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Centre) and the RMIT University announce that the Bachelor of Arts (Fine Art) Graduate Exhibition 2020 will be held from 5 to 21 July 2020, with an opening ceremony on 4 July (Saturday), at the Pao Galleries, Hong Kong Arts Centre. Featuring the works of painting, drawing, ceramics, sculpture and installation by 26 graduating artists, the exhibition demonstrates the artistic achievement of the artists. Through their practice, they explore cultural identity, time, memory and socio-political issues.

Ivy Ma, Lecturer and Programme Coordinator of the Bachelor of Arts (Fine Art) program at HKAS thinks that it is more important than ever to support these fresh arts graduates.

"The last 12 months has seen unprecedented challenges for Hong Kong, it all seemed to happen like a sudden collective urge. We found ourselves needing to rethink the relationship between art and life; art and society, and to perhaps, re-formulate the dimensions between personal and collective happenings. Studying art during such unsettled times, gives students a precious opportunity to face one's own emotions, identity and history and express themselves through the rich materiality of art making. I am so excited to share the outcomes of this year's Fine Arts Graduates. Their work embraces freedom, humanity and integrity; everything that art nurtures."

As these graduating students cross the threshold from one of study, to practicing artists, Kurt Chan, Acting Director of HKAS doesn't think they're doing this alone. "In the years to come, we should be able to remember 2020 as the year when we all graduated. This was the time when Hong Kong and even the whole world changed," he states.



The exhibition committee are proud to announce the major sponsors for the show are 10 Chancery Lane Gallery, AiRT Plus Limited, C&G Artpartment. Contemporary Ceramic Society (HK), Hearty Ceramic Supply Company, Hidden Space, HKAS Alumni Network, Mudheytong Gallery, Muses Foundation For Culture & Education Ltd., Polytrade Paper Corp Ltd., The Flipside Ltd., The Pottery Workshop Ltd., Tung Yao Ceramic Design Studio, Soon Su Tae Kwon Do, Suck Blue Butter (Hong Kong) Proprietary Limited and Winson Enterprise (H.K.) Ltd.

Bachelor of Arts (Fine Art) Graduate Exhibition 20/20

Period: 5-21 July 2020 (Temporarily closed on 6 July)

Time: 10am – 8pm daily

Venue: 4-5/F Pao Galleries, Hong Kong Arts Centre (2 Harbour Road, Wan Chai)

Opening: 4 July 2020 (Sat)

Time: 6:30pm – 8pm Media Preview: 4pm

Part of the exhibits:



Artwork by Li Ka Ying (Painting major)



Artwork by Diana Zhang (Painting major)











Artwork by Sharyn Wortman (Ceramics major))

Download artworks and key image:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1179yOKycpCT33-6I-3PXEaYdRq6PJyfX

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About the Bachelor of Arts (Fine Art) Programme:

Bachelor of Arts (Fine Art) is a degree programme co-presented by 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. Programme info: https://www.hkas.edu.hk/programme/bachelor-degree/

About Hong Kong Art School:

Hong Kong Art School (HKAS), founded in 2000, is a division of 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. www.hkas.edu.hk

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- Five-star QS ranking for excellence in higher education
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