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Hong Kong Performing Arts Expo Returns in October 2026

Global Open Call for International Showcases and Pitching Works Now Underway



[FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE | 1 September 2025, Hong Kong] Building on the success of the inaugural Hong Kong Performing Arts Expo (HKPAX) in 2024, the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) today announced **the return of the second edition of HKPAX in October 2026 (“HKPAX 2026”)**. Global call for applications from artists and arts organisations worldwide to take part in the International Showcases and Pitching Works programmes also opens today.

Sponsored by the Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People’s Republic of China, and organised by HKADC, HKPAX is a flagship platform for cultural exchange and collaboration. Through featuring groundbreaking performances and a series of professional networking activities, HKPAX fosters meaningful dialogue and interaction among global arts institutions and practitioners. The inaugural Expo featured over 1,600 arts leaders and practitioners from a wide span of 60 regions and countries and attracted over 32,000 attendees and audiences.

The HKPAX 2026 will take place from 9 to 13 October 2026. Arts professionals across the globe will showcase their work to international audiences, exchange ideas with their counterparts, explore collaborations, identify the latest industry trends, and experience the diverse cultures of China, including Hong Kong, and Asia and beyond. Through the showcase of performances and cultural experiences during HKPAX, local and international audiences will have the opportunity to enjoy the

Hong Kong's unique culture and vibrant performing arts scene, while public programmes will be organised to encourage city-wide participation.

HKPAX 2026: A Platform for Global Partnerships and Growth in the Arts

HKPAX 2026 will feature a thoughtfully curated programme spanning multiple strands, including International Showcases, Pitching Works, Hong Kong Chapter, Conversations, Exhibition, Networking Events, Expo Programmes, among other activities. These programmes altogether invite global arts professionals to explore, experience, and exchange, fostering partnerships and creating synergic opportunities that strengthen the performing arts sector in Hong Kong and enrich the global performing arts scene.

An array of events will be held across a variety of venues with diverse styles and capacities. These include the soon-to-be-officially opened East Kowloon Cultural Centre, the iconic Hong Kong City Hall and Hong Kong Cultural Centre, heritage spaces such as the Hong Kong Fringe Club and Tai Kwun, as well as the Tea House Theatre in West Kowloon Cultural District, a contemporary venue with a unique Chinese cultural character and Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, a prominent institution with venues equipped to international standards.

Global Open Call Closes on 12 October 2025 (HKT)

The open call for International Showcases and Pitching Works is now underway and will close on 12 October 2025, Hong Kong time. Selected artists and arts organisations for the International Showcases will have the valuable opportunity to present their full-length performances to both local and international audiences in Hong Kong's major performance venues. Those chosen for Pitching Works will introduce their work-in-progress or established works to presenters, producers, agents, curators, and other arts professionals worldwide, gaining global exposure and exploring collaboration and touring opportunities.

Applications are now open at the official HKPAX website (<https://www.hkpax.org.hk>), with full application guidelines and timeline details available. Programme highlights and ticketing information will be announced in April 2026.

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About Hong Kong Arts Development Council

Established in 1995, the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) is a statutory body set up by the Government to support the broad development of the arts in Hong Kong. Its major roles include grant allocation, policy and planning, advocacy, promotion and development, and special projects.

The mission of HKADC is to support and promote the development of 10 major art forms in literary arts, performing arts, visual arts as well as film and media arts in Hong Kong. Aiming to foster a thriving arts environment and enhancing the quality of life of the public, HKADC is also committed to facilitating community-wide participation in the arts and arts education, encouraging arts criticism, raising the standard of arts administration, and contributing on policy research.

About Hong Kong Performing Arts Expo

The Hong Kong Performing Arts Expo (HKPAX, pronounced “Hong-Kong-pax”), aims to foster and deepen interaction and exchange among the global network of arts institutions and professionals in China including Hong Kong, and Asia and beyond. The inaugural 2024 edition drew over 1,600 delegates from a wide span of 60 regions and countries and attracted more than 32,000 attendees and audiences in the city.

The 2nd edition, from 9 to 13 October 2026, will once again bring together global performing arts professionals to connect and exchange through performances, pitch sessions, talks, exhibition, and a series of professional networking activities, while allowing local and international audiences to experience the city’s unique culture and vibrant performing arts scene.

Programme Overview of HKPAX 2026

Programme	Description
International Showcases	A series of sensational and innovative productions, carefully selected from global submissions, take to the stage in Hong Kong to showcase groundbreaking creativities by artists across the world.
Pitching Works	A platform for international artists and performing arts troupes to pitch their original projects to presenters, producers, agents, performance venues, funding bodies, curators, and arts professionals, exploring business opportunities and identifying potential partners worldwide.
Conversations	Arts and cultural leaders, artists, and producers from around the world share their perspectives and professional insights on current issues in the performing arts industry, igniting creativity and driving the industry forward.
Exhibition	A place for international delegates to meet, connect, exchange ideas, or simply chat with other HKPAX participants about their companies,

	works, projects or potential business opportunities, all within a relaxed exhibition setting.
Hong Kong Chapter	An exceptional chance to enjoy a feast of Hong Kong arts through a dynamic series of presentations by local independent artists and small and medium-sized arts groups - showcasing their artistic visions, evolving creative ideas, practices, and mature works.
Networking Events	From structured networking activities, interactive breakout sessions, to evening gatherings, these events offer valuable opportunities for participants to expand their connections and cultivate meaningful partnerships.
Expo Programmes	A rich spectrum of supporting programmes presented by Hong Kong's major performing arts groups that fully showcase Hong Kong's dynamic performing arts scene.
Cultural Offerings	Special cultural experiences during the HKPAX period allow participants to immerse in the city's unique blend of East and West traditions and cultural ambience.
Supporting Programmes	Curated by Hong Kong's arts and cultural sector in different areas of the city, these activities provide participants with a deeper taste of the city's vibrant artistic life.
Optional Tour	Participants may opt to join a cultural tour to the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area following HKPAX, exploring the development, cultural landscape and opportunities of the region.