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RMIT UNIVERSITY AND HONG KONG ART SCHOOL ANNOUNCE THE 2016 BA(FINE ART) GRADUATION EXHIBITION “INCITE”



12 January 2016 | Hong Kong – The Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT) University in partnership with Hong Kong Art School (HKAS) announces that the Bachelor of Arts (Fine Art) class of 2016 will open their graduation exhibition with a reception on the evening of 23 January 2016, marking the 18th year of the programme.

The exhibition will take place at the Hong Kong Arts Centre, recognised as a local arts incubator, in Wan Chai and held in the prestigious Pao Galleries, a gallery space known for housing world-class art events. It will showcase 48 graduating artists' work, which is the culmination of over a year of research, planning and execution.

The student's fine art education has taken place during a dynamic period for Hong Kong and indeed the world. Capturing the spirit of the current age, the exhibition title, INCITE - a word often used to describe rebellion or movement into action – reflects the distinct energy they have harnessed into their work over the past three years of the programme. The exhibition incorporates new perspectives, it questions the status quo and it showcases the pursuit of new ways of thinking, seeing and doing through artistic expression. The collective work is meant to stir up emotion and to provoke the viewer into finding deeper meaning beyond aesthetics through their contemporary interpretations as the new generation of Hong Kong artists.

Inspired by rigorous, multidisciplinary training, the class will present work across three major media: ceramics, painting and photography. Each piece on display is a reflection of the knowledge gained through the research and practice-based learning provided at RMIT and HKAS. Dr Edwin Lai, HKAS Programme Coordinator and esteemed curator, notes: "I eagerly look forward to seeing this exhibition; there are so many students of great potential in this cohort."

Celebrating its 18th anniversary, the Bachelor of Arts (Fine Art) program is truly a unique cross-cultural offering, attracting local and international students from all walks of life, each with a distinct perspective and voice.

HKAS and RMIT's collaborative programme offers aspiring Hong Kong artists and creatives the ability to receive an internationally recognised Bachelor of Arts (Fine Art) degree from a top-tier university.

The exhibition is made possible through generous support from the headlining sponsor, Burger Collection Hong Kong, with additional backing from major sponsors including Aesop, Asia One Integrated Communications Services, Celebrity Cruises, Hanart TZ Gallery, Nikon, Spring Workshop, from contributing sponsors, Alison Pickett Corporate Art & Sculpture Consultants and Jebson Co. Ltd., from beverage sponsor Hong Kong Beer Co. and from paper sponsor Polytrade Paper Co. Ltd.

EXHIBITION DETAILS:

OPENING RECEPTION

(SPONSOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT/GUEST SPEAKERS FROM 5:30PM to 6:00PM)

Date: 23 January 2016 (Sat)
Time: 5:30pm to 8:30pm
Venue: Pao Galleries,
4/F-5/F Hong Kong Arts Centre,
2 Harbour Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong

EXHIBITION

Title: 2016 BA(FA) GRADUATION EXHIBITION "INCITE"
Date: 24 January to 15 February 2016*
** The gallery will be closed in observance of Chinese New Year from 8 to 10 February 2016*
Time: 10am to 8pm Daily
Venue: Pao Galleries,
4/F-5/F Hong Kong Arts Centre,
2 Harbour Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong

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About the Bachelor of Arts (Fine Art) Programme:

Bachelor of Arts (Fine Art) is a degree programme co-presented by the Hong Kong Art School (a division of Hong Kong Arts Centre) and RMIT University. The programme aims to develop student's individual creative growth and establish strong perceptual, analytical and conceptual awareness within the context of contemporary fine art practice. It enables students to achieve a high level of confidence and personal integrity associated with the best artistic practice and to realize his or her potential as a professional artist. Graduates may pursue careers as independent artists or within the diverse industries and cultures associated with fine arts. *For more details of the programme, please visit:*

<http://www.hkas.edu.hk/en/bachelor-of-arts-fine-art-ceramics-painting-photography-sculpture>

About Hong Kong Art School:

Hong Kong Art School (HKAS), founded in 2000, is a division of the Hong Kong Arts Centre (HKAC). Closely associated with HKAC's environment of cultural venues, client art groups and creative enterprises, HKAS offers a unique setting for students to draw on a vast spectrum of artistic practices.

HKAS is an accredited institute staffed by a group of dedicated artists, who are active and distinguished practitioners in the field. The focus of HKAS award-bearing curriculum lies in four core academic areas, namely, Fine Art, Applied Art, Media Art, and Applied Theatre & Drama Education, and its scope covers programmes with academic levels ranging from Higher Diploma, Professional Diploma, Bachelor Degree to Master Degree. The short courses and the outreach projects of the School that run parallel to the award-bearing curriculum span an even wider variety of artistic disciplines, and they genuinely bridge art and the community. *For more details of Hong Kong Art School, please visit:* www.hkas.edu.hk