



HONG KONG ART WEEK 2017

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HONG KONG IS AN 'ARTROPOLIS' – A CITY DEDICATED TO THE LATEST IN CONTEMPORARY CULTURE

(Hong Kong, 12 October 2017) In its fifth year, Hong Kong Art Week (HK Art Week) takes on the theme “Artropolis.” The vibrant 12-day festival celebrates the essential role that Hong Kong’s artists, galleries, and contemporary art community play in raising the cultural heartbeat of this unique city and global art scene hub.

Organised by the Hong Kong Art Gallery Association (HKAGA), HK Art Week 2017 runs from 15 - 26 November, with events for everyone, the programme is an unmissable fixture on the calendars of art aficionados and newfound art audiences alike. With over 50 HKAGA member galleries participating, “Artropolis”, whose inspiration comes from the vigour and vibrancy of art that contributes to the city’s fabric, boasts an expansive and exciting city-wide programme, from symposiums to family art days, going far beyond the gallery walls and showcasing Hong Kong cultural life through exhibitions, performances, charity art walk, activities and talks. HK Art Week 2017 is made possible with the generous support of Bank of China (Hong Kong) Private Banking.

HK Art Week 2017’s biggest mass-participation event will be The Gallery Walk For Charity (The Gallery Walk) on 21 November, where hundreds of art-lovers will fill the streets from Central to Sai Ying Pun for a fun and enriching “gallery hop”, with close to 30 spaces participating in the charity event and opening late into the evening. A festival atmosphere is guaranteed with performances by Hong Kong Ballet, special gallery exhibitions, along with wines and canapés.

About HKAGA

Founded in 2012, HKAGA is a member-based non-profit organisation of established art galleries in Hong Kong. With over 50 member-galleries, the mission of HKAGA 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 deepen market knowledge and best practices among members. HKAGA is a single point of contact for the art gallery community in Hong Kong and is the chief advocate for development of the local art community. Since 2014, HKAGA has been officially recognised as grant recipient of Hong Kong Arts Development Council for its dedication and promotion of the arts scene in Hong Kong.

HKAGA has organised HK Art Week annually since 2013 with the aim of keeping the city's galleries and art spaces in the public eye by opening Hong Kong's creative ecosystem to all. As the world's third largest art market, Hong Kong is an increasingly important art world hub. HK Art Week 2017 promises to deliver exciting new art projects to ever wider audiences, with an international outlook and a uniquely Hong Kong perspective. As the HKAGA Co-president Angela Li says, "Life can be blended with art. I hope that Art Week activities, such as the HKAGA Gallery Walk for Charity and Art Day at South Island, will change the public's perception of art galleries - making them feel more down to earth. And in time people will include visiting galleries and all kinds of art exhibitions in their regular weekend activities."

For more information, please visit www.hk-aga.org

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PROGRAMME SUMMARY:

ART CAR: Wednesday 15 – Tuesday 21 November

A Super Formula SF13 race car with its body design completely reimagined by French photographer Cyril Delettre will be on display at the Four Seasons Hotel Hong Kong.

ART SYMPOSIUM: Friday, 17 November, 2.30 - 6pm and Saturday, 18 November, 10.15am - 6pm

Asia Society Hong Kong plays a vital role in Hong Kong's cultural life. During HK Art week, HKAGA will host, with Asia Society's generous venue sponsorship, a fascinating series of talks by local and international speakers on the topic; "Asia: New Frontiers in The Art World", aimed at offering new opportunities and the latest observations to members of Hong Kong's art community. The Art Symposium and all HK Art Week events are free and open to the public - full details of the speaker programme will be announced in the coming days and posted on HKAGA's website; www.hkartweek.org

THE GALLERY WALK FOR CHARITY: Tuesday, 21 November, 5 - 10pm

The Gallery Walk for Charity (The Gallery Walk) will bring a festival atmosphere to the streets from Central to Sai Ying Pun, with the addition of performances by the Hong Kong Ballet. This year, The Gallery Walk raises money for three local charities with a focus on art and community programmes: The Women's Foundation, Sovereign Art Foundation and HKAGA's Artist Residency Abroad Funding Scheme (ARAFS) and education programmes.

ART DAY AT SOUTH ISLAND: Saturday, 25 November, 12 – 7pm

Gallery-hopping art lovers can take in all that HKAGA's South-Side member galleries have to offer. Tours, talks and performances will supplement this chance to catch all of the latest exhibitions, see exclusive performances and meet the artists behind the work in Wong Chuk Hang, Ap Lei Chau and Tin Wan.

FAMILY ART DAY: Sunday, 26 November, 11am – 5pm

Open to young and old alike, Family Art Day is a chance to get involved with creative outdoor activities that will engage the whole family. Parents and children

can attend arts and crafts workshops run by art organisations such as Asia Society, K11 Art Foundation and Affordable Art Fair. Art Loop will lead a large-scale collaborative fingerprint painting, and Pure Yoga will run outdoors yoga sessions.

Times and dates of the full programme will be available at our website: www.hkartweek.org

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