

6 Fine Art Asia, Hong Kong

Some of the world's best Asian art dealers head to Hong Kong this month, including several from the UK.

Since it launched in 2006, Fine Art Asia has built up a reputation as one of the leading events on the Asian art calendar, with



museum-quality art works spanning over 5,000 years of cultural history.

UK participants in this year's event, from September 29 to October 2, include Koopman Rare Art and Somlo Antiques. The fair, at the harbourside Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, showcases Asian and Western antiques, jewellery, antique silver and timepieces, as well as Impressionist, modern and contemporary art and design.

Above A standing Bodhisattva, from Carlton Rochell Asian Art, New York

Below A George IV silver gilt tray on show from Koopman Fine Art, London



DEALER Profile

Alastair Gibson from Alastair Gibson Antiques is one of the UK dealers attending the fair

What are you planning to take to the fair?

We normally take an eclectic mix of Chinese taste, and Chinese export wares, from an Imperial cloisonné Qianlong mark and period censer to a rare Canton lacquer boat, representing the East India Company warship The

Nemesis. With the ignorance and fear over the looming ivory ban, I have bought some excellent rare examples of Chinese export fans and will also be preparing a catalogue and exhibiting them at the fair.

What are the differences in the UK and Hong Kong/ Chinese market?

The UK market is still thriving, however, I think auctioneers and online selling platforms are driving the majority of the market. Hong Kong offers an easy step into the mainland market, with its savvy collectors who are interested in a broad spectrum of Chinese ceramics and works of art.



Above An Imperial Qianlong mark and period cloisonné censer, 1736-1795 which Alastair will be taking