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Arts & Leisure: Dominic Khoo's 28th Février Reopens

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The urban art gallery 28th Février has now moved into a private pre-war mansion, showcasing a dynamic mix of paintings, sculptures and furniture pieces.

The new venue is a British officer's mansion with a black and white façade, located in a never seen before space just behind Orchard Road.

Retired celebrity photographer Dominic Khoo and his partners Welfred Woo and Simon Poon, who refer to themselves as the Oo-Brothers, named the lifestyle playground Oozi, hinting at the Chinese expression for "house".

The light-flooded gallery accommodates artists from all over the world, creating a multidimensional 8,000 sq ft space with a story behind every single art piece. The venue includes the versatile, intricately folded furniture from in-Oozi brands like Flexible Love and Manoteca and an elegantly arranged seating area. The mansion has a covered terrace and is surrounded by a 40,000 sq ft of private greenery.

28th Février creates an environment that enables the individual identification with art, allowing emotions, self reflection and deeper analysis. The artwork from the French artist Kongo symbolizes the gallery's philosophy: "Graffiti artists spray in the streets for several years, continually improving their skills in the underground, performing under life threatening and heart racing conditions under a pseudonym or another moniker. Graffiti art can be sprayed over or washed away over night, so what they have learnt is that they have to learn to let go." says gallery director Dominic Khoo. "They are real artists because they did not start creating art for money or status. In fact the only other artists I can think of with the same mentality are Japanese sand artists."

The collection of contemporary and urban art includes paintings, sculptures as well as Singapore's second most expensive art piece of all times, the fine art print of "Tony Leung in Beijing" (2008). In addition, Oozi also functions as a clubhouse for The Watch Fund and can be rented for private events.

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