canadian artists, including Mississauga resident and former Citizen of the Year, Lyle Doering.

The silent auction tables will feature many exciting items such as a Linda Lundstrom blanket, jewelry, hotel and restaurant certificates, gift baskets, a pet hamster starter kit, passes to favorite tourist spots

and shows, music CDs and more.

"The silent auction has been set up to appeal to every budget, so patrons can take home some great bargains," Martin said.

To make the auction a more festive affair, there will be entertainment, wine and cheese, and door prizes.

Martin said the Lung Association is hoping to raise more than \$20,000.

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## At the International Centre

# Bernice breathes life into charity auction

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Internationally known artist Bernice Kwong is donating a breath of fresh air to the Peel Lung Association's upcoming fifth annual Art & Silent Auction.

Kwong is the fundraising event's featured artist, having put five of her pieces up for sale this Saturday, June 1 at the International Centre, 6900 Airport Rd.

Four of Kwong's Chinese brush paintings will be offered with the artist retaining only the amount of the opening bid. Anything over that opening bid will be donated to the Lung Association.

In addition, all proceeds from the sale of Kwong's fifth piece goes to the Lung Association.

"It really is an honor for us to have Bernice as part of the auction," said Lung Association spokesperson Linda Martin.

Kwong said she looks forward to helping the group.

"I've always been a community person. If I can help with the auction, then I'm glad to do it."

Kwong said keeping the amount of the opening bid only covers her out-of-pocket expenses, such as framing.

Kwong's works are well-known for their spirituality.

"In Chinese painting, you may see a peach, but we see it as a symbol of happiness. In Chinese brush painting, we always try to paint something happy," she said.

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Artist Bernice Kwong, left, is contributing five of her Chinese brush paintings to the Saturday's fifth annual Art Auction for the Lung Association of Peel Region. With Kwong is Lung Association representative Linda Martin.