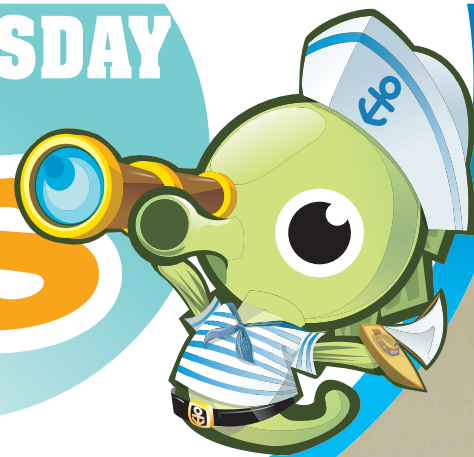


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Chalking out artworks



THE popular Japanese anime movie, *Your Name* (《你的名字》), has attracted many fans worldwide upon its release. They not only like its plot, but also the art style. In Hong Kong, two schoolgirls even created art on a blackboard to honour the movie. But they have a greater vision behind their dark canvas.

Editor's Note

Hi! I never ate much soya bean products until after I cut down on meat. They both are rich in protein, which is good for building muscles and keeping you strong, but too much meat is bad for your body, especially processed meat such as bacon and sausages. What I cannot eat, though, is stinky tofu. If I wanted something smelly, I would just smell my socks after I go for a run in hot weather! Having said that, the stinky tofu smell did clear my blocked nose when I was in Mong Kok recently, so it is useful after all! Turn to P08 to learn more about the mighty soya bean.



Simon

A dark canvas for dreams



THE blackboard art **depicting** the Japanese (日本的) romance anime film *Your Name* (as shown on the cover) stunned Hong Kong's social media in December 2016. It was drawn by two local students, who were both new to this form of art. The two, Kelly Wan Lok-yiu (尹珞瑤) and Vivian Cheung Chi-ching (張子晴), have formed a team called 'Illusdreamer', which clearly shows their **aspirations** – to make 'illustrations' and 'dreams'.

Arts for all

WAN and Cheung have been learning different types of arts since they were young, but they only started drawing on blackboards recently. They created an original drawing called *Wings* on a school blackboard (shown bottom right) as a surprise for their fellow classmates.

Like the two angels in *Wings* that spread love and hope to nearby people, the two also wish to influence their peers with their drawings. "There are many artists drawing on blackboards in other countries, but not in Hong Kong. Arts should be further promoted at school and in Hong Kong," said Wan.

Even without expensive or professional equipment, they could still create an **intricate** masterpiece only using chalk. This art style is more affordable for young arts lovers.

The tricks of chalk

BLACKBOARD arts cannot be learnt in a **conventional** arts studio, so Illusdreamer had to train through trial and error. Nevertheless, they still felt **gratified** while learning from their mistakes. Since their debut piece *Wings*, they realised that a clear mindset is the key to a successful blackboard piece. "We have to plan which colours to use to fill out different parts beforehand. It will be quite troublesome if we start with the sections with darker colours," Wan said.

Unlike oil painting where artists can use different paints, the two need to use water to wipe out the chalk dust and create darker colours. Usually, this is the last step in the composition.



◀ Vivian Cheung (left) and Kelly Wan