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Taipa Village Cultural Association Presents “The First Contemporary Art Museum of Macau by Felix Vong”

New exhibition unveils a trove of appropriation works inspired by international artists



31st July 2023, Macau – Taipa Village Cultural Association is excited to transform Taipa Village Art Space, for the first time, into a contemporary art museum, showcasing more than 25 prices by Macau artist Felix Vong, a unique collection of appropriation works inspired by renowned and revered international artists including Andy Warhol, Banksy, David Hockney and more.

In this exhibition, Felix uses appropriation to rethink and rework contemporary art and cultural history. Half of the pieces are solely his own work and the other half are jointly produced with artists from Portugal. This conceptual approach attempts to develop authorship in works of art, in aesthetics, and in an alternative retrospective of contemporary art. Pieces on show include “Explosion”, an acrylic paint reworking inspired by American pop artist Roy Lichtenstein, and “Landscape of an artist (Pool without Figures)”, another acrylic paint reinterpretation that draws its inspiration from British painter David Hockney.

“Imagine that there is a contemporary art museum where we can see every artist that we love, every single art piece which touched all of us for all this time and inspired us to make art, to think about art, to learn about art.” said Felix Vong. “We don't need to fly to the Museum of Modern Art in New York to see the works of Andy Warhol or Joseph Beuys. We don't need to travel to Tate Modern in London to see the works of David Hockney or Yoko Ono. All we need is imagination and some sense of humour to make this happen.”

Born in 1989 in Macau, Felix obtained a degree in graphic design and advertising. He currently works and lives in Lisbon, where he is completing his master's degree in Fine Arts at University



of Lisbon's School of Fine Arts (Faculdade de Belas-Artes). Felix's body of work encompasses painting, drawing, institutional critique, illustration and photography. He is interested in the impact of imitation, appropriation, vandalism, mockery, dark humour and hoaxes in the space between the fake and the real. His first self-published fanzine, "Can You Speak Louder?" was published last year. He is a core member of Zaratan - Arte Contemporânea in Lisbon, a non-profit artist-run space where he shares his artistic and philosophical quests amid the mimetic functions of a gallery employee. Having been exhibited and performed frequently in Lisbon, his work is part of several private collections in Portugal, France, Italy and Macau.

"It is our honour to invite young and edgy talent Felix Vong to present his first solo exhibition in Macau in an audacious act." said João Ó, President of the Executive Board at Taipa Village Cultural Association. "Felix intends to change audience's perception towards the simulacrum. The forgeries presented with different disguises may be interpreted as a reflection of himself seen through the visual contents of other works of art."

Taipa Village Cultural Association continues to bring together the endeavours of local and international artistic talents across different genres to exhibit myriad artworks in Taipa Village. This unique exhibition further cements Taipa Village's position as a leading cultural and artistic destination in Macau, and underlines its invaluable contribution to the promotion of the territory's cultural and creative industries.

Details

Exhibition period : 2 August-22 September 2023
Opening hours : 12.00pm-8.00pm
Address : Taipa Village Art Space
No. 16-18, Rua dos Clerigos, Taipa, Macau
Artist : Felix Vong
Media : Mixed Media
Admission : Free

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About Taipa Village Cultural Association

Taipa Village Cultural Association was established in 2016 as a non-profit body comprised of representatives from both the local community and wider Macau. The association aims to highlight the uniqueness of Taipa Village's heritage by raising awareness of its attractions and bolstering its position as a distinctive community that benefits the whole of Macau.

Taipa Village Cultural Association has planned numerous initiatives to preserve, strengthen and enhance the village's position as a tourist and cultural must-go destination, including a diverse range of artistic and cultural attractions that allows visitors and future generations to enjoy a unique experience of the authentic Macau.



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About Taipa Village

Located in an historic enclave on Taipa Island, Taipa Village was originally inhabited by fisherfolk – a heritage that lives on today in its quaint village street layout and evocative, pastel-hued shophouses, nestled alongside colonial churches and Chinese temples. The village, with its rich history, offers an inspiring, East-meets-West alternative to Macau’s casinos, and is a compelling, rewarding city highlight for visitors and locals alike.

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