



Art Sanya Beach Launches First Edition in 2017

Featuring over 30 leading galleries from Asia Pacific, the fair aims to assemble new collectors and to enrich the city's cultural landscape

【Hong Kong | 15 December 2016】 Art Sanya Beach proudly presents its first edition in 2017, runs from 12 Jan – 15 Jan 2017 at The St. Regis Sanya Yalong Bay Resort, Hainan Province.

Art Sanya Beach 2017 will feature over 30 galleries from Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Hangzhou, Shenzhen, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Macau and South Korea. Most galleries have an exceptional record and a wealth of experience showcasing talented artists in leading contemporary art fairs in Asia, including Art Basel Hong Kong, Art Central, Affordable Art Fair, ART021 Contemporary Art Fair, Art Beijing, Art Taipei, Art Kaohsiung and so on. Serving as an innovative platform for building the essential infrastructure to the development of contemporary art, Art Sanya Beach will present emerging and established artists from across the region, Yayoi Kusama, Yoshitomo Nara, Zao Wou-Ki, Chu Teh-Chun, Liang Quan, Hsu Yung Chin, Hong Kong artists Sarah Tse and Eve Leung, etc.

Art Sanya Beach is an independent art fair, part of the 2017 Hainan International Tourism Trade Expo. The Expo will feature industry leaders and professionals from Russia, U.K., Czech, India, Vietnam, Thailand, Burma, Singapore and other countries across the globe, showcasing the best of their commerce achievements and rich tourism resources.

Ms. Sylvia Wang, co-founder of Art Sanya Beach stated, “Art Sanya Beach establishes itself as a new model after in-depth research of the current art market status in China and successful art fair models internationally. Held in a prestigious hotel alongside beach, the new fair seeks to assemble new collectors in Hainan, as well as to unfold the city's culture commerce and tourism potential, simultaneously stimulate economic growth of Hainan.”

Sanya, located on the Southern tip of Hainan Island, is also known as Hawaii of the East. The tranquil beach of St. Regis Sanya Yalong Bay Resort provides an ideal destination for pure relaxation and the whole resort is surrounded by luxuriant tropical jungles. Offering the height of luxury, guests can completely enjoy from the comfort and elegance of the rooms to the resort's spectacular outdoor pool and stunning sea views. During the winter season, tourist numbers reach a peak of 1 million, exceeding the number of local residents on this island paradise. Housed within this serene and luxurious compound, ART SANYA BEACH will be a one-of-a-kind experience for collectors and visitors.



Highlighted representations include:

- Limited edition works by internationally recognized Japanese artist **Yoshitomo Nara** (Lucie Chang Fine Arts, Hong Kong)
- Graduated from Central Saint Martins in London, Hong Kong artist **Sarah Tse** was awarded “40 Under 40” by international magazine Perspective. With a unique visual language of pencil and paint over unconventional surfaces, her drawings are inspired by childhood memory, personal travel experience and dreams, evoking a fragile, nostalgic and disturbing atmosphere. (Artify Gallery, Hong Kong)
- **Liang Quan** is considered one of China's most important contemporary abstract artists. His art works are extensively exhibited worldwide and have been acquired by numerous private collectors and public institutions, including the British Museum, National Art Museum of China, Hong Kong Museum of Art and University of San Francisco. (Galerie Ovo, Taiwan)
- Taiwanese Calligrapher and Artist **Hsu Yung-Chin** is known for the famous TAIWAN logo for the Tourism Bureau of Taiwan, and the inscription of the Taiwanese movie Monga. (Yesart Gallery, Taiwan)
- Israeli painter and sculptor **David Gerstein**'s post-pop art style is characterized by bold colored, multilayered cutout steel, his 18.35 metre tall, 44 tonne sculpture “Momentum” is Singapore’s tallest sculpture. Designed from the drawings from Alber Elbaz, LANVIN’s collaboration Taiwanese ceramics company Franz is exemplifies how art can meet fashion. (Guan Xiang Art Gallery, Taiwan)
- Japanese female artist **Yoyoi Kusama**’s work have been widely exhibited across the globe, her unique artist language never fails to impress audience. (Artdoor Gallery, Taiwan)
- Young artist **Wang Zhiyi** is receiver of Artist-in-Residence Programme 2016 of K11 art village, Wuhan, his work range from paintings, photography, installation and videos. (Gallery 55, Shanghai)
- Graduates of Sichuan Fine Arts Institute, **Yu Lu, Hui Wei, Deng Shijun** and **Zhang Ziye** will bring their latest small scale works. (Jinse Gallery, Chongqing)
- Artists from China and Japan, including Ye Fan, Tang Duopeng, Chen Xia, Zhuhong, and Chihiro Nakahara will present contemporary ink and water colour paintings. (Chuang Chen Art Center, Taiwan)

Full programmes of talks, partnerships and curatorial projects will be announced soon.

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Interviews with Ms. Sylvia Wang, co-founder of Art Sanya Beach can be arranged upon request.



Notes to Editors

About Art Sanya Beach

Art Sanya Beach is a new platform showcasing the best of contemporary art, with the aim to establish a leading international interactive art fair through presenting emerging and established contemporary artists and artworks from and outside of Asia. Part of the official programme of the 2017 Hainan International Tourism Trade Expo, Art Sanya Beach is an independent fair seeks to promote the development of art and culture and economic growth, unfolding the potential and dynamics of Hainan. artsanyabeach.com