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10 things not to miss in Hong Kong this weekend

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Looking for things to do this weekend? Here's our rundown of the best events and things to do in Hong Kong. See what else is coming up in our events calendar.

1 Larger than life

Photo: Pexels

Perrotin Hong Kong is presenting the second **solo exhibition** of Jena Flange in Hong Kong since 2021. Titled 'Aura,' the showcase features new paintings as part of a greater mine-or-scene that transforms the gallery into a human-scale composition.

The Swedish artist has developed a surrealistic matryoska-like aesthetic, assembling paintings within paintings. In addition to his new art pieces, the exhibition also includes posters of a façade photographed from Flange's studio but digitally altered so that the windows are blacked out like the panes in a displayed painting of a house.

When: Now till 10 December

Where: Perrotin, Unit B07, K11 Atelier, Victoria Dockside, 18 Salisbury Road, Tsim Sha Tsui

Photo: Hong Kong Arts Centre

2 A celebration of life

In celebration of the life and work of Lina Wertmüller, a **retrospective on the first woman filmmaker to be nominated for Best Director at the Oscars** is taking place at the Hong Kong Arts Centre. Wertmüller's films are packed with explosive passion, wit, and melancholy. A selection of her works and a documentary about her life and achievements are screening. Stay tuned for the after-screening talks as well. Click here for more details.

When: 3 to 25 November

Where: Louis Koo Cinema, Hong Kong Arts Centre, 2 Harbour Road, Wan Chai

3 Autumn breeze

Photo: Hanok Coo

Hanok Coo is welcoming autumn with **new creations that celebrate South Korea's seasonal bounty and the country's heritage.** Traditional dishes like the tarak juk (타락죽, Korean porridge made with milk and rice), bwajeon (봐전, pan-fried rice pancake dipped in lemon honey), and deulkkae-tang (들깨탕, perilla seed soup) are creatively interpreted by the talented culinary team. Priced at $1,188, the eight-course menu is available with bespoke wine pairing options and a selection of Korean wines.

When: Now till 30 November

Where: Hanok Coo, L/F, The Wellington, 198 Wellington Street, Central

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Photo: Cafe Mela

4 Outrageously delicious

For the first time ever, Café Mela will be introducing a **seasonal Thanksgiving treat**: The Cherbyschunga ($178) serves freshly roasted turkey, buttery mashed potatoes, and herbed stuffing swaddled into a flour tortilla before being deep-fried to a golden crispy finish, complete with savoury gravy and served with a side of cranberry sauce. Be sure to try the seasonal pumpkin pie milkshake ($88) featuring all the flavours of the spiced dessert.

When: Now till 30 December

Where: Café Mela Bar & Grill, locations across Hong Kong

5 Pop culture meets art

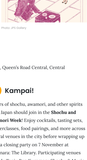

Photo: JPG Gallery

Where Shirlz's "Chop Suey 2018–2022" marks the artist's **first solo exhibition** with JPS Gallery in Hong Kong. It brings together works from 2008 to 2022 and provides an overview of Shirlz's evolution as an artist through working on different mediums and integrating contemporary imagery inspired by Hong Kong's local pop culture.

The artist is known for his ability to modernise the quintessence of traditional Chinese art. His nostalgic "Paper Doll" series portrays the city's pop and cultural icons such as Samuel Pang in *An Autumn's Tale* and Su Li Zhen in *In the Mood for Love*.

When: Now till 21 November

Where: JPG Gallery, 218–219, 2/F, Landmark Atrium, Queen's Road Central, Central

6 Kampai!

Photo: The Mixture Group

Lovers of shochu, awamori, and other spirits from Japan should join in the **Shochu and Awamori Week!** Enjoy cocktails, tasting sets, masterclasses, food pairings, and more across several venues in the city before wrapping up with a closing party on 7 November at Minorana The Library. Participating venues include Tenju Bar, Kuromaru Shocho & Music Lounge, Sake Central, and more. Reserve your spot by calling (+852) 3171 9787.

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Photo: Kaiyin Art Museum

7 My inner artist

Five self-taught artists gather to showcase their multi-faceted artworks for the **"On My Own Terms—Self-Taught Artists" exhibition**. Even without formal training, these passionate individuals have embarked on the journey to pursue art and developed their own signature style. The showcase aims to push the boundaries of established norms in the art world and to inspire viewers to pursue their own artistic aspirations. Browse through 30 works spanning photography, painting, sculpture, moving images, and installation.

Domestic worker-turned-documentary-photographer Xyza Cruz Bacani depicts the subtle moments that show daily life in Wan Chai while upcycling artist Cheng Shing uses found objects and professional art materials in his paintings and sculptures. Bamboo sculptor Louis To Wan interprets classical Chinese and Western art techniques to create contemporary paintings as well as bamboo sculptures of monumental scale.

When: Now till 12 November

Where: The Rotunda, Exchange Square, Central

8 A magical musical

Photo: Marco Polo

Families planning a big day out this weekend shouldn't miss the Children's *Concert: Marco Polo and the Sounds of the Carnival* by the Musicus Society as part of the annual Safa Mai Festival celebrating Italian culture in Hong Kong. The performance follows the traveller Marco Polo on his return to Italy from his travels in China and with him are Chinese musical instruments. This **interactive musical show** involves fire acting and fun characters that will delight all ages! Click here to get your tickets.

When: 5 November

Where: Concert Hall, Hong Kong City Hall, 5 Edinburgh Place, Central

9 Taking up space

"Gender & Space" is Tai Kwun's latest exhibition! The exciting **showcase** explores the experiences of several different women in a society pushed by rapid change. It aims to show that gender identity is fluid, complex, multi-layered, and ever-changing. Adopting a gender lens, visitors are asked to revisit the history of Tai Kwun while addressing the underrepresentation of women in the spaces of the former Central Police Station.

When: 3 November to 15 January

Where: Block 1B, Duplex Studio, Tai Kwun, 10 Hollywood Road, Central

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10 Blueberry eyes

It's blueberry season! To celebrate, PitStop at Aba Hotel by Royal is joining forces with Eurekaeat for a nourishing winter **blueberry afternoon tea set** ($688 for two). Inspired by the beauty brand's skin renewal products, it features a selection of savoury and sweet delights infused with blueberry. The tea set also comes with two glasses of Sip Blue Pineapple special drink or a glass of Moët & Chandon champagne for an additional $88.

When: PitStop, L/F, Aba Hotel by Royal, 1 Yuen Hong Street, Sha Tin

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