

HeArt of Love and Compassion



Martin signing his mural art (December 14, 2007)

A few years after being diagnosed with a degenerative disease that caused him to lose control over his body, Martin broke through his cocoon of self-pity and sought help from the Society for the Physically Disabled (SPD) in Singapore. He learned how to create digital art and was eventually acknowledged as the first Signature DASE Digital Artist in Singapore. Despite suffering from blurred vision and experiencing great difficulties in controlling the mouse, he fought to produce unique artworks and held his first solo art exhibition on December 14, 2007. By his death in 2009, he had produced more than 160 works, setting himself as an exemplary practitioner of Nichiren Buddhism who has fought alongside his mentor, SGI President Ikeda, to the very end of his life.

My Life Mentor, Ikeda Sensei 6913307-051

He brings light to humanity that penetrates through darkness, bringing hope and love to all humankind.

He undertakes the vow from his mentor, Josei Toda to propagate the Mystic Law.

Without his painstaking effort through days and nights, I would not have encountered this Law and his teaching.

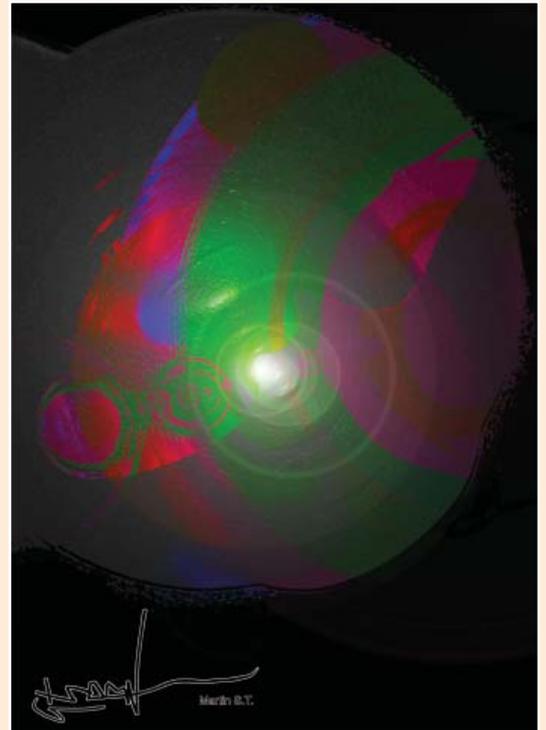
Following his mentor-disciple spirit in proving the greatness of this Law, I have surpassed my destiny and emerged as a true victor at the finishing line.

I am indebted and deeply grateful to this person of great love and compassion

and he is none other than my Mentor in Life, Ikeda Sensei.

Presented to Mr Daisaku Ikeda

This is a piece that Martin created for SGI President Ikeda in silence. After he has passed away, this mystical piece was uncovered and presented to Mr Ikeda on July 17, 2009 which marked Martin's 100th memorial day. A day before that, Mr Ikeda was conferred with his 258th doctorate from Brazil's University of Rondonia.



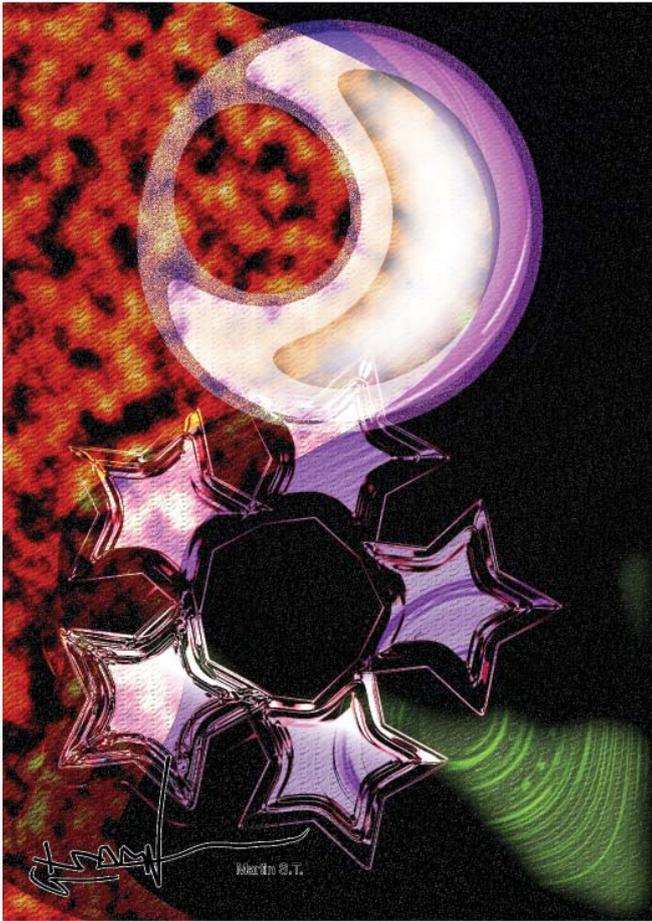
Inspiration

Through this painting, Martin has shown many how much SGI President Ikeda has done for kosen-rufu (promoting world peace through the propagation of Buddhism) in this lifetime. Mr Ikeda's compassion is really beyond words for even late at nights, he is still praying for world peace, writing guidance and giving encouragement to members and leaders around the

world; he is still thinking about kosen-rufu in order to bring light and hope to humanity. That light, as shown in the painting, is so bright that it penetrates through the darkness, symbolising "hope" and "love" for mankind. Mr Ikeda's deep compassion must have been felt so strongly by Martin that he would want us to feel it too.

Mr Ikeda has mentioned that as the darkness and confusion of our world

grow deeper (as shown in the painting), humanity itself will be increasingly called into question. We must focus on people. How can we enable each person to elevate his or her state of life? Martin knew that even late at nights, Mr Ikeda must have been pondering on this question over and over again and working on it wholeheartedly!



Beauty of My SUN

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She was like a Sun
gazing over me with love and gentleness like the moon.

She lit up my life like the stars
and my life bloomed with her beauty.

I felt her warmth in her strength and resilience
in the darkest hours, never once losing hope.

She is my Sun, and the star of my galaxy.

Dedicated to Sandra.

Presented to "Sun"

This is a piece that Martin has left behind for an important woman in his life, "Sun".

A woman who stood beside him all these years in silence, praying earnestly for his recovery, independence, and break-through in life. Martin achieved his great victory when he was conferred as the first Signature DASE Artist during his first Solo Digital Art Exhibition on 14 December 2007. That day was indeed Sun's greatest joy as her prayer was answered when this prestigious recognition was awarded to Martin.

Inspiration

Martin once said: "A picture paints a thousand words. Too many words however tend to confuse and occlude the intent of the person". Beyond words, this painting truly brings out the beauty of the Sun.

In Martin's eyes, the beauty of the Sun lies in her loveliness, gentleness and kind-heartedness, just like the glittering stars and the poppies. Martin is perhaps the only person who saw and felt the beauty of the Sun in this manner – a woman who

shows resilient strength in darkness, rippling hope and love silently to all surrounded. In the vast galaxy, the Sun is literally a star; can you now see the Sun the way Martin saw?

Tribute 6913307-132

It is with your love that our life blossomed. It is with your strength that we savoured victory.

"Before Martin passed away, he painted this very special and magnificent art piece, entitled, "Tribute". When I uncovered this piece, I was impressed and in awe for a long time. I stared at the piece, almost unbelievable. This piece was so solemnly and beautifully crafted and created. Suddenly, I broke down in tears as I began to see the deeper meaning behind this piece. It is a special tribute piece

that Martin created to express his deepest gratitude and appreciation to the great Mystic Law, SGI President Ikeda, all the dear friends and beloved ones for giving him unfailing love, compassion, support and encouragement for the past ten years, without which, he would not have emerged as a true victor through FAITH!

"Via 'Tribute', allow me to seal my deepest gratitude to all for everything you have done for Martin and me. Truly, it is with your love that our life blossomed. It is with your strength that we savoured victory." (Sandra Choo, Love and Compassion, p. 198)

