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Art Basel announces Hong Kong show dates for 2016 and 2017

Following the announcement that Art Basel's Hong Kong show will move into March as of 2015, Art Basel is delighted to announce the specific Hong Kong show dates for 2016 and 2017. The dates for Art Basel in Hong Kong 2016 and 2017 have been confirmed as follows:

2016**Preview (by invitation): Tuesday evening, March 22, and all day Wednesday, March 23****Public Show Dates: Thursday, March 24 to Saturday, March 26****2017****Preview (by invitation): Tuesday evening, March 21, and all day Wednesday, March 22****Public Show Dates: Thursday, March 23 to Saturday, March 25**

'We are delighted to announce specific March dates for our Hong Kong show through to 2017, allowing us to further strengthen the position of Art Basel's show in Hong Kong as a premier event on the international art calendar and the leading annual art show in Asia, says Magnus Renfrew, Art Basel's Director Asia.

The 2015 show takes place at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, the host venue for Art Basel's show in Asia. The preview (by invitation) will take place on Friday evening, March 13, and all day Saturday, March 14, 2015. The public show dates are Sunday, March 15 to Tuesday, March 17, 2015.

NOTES TO EDITORS

About Art Basel

Art Basel stages the world's premier art shows for Modern and contemporary works, sited in Basel, Miami Beach and Hong Kong. Defined by its host city and region, each show is unique, which is reflected in its participating galleries, artworks presented, and the content of parallel programming produced in collaboration with local institutions for each edition. In addition to ambitious stands featuring leading galleries from around the world, each show's exhibition sectors spotlight the latest developments in the visual arts, offering visitors new ideas, new inspiration and new contacts in the art world.

About Art Basel in Hong Kong

The third edition of Art Basel in Hong Kong, Lead Partner UBS, will take place from March 13 to March 17, 2015 at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Center. The show will present a careful selection of the leading galleries from Asia, Europe, the Americas and the rest of the world and more than 3,000 artists, ranging from young emerging artists to the Modern masters from both Asia and the West. 50 percent of galleries presented at the show have exhibition spaces in Asia and the Asia-Pacific region, showcasing a strong combination of high-quality works from the East and the West and underscoring Art Basel's commitment to the region. The main sector, Galleries, presents premier established galleries from across the world, while Insights is dedicated to presenting precise contextual and thematic presentations by artists

from across the art scenes in Asia and the Asia-Pacific. The Discoveries sector provides a platform for younger galleries and Encounters shows large-scale sculptural installations by leading artists from around the world. The Film sector, curated by Li Zhenhua, is hosted in collaboration with the Hong Kong Arts Centre. The show will be accompanied by strong public programming, including Art Basel's popular talks programs, Conversations and Salon. Additionally, collaborations with local and international partners will ensure a diverse range of arts programming, with hundreds of cultural events hosted across the city throughout the week.

Partners

UBS is Art Basel's global Lead Partner, supporting all three shows in Basel, Miami Beach and Hong Kong. The firm has been the Lead Partner of the Basel show for the past 20 years and of Art Basel in Miami Beach since the show's inception in 2002, and for Hong Kong beginning in 2014. UBS has a rich history of supporting cultural and artistic endeavours across the world, with a focus on promotion, collection and educational activities in the world of contemporary art. The Art Basel show in Hong Kong is supported by Davidoff and Audemars Piguet as Associate Partners.

Ruinart and Freeports are the show's Lounge Hosts, with BMW supporting as Official Automotive Partner, AXA ART as Official Insurance Partner, Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong as Official Hotel Partner. The Financial Times is the show's Media Partner.

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