

# Cover Feature

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• Photos: Sing Tao Daily, Schim Shimmel, DreamWorks



#### **Meet the artist**

Schim Schimmel
has drawn many
Dreamworks
characters from
films such as Kung
Fu Panda (《功
夫熊貓》) and the
Madagascar (《荒失
失奇兵》) series. Last
month, he exhibited pa

month, he exhibited paintings of
Po (阿寶) from *Kung Fu Panda* on the Peak
(山頂) to celebrate Chinese New Year.



### **Popular cats**

Schim also paints real animals. At first, he painted a lot of different animals. But he discovered that people – especially kids – who came to his art shows in Japan (日本) in the early 1990s **responded** better to his paintings of cats. His paintings of snow leopards and lions are especially popular. Look above; do you like them?



## **Photographic paintings**

To help him get better at painting eyes, fur and other features of cats, Schim takes a lot of photographs in wildlife parks in Africa (非 洲), the US (美國) and Japan.
His passion and talent is well-received in Japan. He has had four bestselling children's book published there based on his paintings.



Schimmel said cats
and big cats have very
expressive eyes. He
hopes that people who
see his paintings will feel
an emotional connection
with them and will love and
want to protect the animals.
He loves Mother Nature.



