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Pinoy artist Ronald Ventura's painting sells for nearly P47 million at Sotheby's auction

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Ventura's painting titled "Grayground"

(**SPOT.ph**) Renowned Filipino artist Ronald Ventura (<http://www.spot.ph/peopleparties/47019/top-10-most-successful-visual-artists-in-manila/5>)'s painting "Grayground" has sold for HK\$ 8,420,000 or P46,995,832.65 at the Sotheby's Modern and Contemporary Southeast Asian Paintings auction (http://www.sothebys.com/app/live/lot/LotResultsDetailList.jsp?event_id=30612&sale_number=HK0350) held on April 4 in Hong Kong.

The graphite, oil, and acrylic on canvas piece, which measures 60 inches by 155 3/4 inches (nearly four meters long), set a new auction record and beat Filipina artist Geraldine Javier's oil-on-canvas *Ella Amo' Apasionadamente y Fue Correspondida (For She Loved Fiercely, And She is Well Loved)*, which raked in HK\$1,460,000 in an auction last year.

With more than 10 awards to his name, the 37-year-old University of Santo Tomas fine arts graduate is currently the country's top-selling Filipino artist. Venturas have been selling for five- to six-dollar-digits in auction houses abroad. Ventura was named SPOT.ph's No.1 Most Successful Young Visual Artist (<http://www.spot.ph/peopleparties/47019/top-10-most-successful-visual-artists-in-manila/5>) late last year.

Other Filipino artists whose work was sold at the auction include Ronald Caringal, Lynard Paras, Kiko Escora (<http://www.spot.ph/peopleparties/47019/top-10-most-successful-visual-artists-in-manila/3>), Janet Balbarona, Rodel Tapaya (<http://www.spot.ph/peopleparties/47019/top-10-most-successful-visual-artists-in-manila/4>), Andres Barrioquinto, (<http://www.spot.ph/peopleparties/47019/top-10-most-successful-visual-artists-in-manila/1>) Marina Cruz, Arturo Sanchez, Nona Garcia, (<http://www.spot.ph/peopleparties/47019/top-10-most-successful-visual-artists-in-manila/4>) Jon Jaylo, Danilo E. Dalena, MM Yu, Wawi Navarroza, Onib Olmedo, among others.

Read SPOT.ph's Top 10 Most Successful Young Visual Artist (<http://www.spot.ph/peopleparties/47019/top-10-most-successful-visual-artists-in-manila/5>).