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Collect Call: Visual Arts Scene in Singapore

Half a dozen new art galleries, a slew of cool exhibitions happening right now, and even more to look forward to in January's Art Week—the local visual arts scene is heating up, says Terry

By Terry Ong | Dec 12, 2013



28th Fevrier, Singapore

Cool art exhibitions are opening every week in this Little Red Dot of ours. Not only that-next year's Singapore Art Week will feature more than 60 independent exhibitions, alongside mammoth art fair Art Stage. Perhaps most excitingly of all, five new independent galleries have just opened with more on the way (Pearl Lam brings her Shanghainese style to Gillman Barracks from January). Here we take a look at these new arrivals and peek ahead at what's to come.

28th Fevrier

What: Run by former photographer Dominic Khoo, the 8,000 sq. ft. art gallery is luxury and artistry personified. It was just a couple of months after Khoo decided to close down his former space at Jalan Kilang Barat (which in November held the Super O Season pop-up parties) that he reopened at this picturesque spot. "I still wanted to push the idea of art and I wanted a space where viewers can see the works through a more realistic setting, where the pieces are placed at home," says Khoo.

Who: Never mind that it boasts a rather chi-chi setting (customers get to rest on the luxury sofas and sip on tea or coffee while they browse), the art pieces here are an infectious mix of street art influenced works and charming one-offs, including rare early works by Samantha Lo a.k.a. SKLO and Parisian Kongo (\$20,000 upwards). Images from Khoo's photography collection, of celebrities like Maggie Cheung and Lindsay Lohan, are also on sale (\$6,888 upwards), as are one-off furniture piece by Italian brand Manoteca (\$11,888 upwards).

Why: The friendly atmosphere and warm ambiance makes you want to come back again and again.

Where: 6 Kay Siang Rd., 6366-4642.

When: Open Mon-Fri 10am-7pm, Sat 1-6pm.

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10:00 am. Suntec Singapore International Convention & Exhibition Centre

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12:00 pm. Suntec Singapore International Convention & Exhibition Centre

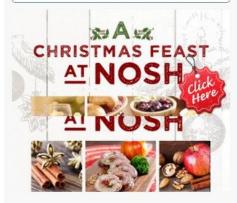
ART The Singaporean Subway - Photo exhibition by Benedict Chen

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