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## **Taipa Village Cultural Association Exclusively Presents 'Nocturnal', a Photography Exhibition by Rusty Fox**

*One-of-a-kind show explores the uncanny resemblance between sentient organisms and urban vegetation*



**Macau, 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024 – Taipa Village Cultural Association is delighted to present *Nocturnal*, an enigmatic photography exhibition featuring a photobook by Rusty Fox, who captures the anthropomorphic forms of plants in the city.**

*Nocturnal* is an invitation to a parallel alternative world, starting with the texture of the paper, encompassing the narrative of the imagery, and ultimately involving the entire reading experience, as if set down in a mysterious tale from a vintage novel.

During Macau's pandemic lockdown, Fox sneaked out at night and wandered around, noticing that the city's plant life was thriving more than ever. The vividness of the plant forms and growth – and their "body language", which to him spoke louder than words – at a time when everything else was perfectly quiet and still inspired his project. By taking an anthropomorphic approach, Fox created portraits of trees and insect-like flowers and plants as analogous to human forms through his carefully composed close-ups, capturing the plants' exuberance and grace as they pulsed with energy – moving, dancing and stretching, much like people in an urban environment.

Born in Macau, Fox earned a master's degree in documentary photography at the University of South Wales and a bachelor's degree in photography at the University of



East London. His works have always focused on balances and imbalances within the city, emphasising the relationships between sentient beings and objects often regarded as inanimate. For Fox, documentary photography has no limits to the ways in which it can present its subjects. His body of work encourages viewers to ponder the oft-neglected connection between active, mobile beings and features of the world that are frequently considered static, leading us to hidden messages through his pursuit of extraordinary truths amid the apparent ordinariness of our surroundings, while allowing the images to speak for themselves.

“It is our honour to invite Fox to showcase this quirky and mystical photography collection in Taipa Village,” said João Ó, Curator and President of the Executive Board at Taipa Village Cultural Association. “Fox’s nocturnal explorations of the local flora are a sensual and haptic interpretation of the anthropomorphic aspects of plants, inviting the audience to exercise their imagination to transcribe what they see.”

Taipa Village Cultural Association continues to bring together the endeavours of local and international artistic talents to exhibit myriad artworks in Taipa Village. This one-of-a-kind photography 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 : 20<sup>th</sup> June – 24<sup>th</sup> August 2024  
Opening hours : 12.00 pm – 8.00 pm  
Address : Taipa Village Art Space, No. 16-18, Rua dos Clerigos, Taipa, Macau  
Artist : Rusty Fox  
Media : Photography  
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.



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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 present-day visitors and visitors from future generations to enjoy a unique experience of the authentic Macau.

### **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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