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Still want more? Check out the events happening in and around Art Basel.

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### Abbas Kiarostami screenings and seminar

*Hong Kong Arts Centre, 2 Harbour Rd, Wan Chai; Sat May 25, 12pm. $80-$65; urbtix.hk.*

This series examines the artistry of one of the world's most respected film directors, Iranian auteur Abbas Kiarostami. Two of his masterpieces are on show – the 1997 Cannes Palme d'Or winner, *Taste of Cherry*, and the 1999 Venice Film Festival's Silver Lion victor, *The Wind Will Carry Us* – and the master himself speaks at a seminar following the screenings. For more info, see cinefan.com.hk.

### Asia Art Archives Talk Series: 'Unpacking Global'

*Various venues; May 23-25. Free.*

How does Asian art contribute to the global art scene? What impact does the concept of 'global' have on artistic practice? This series of four talks seeks to address such pressing questions, while exploring the relationship between art and reality. One of the highlights is a keynote lecture from Delhi-based art scholar Geeta Kapur. For full schedule, see aaa.org.hk.

### Chai Wan Mei

*Chai Wan Industrial City, 60 Wing Tai Rd, Chai Wan; May 24-25. Free.*

More than 30 spaces open their doors to showcase this growing creative factory district in a diverse feast of arts and culture. With open photography studios to pop-up shops, exhibitions, video screenings, fashion, art and food, there's plenty to explore in the vast industrial spaces of this growing Island East community. For more, see facebook.com/chaiwanmei.

### Conversations and Salons @Art Basel

*N106-108, HKCEC, Wan Chai. May 23-25. Free.*

Throughout the fair, Art Basel hosts a series of talks exploring anything and everything about art. The afternoon salons are laid-back, interactive sessions with players in the professional art world, while the morning conversations are more formal, providing an insider's perspective on the international art world. There are also book launches, signings and interviews. For the full schedule, see artbasel.com.

### Intelligence Squared Debate: 'The Market Is the Best Judge of Art's Quality'

*N101, HKCEC, Wan Chai; Fri May 24, 6.30pm. $300; hkticketing.com.*

Van Gogh only sold one painting during his lifetime; Picasso was a millionaire by the age of 40; Michelangelo was paid to paint, and many of his masterpieces would not have been created otherwise. So what exactly is the relationship between art and money? In the latest of the art-focused Intelligence Squared debates, four leading art critics, curators and thinkers from across the globe weigh in. For more, see intelligencesquared.asia. *See Art, p64.*

### Paper Rain Parade

*Central & Western District Promenade, Central; Thu May 23, 5.30pm. Free.*

This cinema-themed procession transforms the waterfront into a lively celebration of art. Travelling from Pier 10 to Tamar, and curated by experimental musician Arto Lindsay, the parade features work by people from across the Asian creative realm, including artists, dancers, musicians and filmmakers. From living art works to improv theatre and live electronic music, it promises to be an AV feast unlike anything we've seen in Hong Kong. For more info, see artbasel.com.

### Wong Chuk Hang Art Night

*Wong Chuk Hang Spaces; Thu May 23, 5pm. Free.*

More than a dozen galleries open their doors to showcase this budding industrial-turned-art district on Hong Kong Island's southside. With many an expansive space in Wong Chuk Hang, expect some large-scale works, including Qiu Zhijie: The Universe of Naming at Spring Workshop, along with exhibitions at well-established galleries like Cat Street Gallery and Blindspot Gallery. For more info, see springworkshop.org/neighbourhood.

### Time Out Hong Kong's New to Buying Art Tour

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*Meet at TOHK Booth M05; May 24: 2.30pm & 4pm; May 25: 2.30pm & 4.30pm; May 26: 3pm. Free.*

With a dazzling array of artwork by more than 2,000 artists, the sheer scale of Art Basel Hong Kong is daunting. And if you're in the market for some art, where does one start? Our interactive tours led by our own art experts give you the lowdown on buying art at the fair, what to look out for and buying etiquette, as well as introducing you to gallery representatives who can answer all your questions. Just sign up at our booth!