

Independent & public spaces GALLERIES & MUSEUMS



Courtesy of Fringe Club.

Fringe Club

An integral part of Hong Kong's cultural scene, the Fringe Club is located in a heritage building that was formerly a dairy farm storage depot. It sits on top of the hill overlooking the nightlife area of Lan Kwai Fong. Established in 1984, it hosts a wide range of exhibitions, plays, live music and comedy shows. Not to miss if you want to experience some homegrown talent alongside a glass or two of decent wine.

2 Lower Albert Rd, Central, 2521 7251; hkfringeclub.com.
Daily midday-late.

Fo Tan Studios

Fo Tan is an area in Hong Kong's Sha Tin district – an industrial cluster of former factories now inhabited by more than 250 artists. One of the harder-to-reach areas in the city, it is precisely for this reason that the buildings here have attracted art graduates from the nearby Chinese University over the years. If you book a tour, seek out the studios of established artists like Leung Chi-wo, Chow Chun-fai and Wilson Shieh, as well as the workshops of younger artists.

Fo Tan, 9762 5896; fotanian.org.
By appointment only.

House of Stories

A tiny cultural treasure in Wan Chai, this organisation occupies the Blue House on Stone Nullah Lane – a historic Lingnan-style structure that was built in the 1920s. Over the years it has hosted famous kung fu masters and now organises regular exhibitions discussing social matters and events spanning movie screenings, gigs, painting sessions and even plum wine-making. Private tours in English can be reserved a month in advance.

74 Stone Nullah Ln, Wan Chai, 2835 4372; houseofstories.sjs.org.hk.
Thu-Tue 11am-6pm.

Goethe-Gallery

The Goethe-Gallery is a small yet highly regarded venue in Wan Chai's Hong Kong Arts Centre. Exhibitions by contemporary German and Hong Kong artists are shown here to much applause. The gallery also acts as a platform for exchange as part of the Goethe-Institut Hong Kong.

14/F, Hong Kong Arts Ctr, 2 Harbour Rd, Wan Chai, 2802 0088; goethe.de/hongkong.
Mon-Fri 9am-8.30pm, Sat 1pm-6pm.

Hong Kong Visual Arts Centre

Located in a historic building once known as Cassels Block – built in the early 20th century as married quarters for British army officers – the Hong Kong Visual Arts Centre, or vA!, is equipped with studios and offers programmes spanning presentations, workshops, forums and open studios for artists. Its 'sister venue' is Oil, in North Point.

7A Kennedy Rd, Central, 2521 3008; lcsd.gov.hk.
Daily 10am-9pm.

Hong Kong Arts Centre

In the late 1960s, when the sole venue for local contemporary art was City Hall in Central, Hong Kong artists and creative associations wrote to the government to request a piece of land so they could construct an arts centre. By the late 1970s, they were given their wish with the Hong Kong Arts Centre. Hosting a studio, theatre, cinema, small bookstore and three floors of gallery space, this complex is an important part of the city's art and culture scenes.

2 Harbour Rd, Wan Chai, 2582 0200; hkac.org.hk.
Daily 8am-11pm.



Courtesy of Hong Kong Arts Centre.