



10-yr-old paints an Imaginarium

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A collection of 43 new paintings stays hung on the eighth floor. The artwork – all abstract – draws inspiration from the land of unicorns and the great beyond – the galaxy.

After all, what else does a 10-year-old wonder more often about, if it weren't for unicorns, pixie dust and the Universe. Alayna Zaid's collection 'Imaginarium II' hosts the midnight sky, the waterfall and geometric works in abstract art. "It took me close to six months to put it together," says Alayna. The paintings will be on display until August 4 at Sublime Galleria. She uses acrylic water colours on canvas with a pop of sparkle once every now and then for her paintings. Ask her what her painting 'Crystal Dust', is about and she responds, "I love unicorns".

She says that painting for her involved a lot of trial and errors. "I try to make it work," she adds. Her mother Uzma Irfan informs that Alayna has been learning to painting from an early age. "She was two when she started going to painting classes," recalls Uzma.

Over the past months, Alayna has been shuffling between homework, classes and painting. "I usually find time to paint after school," she says.

Once she embarks on an idea, she remains restless until she finishes the work, says the young artist. "I just have to get it out of my head and on a canvas. Only then can I start on my next," she adds.

She has been learning painting in school and from a personal tutor. In the current collection, Uzma informs that her daughter took her help in terms of deciding on the concept and



Alayna Zaid's paintings

supplies. "She would come up to me with the idea and I would push her to think further ahead and do better. Moral support makes a lot of difference," says Uzma.

Alayna says the pricing of each of her paintings depend on the cost of material, the concept and the time she has spent working on it. "Some paintings go on for weeks," she adds.

The paintings in the collection cost between ₹9,000 to around ₹28,000. Around 22 artworks from the collection have been sold. A part of the proceeds from the show will be donated to to the KID-WAI Memorial Institute of Oncology.

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