

Art Macao: Macao International Art Biennale 2021

“Art Macao: Macao International Art Biennale 2021” has been opened to the public. I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations on the biennale, my sincere gratitude to all participating curators, artists and supporting institutions, and my warm welcome to the audience.

Cultural development has long remained one of the top priorities of the Macao SAR Government. As part of its policy guidelines, the Macao SAR Government has been taking steps to develop “a base for exchange and cooperation with Chinese culture as the mainstream and the coexistence of different cultures”. “Art Macao” aims to promote humanistic spirit, enrich residents’ daily lives with global art resources, stimulate the wisdom and imagination of the city, and optimize the cultural ecology of Macao, offering a diverse range of artistic expression which vividly manifests the concept of building this “base”.

The Biennale gathers a variety of exquisite works of art from Macao, Mainland China, and around the world, most of which present a broad vision for life, solid artistic foundations and profound philosophical reflections. Dynamic art forms with profound implications evoke visual spatial images, striving to perceive and express the world from a higher level. Such forms represent a step away from inherent dimensions and static forms toward a multi-dimensional mental space. The exhibits are full of definite and indefinite dialectics and strength, as well as thought-provoking beauty and fun. The artistic demonstration of the artists’ passion, ideas, imagination and inspiration, and the individual dedication of the “unique beauty of each one”, contributes to the artistic view of “diversity” and “integrity”. This year’s Biennale will be available for four months, featuring artworks by artists from different regions with different styles and characteristics, at public spaces, higher education institutions, neighborhood communities, resorts and hotels. Its far-reaching urban aesthetic effects are worth waiting for.

This event provides an opportunity for Macao artists to exchange spiritually with their counterparts from the motherland and the rest of the world. I believe it will leave a profound and good impression on all of us and become a rich source of inspiration for cultural creation for the city of lotus.

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