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vision in the exhibition Jane Lee: Red States.

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she later found there were too many rules.

is just that you throw a painting away."

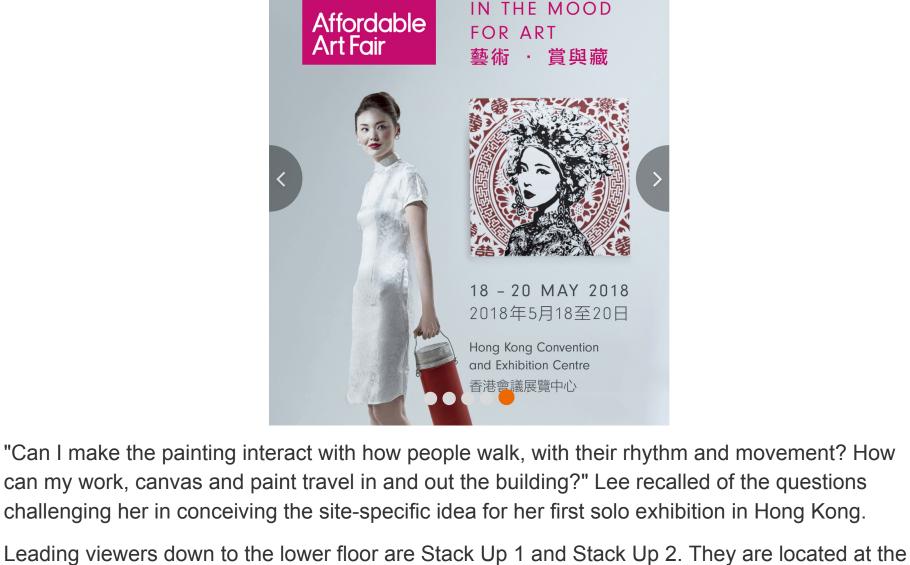
And that is what Singaporean artist Jane Lee wants in breaking conventional perspectives of how a painting should look, while exploring the possibilities of painting with daily tools in forms of

Hanging linked rolls of red canvas on stark white walls makes for a spectacular and amazing

Having paint on canvas doesn't, of course, necessarily make it a painting, and Lee is quick to point that out. "Actually, they are in between two- and three-dimensional, and even cross over into installation, site-specific works," she said.

The Story of Canvas, rolls of canvas spread with red acrylic paint, cut into strips and linked to each other, is an example. The 13-meter-long work takes up almost the whole exhibit wall of Pao Galleries, the split-level gallery at Hong Kong Arts Centre in Wan Chai.

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platform in between the staircases, and her imagination exceeds the shapes of the canvas. The canvas is cut into small squares and stacked together. Viewers are encouraged to look at the

in red? Simple. Neat. Not many pieces of work but leaving an impression," she said of the impetus. Like most artists, the nonconformist started with classical painting many years ago. But

The idea for an all-red show came from The Story of Canvas. "Why don't I make a show that is all

"I think I have a little bit of a rebel in me," said Lee. "I dropped everything I learned, went back to zero again, and started to find my own language. "What should I be afraid of? I want to do it. In the art of making, you can't go so wrong. The worst

mood, when they see your work." Jane Lee: Red States is on display until June 10. 

To her, art should touch the heart. "I want my art to be cheerful and to lighten people's mood.

When the artist is happy during the process, being playful, people can feel your energy, your

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