



First Ever Hong Kong Art Gallery Week Opens This Week

Multiple arts events taking place across Hong Kong from 20-28 November as Hong Kong's art spaces open up to the public

Hong Kong, 18 November 2013 – The Hong Kong Art Gallery Association is pleased to announce that the Hong Kong Art Gallery Week, sponsored by Bank of China (Hong Kong) Private Banking, officially opens on 19 November 2013, marking the Hong Kong's first citywide event dedicated to exploring the gallery culture and art scene in Hong Kong.

Hong Kong Art Gallery Week brings together more than 10 main events open to the public including a series of art talks, seminars and studio visits as well as two art walks – Art After Hours: Art Gallery Night on Friday, 22 November and Art Gallery Day on Saturday, 23 November. Additionally 49 member galleries will present diverse and exciting exhibitions in different parts of the city throughout the week and beyond.

The programme aims to open up the city's art space to the public, and more importantly is contrived with a strong conviction to bring the culture of gallery hopping to the general public. Through this carefully designed programme, it is with confidence that the Hong Kong Art Gallery Week will further raise awareness of art and culture in Hong Kong.

Bank of China (Hong Kong) Private Banking is the title sponsor of the Hong Kong Art Gallery Week. Ms Wendy Tsang, Managing Director and Head of Bank of China (Hong Kong) Private Banking, said, "Since the establishment of Bank of China (Hong Kong) Private Banking, we have been dedicated to supporting local creative talent. In a thriving metropolitan city like Hong Kong, having our own appealing art scene is essential in order for Hong Kong to continue to grow as an obvious gateway for artistic and cultural exchanges. It is time for us to make our own cultural mark and the Hong Kong Art Gallery Week is a leading example of the direction we should go towards. We understand that nurturing culture takes time and we are supportive of the cause to turn Hong Kong into a truly amazing art hub."

The week kicks off with a press launch and opening party on Tuesday, 19 November 2013 at Duddell's which will be officiated by Chief Secretary for Administration Mrs. Carrie Lam Cheng Yuet-ngor together with Under Secretary for Home Affairs Ms. Florence Hui Hiu-fai and Legislative Councilor Mr. Ma Fung Kwok.

Events are open to the public, and full details of the programme are available at www.hk-aga.org.

Key highlights of the 2013 Hong Kong Art Gallery Week include:

Breakfast with Art Market Specialists

10 Chancery Lane Gallery, Central | Thursday, 21 November 2013, 9.30 am – 10.30 am

Speakers:

- Martin Bremond, Asia-Pacific Business Development Manager of ArtPrice.com
- Alexandre Errera, Founder and CEO of artshare.com
- Ingrid Dudek, Vice President of Christie's Asia

These three art market specialists represent three different business models existing in the international art market. Artprice.com is a world leading art market information provider, artshare.com is the world's first online platform specialising in contemporary Chinese art, and Christie's is an auction giant. In this breakfast, they will explore the intricate relationship between art and business.

Registration: RSVP required, email hkartgalleryweek@gmail.com and write 'Breakfast' as subject heading, specify name of attendees

Art After Hours: Art Gallery Night

Sheung Wan, Central, South Island & Wanchai | Friday, 22 November 2013, 6 pm – 10 pm

Citywide gallery night showcasing the breadth and depth of art in Hong Kong. Hop-on, hop-off circling art buses will go around Sheung Wan and Central, as well as Central, South Island and Wanchai throughout the night. This is a perfect opportunity to discover the Hong Kong art gallery scene in a relaxed and intimate setting.

Art Gallery Day

Sheung Wan, Central, South Island & Wanchai | Saturday, 23 November 2013, 11 am – 5 pm

Fully supported by 49 member galleries, the Art Gallery Day will present the public with 49 diverse and exciting exhibitions in different parts of the city. Hop-on, hop-off circling art buses will go around Sheung Wan and Central, as well as Central, South Island and Wanchai throughout the day. Special events will take place at individual galleries, highlights as below.

Breakfast with Chinese Collector: Tan Guobin

Contemporary by Angela Li | Saturday, 23 November 2013, 11 am – 12 pm

A rare opportunity to meet prominent art collector and Founder of Art Changsha, Tan Guobin. He will share his decades of experience in collecting traditional and contemporary Chinese art.

RSVP required, email hkartgalleryweek@gmail.com and write 'Collector' as subject heading, specify name of attendees

"Day of the Dead" Celebratory Altar

Puerta Roja Gallery | Saturday, 23 November 2013, 11 am – 7 pm

Immerse in setting the Mexican "Day of the Dead" altar and celebrating this important festival with music and food.

Chalk Art Painting on Chancery Lane

10 Chancery Lane Gallery | Saturday, 23 November 2013, 11 am – 7 pm

An initiative opened to the public that involves creating an artwork that will cover the Chancery Lane.

Exclusive visit to Fang Lijun's Studio, Hanart Square and Ora-Ora Studio

Kwai Chung | Monday, 25 November 2013, 4 pm – 7 pm

A rare opportunity to gain unparalleled access to Fang Lijun's studio in Hong Kong, Hanart Square and Ora-Ora Studio. Participants will meet at Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre to hop on a bus that departs at 3 pm to Kwai Chung.

RSVP required, email hkartgalleryweek@gmail.com and write 'Studio Visit' as subject heading, specify name of attendees

Member Galleries Talk Series

- On 21 November between 4 pm and 6 pm, Galerie Ora-Ora will hold artist talk **by Xu Hongfei** in which he will share exclusive insights on the conception behind his iconic Chubby Women sculptures.
- Karin Weber Gallery invites **Dr. Patricia Flanagan** to shed light on Fashionable Wearable on Wednesday, 27 November between 6.30 pm and 8 pm, and **Professor Ian Holliday** on Burmese art on Tuesday, 26 November at 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.
- Picture This presents the public with **Wing Chan** on Wednesday, 27 November at 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.

Christie's Art Forum series is part of the Hong Kong Art Gallery Week programme.

For full event programme, please refer to www.hk-aga.org.

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Notes to Editors:

Key dates:

- **Hong Kong Art Gallery Week:** Wednesday, 20 November to Thursday, 28 November, 2013
- **Opening Reception:** Tuesday, 19 November 2013; 4 pm – 5pm
- **Art Gallery Night:** Friday, 22 November 2013; 6 pm – 10 pm
- **Art Gallery Day:** Saturday, 23 November 2013; 11 am – 5 pm

Event website: www.hk-aga.org

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About Hong Kong Art Gallery Association

Founded in 2012, the Hong Kong Art Gallery Association is a member based non-profit organisation of established art galleries in Hong Kong. Working on behalf of its members, its mission is to advance the Hong Kong art gallery community by providing one voice to its members, reaching out to the local and international art community, and helping to deepen market knowledge and best practices amongst its members. www.hk-aga.org

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