

PearlLam Galleries

Hong Kong SOHO

PAPINEE WORLD



Project Dates 29 November, 2016–6 January, 2017

Venue Pearl Lam Galleries Hong Kong SOHO
No. 1, G/F & 1/F, SOHO 189, 189 Queen's Road West, Sheung Wan

Hong Kong—Pearl Lam Galleries is delighted to present *Papinee World*, a multi-sensory art exhibition by PAPIINEE, the global Children's Storytelling Social Enterprise that Pearl Lam Galleries has invited to create a spellbinding art installation for children. This project will be open at Pearl Lam Galleries Hong Kong SOHO from 29 November, 2016 to 6 January, 2017. *Papinee World* aims to take school-age children on an art adventure across the world, inspiring them through imagination and empowering them to dream and prosper.

Pearl Lam Galleries has collaborated with PAPIINEE to bring the world of imagination to children, especially those who have not yet had the chance to travel the world. This project is a continuation of the Galleries' social responsibility initiative, a commitment to give back to Hong Kong and to the local community. The Galleries' mission is to engage people of all ages with art, especially children, encouraging them to embrace diversity, build dreams, and to celebrate differences.

Papinee World is a complete sensory immersion and engagement with art. Children will be transported to London with the Owl King Strix, whose abode is Buckingham Palace; to New York City with the Deer

President Odo, experiencing Times Square and the music of the city that never sleeps. The children will also visit Mexico City with Vani-Zuma the Mexican Aztec Monkey, Nairobi safaris with Pantha of the Kenyan Lions, and the Brazilian Amazon with Chancellor Podo the Turtle. The goal is for the children of Hong Kong to see how incredible the world is through a vision of fun and magic and to inspire them to dream and hope for the future.

Pearl Lam Galleries together with generous sponsors, individuals, and non-profit organisations have made it possible to create this art installation and invite disadvantaged children to experience *Papinee World*.

Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong has joined forces with Pearl Lam Galleries and PAPINEE to integrate *Papinee World* into the hotel. The hotel's lobby will combine a universe of creativity and art to become a fantasyland for family fun.

"Pearl Lam Galleries is excited to present *Papinee World* this year. As a gallery, we fundamentally believe that art should be accessible to people of all ages, demographics, and social groups, as it provides a lens for us to better understand the world in which we live. We hope our art installation *Papinee World* will inspire curiosity, provoke creativity, celebrate diversity, and stimulate the imagination of children from all corners of Hong Kong."

—Pearl Lam

"Imagination and curiosity is what empowers kids to dream about their future and soar through life with a smile. We wanted to bring the PAPINEE Animal Storytelling Kits to life through a spectacular multi-sensory art installation that takes children on a journey around the globe. Thanks to Pearl Lam and the Mandarin Oriental we have been able to bring this dream to life."

—Dev Suj, Founder of PAPINEE

About PAPINEE

PAPINEE is a Children's Storytelling Social Enterprise whose goal is to enable our children today to grow up to be better global citizens tomorrow. PAPINEE was inspired by the founder's mother who wanted to give her child the world and in doing so turned their living room into the Pyramids of Giza, Mount Fuji, and King Arthur's Round Table; taking him on the most incredible imaginative journeys and conquests of learning and fun. A natural storyteller, the mother dedicated every Sunday afternoon to visiting orphanages, where she would read, share, and play with the kids. She referred to each child as her "Papinee", a word she invented to make every child feel special, loved, and brilliant.

Today PAPINEE is in reverence to her and incredible storytellers everywhere who endeavour to give all children around the world the gift of imagination so that they can be inspired and, against all odds, make their dreams come true. PAPINEE creates storytelling kits about special animals from different lands and fuses zoology, geography, and history in a magical way for parents to inspire their loved ones and take them on voyages of imagination, creativity, and happiness. For every Storytelling Kit sold, PAPINEE donates an Inspire Kit to a child in need with the support of a community of global volunteer storytellers that teach, play, and give hope. PAPINEE also works with many different partners to fund children's causes with the vision to inspire tomorrow's global citizens.

About Pearl Lam Galleries

Founded by Pearl Lam, Pearl Lam Galleries is a driving force within Asia's contemporary art scene. With over 20 years of experience exhibiting Asian and Western art and design, it is one of the leading and most established contemporary art galleries to be launched out of China.

Playing a vital role in stimulating international dialogue on Chinese and Asian contemporary art, the Galleries is dedicated to championing artists who re-evaluate and challenge perceptions of cultural practice from the region. The four branches of Pearl Lam Galleries in Hong Kong, Shanghai, and Singapore collaborate with renowned curators, each presenting distinct programming from major solo exhibitions, special projects, and installations to conceptually rigorous group shows. Based on the philosophy of Chinese Literati where art forms have no hierarchy, Pearl Lam Galleries is dedicated to breaking down boundaries between different disciplines, with a unique gallery model committed to encouraging cross-cultural exchange.

Pearl Lam Galleries continues to take on an increasingly active role in engaging with local communities in its various locations through activities held in parallel with gallery exhibitions. This includes a workshop and competition aimed at young children that ran during Inci Eviner's solo exhibition *Looping on Thin Ice* (2016, Shanghai) and Theatreworks' 24-hour playwriting competition during *In Silence* (2016, Singapore). To promote local street art and reach out to youths through art, Pearl Lam Galleries Hong Kong SOHO presented *Hidden Street* in 2015, where local street artists were invited to take over and personalise the gallery space as their own. The second major community project at the SOHO gallery is this year's *Papinee World*, a spellbinding art installation for local children created by PAPINEE.

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