

ART TAIPEI 2016 Coming Soon

APAGA X ART TAIPEI to reach heights of artistic achievement

ART TAIPEI, propelled and run by the Taiwan Art Gallery Association, has become a hallmark of Taiwanese ambitions to perpetuate Asia's creative lifeblood. Whilst advocating mindful creation and creative appraisal, ART TAIPEI's artistic trajectory opts for the preservation of regional beauty as well as art's unadulterated value. By prioritising creation over name, ART TAIPEI demonstrates that true craftsmanship demands authentic appreciation. Hence, in pursuit of its core beliefs, the entire art fair seeks to preserve Asian heritage at the same time as embracing foreign art into its creative realm. Similarly, ART TAIPEI avails itself of its soft power in hope of achieving a sensible balance between art and commerce.

Taiwan Art Gallery Association's Executive Director Rick Wang comments: "In the past few years, western art associations have indeed grown more active in Asia's art market. This means that they have also filled the many voids in our local galleries with their presence and their art. Therefore, we hope now to further consolidate Asia's artistic perspectives, adapt to the new market state, and lastly assemble talents across Asia Pacific to voice a unifying cause alongside our foreign partners."

As of 2015, Taiwan Art Gallery Association has officially confirmed partnership with Singapore, Korea, Australia, Indonesia, Japan, Hong Kong, and China (Beijing) in a coalition known as the Asia Pacific Art Gallery Association (APAGA). The association is notably committed to the expansion of the Asia Pacific art market in addition to related art research and art exhibitions. Establishing itself as a global art commerce platform, ART TAIPEI is eager to showcase the cream of the crop, all put forth by multifarious artists from countries and cities in and out of Asia. Rick Wang remarks: "We look forward to promoting Taiwan's artistic potential, not merely by pushing it onto an international stage, but also by strengthening its connectivity with the rest of Asia. That way, we can encourage similar developments all around the continent and even beyond, using APAGA as a principal driving force."

Global galleries to propagate East-West collaboration

As the most enduring art fair in Asian history, ART TAIPEI 2016 will continue its legacy and surpass its 2015 bodacious performance. Already cooperating with over 150 international and local galleries, ART TAIPEI also had an unprecedented number of 55 new galleries applying to become part of the exhibiting family. Moreover, 62 returning galleries that were absent last year are also expected to participate once again in this annual celebration. In view of ART TAIPEI's promising developments in recent years, for the first time ART TAIPEI invites celebrated German gallery Galerie EIGEN + ART, in addition to others from the US, UK, and Europe - altogether forming a highly comprehensive and explosive art fair.

In addition, GALLERIA CONTINUA, Whitestone Gallery, and Opera Gallery will also be bringing innovative works to our exhibition booths. Rick Wang expresses his final hopes for the upcoming fair: "ART TAIPEI 2016 is expected to adopt a stunningly refreshing new *visage*. At the same time, we hope to provide and circulate resources that could be shared with fellow associations, primarily through APAGA. We only have one real motivation in mind: to reinforce Asia's most cherished qualities at ART TAIPEI's grand art exposition, yet again."

Note to Editors about ART TAIPEI 2016:

Super VIP Preview: November 11th. Friday. 12:00 - 15:00

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Public Opening (1): November 12th- 14th. Saturday- Monday. 11:00-19:00

Public Opening (2): November 15th. Tuesday. 11:00 - 18:00

Venue: Taipei World Trade Center Exhibition hall 1