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## **JONATHAN YEO PAINTING OF MALALA YOUSAFZAI To be sold at auction in May to benefit the Malala Fund**



Jonathan Yeo (B. 1970)  
*Girl Reading (Malala Yousafzai)*  
2013  
Oil on canvas  
89cm x 89cm  
Estimate: \$60,000-80,000

***"I hope the painting reflects the slight paradox of someone with enormous power yet vulnerability and youth at the same time,"*** Jonathan Yeo.

### **Post-War and Contemporary Art Day Sale – 14 May 2014**

**New York** - On the heels of the Jonathan Yeo Portraits exhibition at the London National Portrait Gallery, Christie's is happy to offer at auction the portrait of Malala Yousafzai, the Pakistani schoolgirl shot by the Taliban for courageously campaigning for girls' education. Generously offered by the artist, the painting, estimated \$60,000-80,000, will be sold during the day sale of Post -War and Contemporary Art, to benefit the Malala Fund, a charity set up by Malala to support the fight for girls' right to education. Called the "Bravest Girl in the World" by President Barack Obama, she recently awarded the International Children's Peace Prize for her inspirational work and courage.

*"I was honoured that Jonathan asked to paint me for his exhibition in the National Portrait Gallery and am grateful that Christie's has agreed to auction the portrait to help girls go to school around the world. The funds raised will support the work of the Malala Fund, including helping young Syrian refugees in Jordan and girls freed from child labor now attending school in Pakistan. I hope that whoever buys the painting knows that their generosity will directly help children in some of the most challenging environments in the world," declared Malala.*

Jonathan Yeo first met Malala in April 2013 when she was recovering from a severe head injury after being shot by the Taliban. He said: *"It was a great privilege to spend some time with Malala and her family at such a pivotal moment in her life."* Given how much she has already been through and all that she represents to the world, it took a while to adjust to the fact that she is still a very fragile teenager. *"Hopefully the painting reflects the slight paradox of representing someone with enormous power and wisdom yet vulnerability and youth at the same time."*



A CONVERSATION BETWEEN MALALA AND JONATHAN YEO

Watch the video:

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Jonathan Yeo is one of Britain's most renowned portrait painters, especially well known for his paintings of performers, artists and politicians. Many of his most famous subjects were exhibited in 2013 at the National Portrait Gallery in London. Yeo's work is in the Royal Collection, the National Portrait Gallery and the House of Commons art collection.

**Exhibition: 2-13 May 2014**

**Sale: 14 May 2014**

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#### **About The Malala Fund**

There are 600 million adolescent girls in the developing world. They are an undeniable force for social and economic impact. But only if given the opportunity.

Around the world, girls are denied a formal education because of social, economic, legal and political factors. And in being denied an education, society loses one of its greatest and most powerful resources.

The Malala Fund aims to change that.

Education empowers girls to raise their voices, to unlock their potential, and to demand change.

The Malala Fund's solutions are grounded in inspired innovation: they are girl-centric approaches to education that support the Fund's goal of creating a world where every girl reaches her true potential.

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