Landmark 5th edition of PHOTOFAIRS | Shanghai opens today

Shanghai, September 20, 2018: Building upon its success over the last five years, PHOTOFAIRS | Shanghai opens today at the Shanghai Exhibition Center. It runs until Sunday 23 September with Presenting Partner Porsche.

As Asia Pacific’s leading destination for discovering and collecting photography, PHOTOFAIRS | Shanghai offers unique access to some of China, Korea, Japan, Europe and North America’s most compelling artists through its highly curated gallery presentations and a critically acclaimed five-part public program.

With the growing global confidence in the Chinese art market and wider Asia Pacific collector base, the Fair delivers a vital platform for galleries from across the region to be seen internationally, and for galleries from around the world to enter the Chinese market.

PHOTOFAIRS | Shanghai is celebrated for its focus on progressive artwork and supports galleries pushing the boundaries of photography. The 2018 edition features 55 leading dealers from 15 countries and 27 cities, with 80% hailing from Asia Pacific. Alongside classic masterpieces, visitors will enjoy contemporary photography in all its forms; large-scale installations, moving image and new technologies from more than 150 Chinese and international artists.

The Fair is supported by Shanghai’s leading museums including the Fosun Foundation, HOW Museum, OCAT Shanghai, Yuz Museum and Shanghai Centre for Photography, each presenting significant exhibitions dedicated to artists working in photography, making this week in September a landmark event within the cultural calendar.

Georgia Griffiths, PHOTOFAIRS Group Fair Director, comments: “I am really looking forward to the 5th edition of PHOTOFAIRS | Shanghai. A fair is made by its galleries and the list this year is stronger than ever – from galleries who have been with the Fair since its launch in 2014 through to today’s most exciting new programmes in China, Asia Pacific and across the world. PHOTOFAIRS is proud to provide a genuine international platform for photography in Asia Pacific, and to give greater visibility to Chinese artists working across the photographic medium.”

Please see below for a summary of the artists and galleries participating in PHOTOFAIRS | Shanghai 2018.

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- Masterworks showcasing the dynamic art scene. This includes:
  - Many others.
  - Plateaus Arts (Shanghai dedication).
  - Generations Stellar Chinese galleries and artists

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DATES AND TIMES
- Collectors’ Preview & 5th Anniversary Gala Dinner (by invitation only): Thursday 20 September, 2pm to 7pm
- VIP Preview: Friday 21 September, 12pm to 6pm
- After Dark: Friday 21 September, 6pm to 9pm
- Public Days: Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 September, 11am to 6pm
- Tickets are available via http://tickets.photofairs.cn

Many of these galleries will shine a spotlight on contemporary Chinese artists, celebrating and showcasing the dynamic art scene. This includes:

- Works by Zhang Dali who is known for his sculptures, graffiti, and paintings, and works by Liu Di, who uses digitally manipulated photographs to investigate the friction between China’s natural environment and urban residents, both presented by Pékin Fine Arts.
- Leading Chinese artist Hai Bo will discuss the Chinese debut of his “Southern” series, which will be presented by Pace Gallery (New York, Beijing, London, Hong Kong, Seoul & Geneva). The artist will be present on site and discussing this key series in the Conversations program on Saturday September 22. The gallery will also feature work by the award-winning Chinese artist Hong Hao alongside Yto Barrada, Irving Pen and the dynamic Team Lab.
- Jiang Zhi will debut his new series “Fade” with Blindspot Gallery (Hong Kong). A series of video works by the artist will also be exhibited at LUXELAKES A4 Art Museum (Chengdu) during the Fair.
- Amongst the artists on offer from A Thousand Plateaus (Chengdu) will be unique video work by artist Qiulin Chen which addresses the consequences of urbanization.

Masterworks
Significant works and artists at the Fair include:

- Veteran feminist performance artist VALUE EXPORT will be shown by Galerie Thaddaeus Ropac (Paris, Salzburg & London) alongside the groundbreaking works of Robert Mapplethorpe and Irving Penn.
- Matthew Liu Fine Arts (Shanghai) presents never-before-seen video installations by contemporary Chinese artist Yang Yongliang.
- Masterworks by Marc Riboud, Jim Goldberg and Alec Soth from Magnum Photos (London & Paris).
• **KÖNIG GALERIE** (Berlin & London) will present works from Julian Rosefeldt’s infamous ‘Manifesto’ series (previously seen in a solo show at the HOW Art Museum). The Gallery will also exhibit Annette Kelm and Andreas Mühe both of whom will make their Chinese debut at the Fair and have supporting museum exhibitions- Annette Kelm at the Fosun Foundation (Shanghai) and Andreas Muehe at the Red Brick Art Museum (Beijing). Nobuyoshi Araki’s still life and collage works will be shown in separate presentations by Taka Ishii Gallery (Tokyo & New York) and art space AM (Tokyo).

• Works by collectors’ favorites Birdhead, Chen Wei, Jiang Pengyi and Robert Zhao Renhui will be shown by ShanghART Gallery. The gallery will also provide many of the artworks included in the Fair’s Insights exhibition.

**Emerging talents and new work**

PHOTOFAIRS | Shanghai will showcase a wide range of completely new work and emerging photographic talent and galleries for its collectors:

• Pixy Liao and Taca Sui, two artists who are considered to be part of the next generation working at the cutting-edge of photography, will be shown by Chambers Fine Art (New York & Beijing). Sui’s work was most recently collected and exhibited by the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.

• **Photo 12 Galerie** (Paris, Los Angeles & Shanghai) will present works across the career of exciting Norwegian artist Anja Niemi. The artist can be heard in the Fair’s Conversations talks program.

• A dual presentation of emerging Chinese artists Shao Wenhuan and Kechun Zhang will be shown by Three Shadows + 3 Gallery (Beijing & Xiamen).

• Filipina artist Xyza Cruz Bacani and Japanese artist Kido Rysuke both present work that focuses on the key issues of migration, city-scapes and the intersections of labor and human rights. Presented by Christine Park Gallery (New York).

• Henk van Rensbergen’s meditative architectural works of will also receive their Chinese debut with Galerie DUMONTEIL (Shanghai, Paris & New York)

• Per van der Horst Gallery (The Hague & Taipei) and rin art association (Takasaki) will make their Chinese art fair debut at PHOTOFAIRS | Shanghai.

For the full list of galleries, please see below or [click here](#).

**Ambitious Public Program celebrating photography**

Running through the Fair, the Public Program will Explore the intersection between fine art, photography and technology, and will celebrate artists from across the world through museum-quality exhibitions, talks and book signings. This includes:

• The **Insights: The Same But Also Changed** (物是人非) exhibition, powered by Patek Philippe and curated by Victor Wang (王宗学). The show is a re-imagining of the 1999 exhibition of the same name that was closed prematurely by authorities, but proved pivotal in the recognition of photography as a fine art form in China. It will feature influential artists such as Liu Wei (Long March Space), Xu Zhen (Maden Gallery) and Geng Jiangyi (ShanghART Gallery) alongside emerging talents of Ma Quisha (Beijing Commune), Shi Zheng (AIKE) and Chen Zhe (BANK), amongst others.

• A large-scale ‘selfie wall’ that will welcome visitors at the entrance of PHOTOFAIRS | Shanghai, courtesy of Giovanni Ozzola, a multidisciplinary artist who is renowned for his play with light. Presented by GALLERIA CONTINUA (San Gimignano, Beijing, Les Moulins & Havana) as part of the Fair’s Staged program, the two-part wallpaper installation will create an optical illusion in which visitors will become part of the artwork. The gallery will present further pieces by the artist in their booth, alongside works by Carsten Höller, Hans Op de
Beeck and Zhuang Hui, and Hiroshi Sugimoto’s “Gates of Paradise” for the Fair’s Spotlight exhibition.

- Seung Woo Back and Won Seoung Won, who each challenge the idea of ‘reality’ within their individual installations, are also part of the Staged program. Supported by the Korean Cultural Council and the HOW Art Museum (Shanghai), their works will be the subject of a discussion with leading art historian, critic and curator, Dr Yongwoo Lee.
- The world premiere of “Chongqing Detour” by award-winning multimedia artist Joseph Chen, presented by Cultural Partner Videotage (Hong Kong), as part of the Fair’s inaugural Connected exhibition platform, which showcases artists working in moving image.
- The Conversations talks program featuring experts from across the medium including Wang Jun, (Collector and Founder of the Light Society, Beijing) and Martin Barnes (V&A, London).
- Book signings with artists Yang Zhenzhong (ShanghART Gallery), Bas Meeuws (Per van der Horst), Shi Guorui (10 Chancery Lane)

The full Public Program can be viewed here.

FULL GALLERY LIST

Main sector galleries
10 Chancery Lane (Hong Kong); A Thousand Plateaus Art Space (Chengdu); AIKE (Shanghai); ART LABOR (Shanghai); art space AM (Tokyo); ArtCN Gallery (Shanghai); Being 3 Gallery (Beijing); Between Art Lab (Shanghai & Beijing); Blindspot Gallery (Hong Kong); Boccara Art (New York, Monte Carlo, London); Books & Photographs (Paris); Brownie Project (Shanghai); C14 Gallery (Shanghai); Chambers Fine Art (New York & Beijing); Christine Park Gallery (New York); Cipa Gallery (Beijing); Frogman Art Gallery (Beijing); Galerie DUMONTEIL (Shanghai, Paris & New York); Galerie Thaddaeus Ropac (Paris, Salzburg & London); GALLERIA CONTINUA (San Gimignano, Beijing, Les Moulines & Havana); In The Gallery (Copenhagen); Juhee Art Gallery (Shanghai); KLV Art Projects (Vienna); KÖNIG GALERIE (Berlin & London); Lucie Chang Fine Arts / L+ (Hong Kong); M Art Center (Shanghai); Magnum Photos (London & Paris); Matthew Liu Fine Arts (Shanghai); Matthias Küper Galeries (Stuttgart & Beijing); Nine Art Space (Shanghai); Novalis Contemporary Art (Hong Kong); One Way Art Gallery (Beijing); Pace Gallery (New York, Beijing, London, Hong Kong, Seoul & Geneva); Pan - View Gallery (Zhengzhou); Pékin Fine Arts (Beijing & Hong Kong); Per van der Horst Gallery (The Hague & Taipei); Photo 12 Galerie (Paris, Los Angeles & Shanghai); rin art association (Takasaki); see + gallery (Beijing); ShanghART Gallery (Shanghai, Beijing & Singapore); Taka Ishii Gallery (Tokyo & New York); Three Shadows + 3 Gallery (Beijing & Xiamen); Time Space Gallery (Beijing & Zhingzhou); Timelapse Gallery (Beijing); and Vanguard Gallery (Shanghai).

Insights galleries
AIKE (Shanghai), Beijing Commune (Beijing), BANK (Shanghai), GALLERIA CONTINUA, (San Gimignano, Beijing, Les Moulines & Havana) Long March Space (Beijing), Madein Gallery (Shanghai), ShanghART Gallery (Shanghai, Beijing & Singapore) and Galerie Liusa Wang (Paris)

Staged galleries
Arario Gallery (Shanghai, Cheonan & Seoul), GALLERIA CONTINUA (San Gimignano, Beijing, Les Moulines & Havana), Gana Art Gallery (Seoul & Busan) & Suum Projects (Seoul), Long March Space (Beijing) and One Way Art Gallery (Beijing)

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