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The Ultimate Guide to Fine Art Asia 2022

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Hong Kong's antiques, jewellery and art fair returns this month with a Web3 gaming experience and major names on the scene



Fine Art Asia runs from October 5 to 8 this year at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, with a private view on October 4. Alongside the Asian and Western antiques, jewellery, modern and contemporary art and design, ink art and photography the fair is known for, this year's edition also features the special exhibition Fine Art Asia x the Sandbox: Art enters the Metaverse.

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ABOVE Photo: courtesy of The Shophouse

This will be the first time an art fair offers a metaverse gaming experience, in which visitors can interact with Sandbox characters inspired by centuries-old antiques and appreciate up close the physical counterparts of antiques presented in the fair. Fine Art Asia is sponsored by LG Electronics this year, which will provide OLED (organic light-emitting diodes) television and display screens in the fair area. This adventure game will debut during the fair and be released to the public afterwards.



ABOVE Photo: courtesy of Tanya Baxter Contemporary

Apart from the new Web3 zone, this year's fair has new additions to its gallery line-up: The Shophouse, which celebrates contemporary art; Lam's Gallery, which spotlights art about music and dancing from the Tang dynasty; and the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, which presents its collection of maps of China from the Qing dynasty to the Chinese Revolution in 1949.

Returning galleries include Grotto Fine Art, which spotlights Hong Kong artists including contemporary ink artist Hung Fai, whose work is currently shown in M+, and Contemporary by Angela Li, showcasing local artist Wong Sze-wai, whose work was featured at last year's Art Basel in Hong Kong. London and Hong Kong gallery Tanya Baxter Contemporary will bring Andy Warhol's and David Hockney's works to town.

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The jewellery category features Palais Royal Hong Kong's exhibition Cartier: A Century of Jewels, which traces the luxury jeweller and watchmaker's evolution from 1900 to 2000.

This year's fair also comes with programme of lectures and seminars by art experts from Hong Kong, hosted by The Ink Society, the Hong Kong Palace Museum and L'école Asia Pacific: School of Jewelry Arts.



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"While there are still travel restrictions in Hong Kong due to the ongoing pandemic, the situation is steadily improving," says Andy Hei, the founder and director of Fine Art Asia, in a press statement. "This year's edition of Fine Art Asia once again focuses on Hong Kong's excellent local galleries and leading art institutions. Fine Art Asia will continue to act as a bastion of every branch of the art and antiques market in Hong Kong, and we look forward to welcoming back our loyal overseas exhibitors in the near future."

From October 5 to 8, 2022. Hall 3C, The Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, Wan Chai. Find out more at fineartasia.com

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