

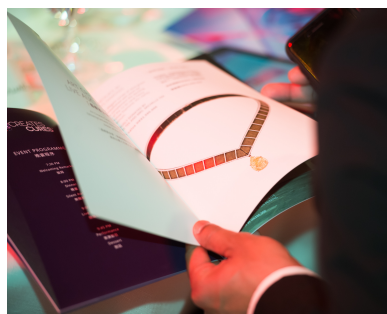
*A foundation accelerating and transforming pancreatic cancer research by uniting the creative powers of the art world with the ingenuity of biomedical scientists.*

## Art Creates Cures raises over \$640,000 USD in inaugural Charity Gala



*Dr. Ralph Hruban of Johns Hopkins University*

Through both the inaugural Art Creates Cures gala and the Sotheby's Contemporary Art Day Sale this week, Art Creates Cures (ACC; <http://ArtCreatesCures.org>) raised an astounding \$640,000 USD for pancreatic cancer research at Johns Hopkins University. With over 170 attendees, the ACC Charity Gala took place at the Four Seasons, Hong Kong on March 28, 2018 and featured performances by Corinna Chamberlain and even Kevin Ching, Sotheby's Chief Executive Officer, Asia. Among the items on offer for the silent and live auctions during the evening included tickets to the Leonardo DiCaprio Foundation Gala in California, an exclusive vacation experience in Myanmar and a private yacht excursion in Phuket, Thailand. Additionally, ACC collaborated with Sotheby's to include works by such artists as Xu Bing, Zhang Wei, George Baselitz, Ding Yi, Qiu Zhijie, Yang Fudong, and Yue Minjun as part of the Sotheby's April 1, 2018 Contemporary Art Day Sale with the partial proceeds going towards pancreatic cancer research at Johns Hopkins.



We are amazed, inspired and grateful by the outpouring of generosity from our donors and partners. We deeply appreciate the support for our fight against pancreatic cancer. This important fundraising effort will support efforts by the pancreatic cancer research team at Johns Hopkins University to determine why pancreatic cancer runs in some families, to improve diagnoses and to develop an early detection test for pancreatic cancer. We will strike a blow against this disease that takes the lives of three quarters of those diagnosed within a year of diagnosis. With these donations, we can give hope to those suffering from this deadly disease. We would also like to extend a special thanks to Sotheby's, Bonnie Li and The Body Shop for their support of the ACC gala.



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At Art Creates Cures, we understand what art can do. Art can be a driving force, a hope, and, one day, help lead to a possible cure. Thank you for letting art be a miracle and strength not only for the healthy, but also for those who are in pain. This is only the first step of ACC's efforts to make a difference. Following this initial success, we will continue to bring together the art and scientific worlds to battle pancreatic cancer through an annual gala as well as other means and continue to raise money for this important cause. The continued support of our friends and partners will have impact!



Art Creates Cures Gala at the Four Seasons, Hong Kong on March 28, 2018

