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We're sure that as a proud resident of Sin City, we don't need to tell you that Singapore's 50th birthday is a big deal. It's even caught the attention of international artists like Nan Qi, a distinguished member of the art community who has become renowned for his distinctive ink dot paintings, and is now considered a master of his craft. Despite being based in Beijing, the artist can even relate to our fine boys in National Service, having served in the People's Liberation Army, in which he learnt how to paint, rather than in an art school. So it's reasonably unsurprising that Qi would want to pay tribute to our little red dot with a dot of his own.




In honour of our Golden Jubilee, Qi gives us *50 Red Dots*, a series of limited edition prints of his iconic ink painting *Nan Qi's Dot*. While beautiful in its immediate simplicity, the defining work was painstakingly created using different layers of ink and water on rice paper to achieve its complex aesthetic. With the dot resembling an embryonic cell, the painting almost seems to speak symbolically for the birth of our island-state, as well as the artist's own evolution.



Presented by Art Plural Gallery, the print series will be limited to 50 editions, each individually signed by the artist and bearing its own unique message. Bringing to life the philosophy of SG50, the print allows the collector to own a rare piece of the artist's history, as well as an ultimate homage to Singapore's continuing spirit.

***50 Red Dots is available for sale from Thursday, January 22 at Art Plural Gallery, 38 Armenian Street. For more information, visit [artpluralgallery.com](http://artpluralgallery.com) or contact 6636 8360.***

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