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## Asian Cultural Council Announces 2019 China and Hong Kong Fellowship Recipients

*Hong Kong, China* - The Asian Cultural Council (ACC) is a non-profit organization that awards fellowships and provides program services for cultural exchange in the arts. ACC believes that exchange in the arts not only benefit the development of artistic talents and professionals, but also offer opportunities to enhance communication, respect, and understanding among different cultures. The ACC is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2019 fellowship:

Josephine Wai, Director of ACC Hong Kong, said, **“The ACC fellowship program is more than financial support. Through our professional advice and emphasis on the research process, ACC is investing in 12 talented individuals who are creators, sustainers, and interpreters of the arts. ACC’s investment is distributed throughout the arts ecosystem and is integral to the best new works in the years to come”.**

Supporting curatorial development has been the focus of the ACC China programme in recent years. This year, **Nikita Cai (蔡影茜)**, Chief Curator of Times Museum in Guangzhou, and **Chen Li (陳立)**, curator based in Beijing, are receiving ACC’s support for their research in the US. The cohort also includes the latest creative forces in China: hailing from Shanghai are visual artists **Yu Ji (于吉)** and the artistic duo **Birdhead (鳥頭)**, and Beijing-based independent choreographer **Gu Jiani (古佳妮)**. Professor **Sun Shimeng (孫詩萌)**, Assistant Researcher from the School of Tsinghua University, will attend the Special Program for Urban and Regional Studies at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to further her research on urban histories and conservation planning.

This year’s Hong Kong cohort contains some of the most promising creative talents in the local art scene. Award recipients include visual artists **Au Hoi Lam (區凱琳)** and **Enoch Cheng (鄭得恩)**; composer **Mak Kai Chung aka Mike Orange (麥啟聰)**; independent choreographer **Wayson Poon (盤彥桑)**; new media artist **Lau Ho Chi (劉浩知)** who received continued support for his post graduate studies at Carnegie Mellon University; and young cellist **Thomas Hung (洪嘉揚)** who will be attending Aspen Music Festival.

### About the Asian Cultural Council Hong Kong

The Asian Cultural Council was established in 1963 by John D. Rockefeller 3rd. It has awarded approximately 6,000 fellowships and grants to arts professionals and institutions. ACC is headquartered in New York, with a regional office in Tokyo and affiliated organizations in Hong Kong, Tokyo, Manila and Taipei. Since 1986, ACC Hong Kong has supported more than 600 artists and arts professionals from Hong Kong and China for programs of advanced study and research in the US and other countries in Asia.

### Application for 2020 Fellowships

Applications for fellowships to be awarded in 2020 will commence on September 1, 2019. For more information, please refer to ACC’s website: [www.asianculturalcouncil.org.hk](http://www.asianculturalcouncil.org.hk)

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ACC Cai Guo-Qiang Fellowship 亞洲文化協會蔡國強獎助  
Yu Ji 于吉

ACC–Beijing Contemporary Art Foundation Fellowship  
亞洲文化協會–北京當代藝術基金會獎助  
Nikita Cai 蔡影茜

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Gu Jiani 古佳妮

Altius Fellowship  
Enoch Cheng 鄭得恩

Altius Fellowship  
Lau Ho Chi 劉浩知

Hong Kong Arts Circle Fellowship  
Birdhead 鳥頭

HKETONY–ACC Fellowship  
香港駐紐約經濟貿易辦事處–亞洲文化協會獎助  
Au Hoi Lam 區凱琳

HKETONY–ACC Fellowship  
香港駐紐約經濟貿易辦事處–亞洲文化協會獎助  
Mak Kai Chung 麥啟聰 (Mike Orange)

Hsin Chong–K.N. Godfrey Yeh Education Fund:  
Tsinghua–MIT Exchange Program  
新昌–葉庚年教育基金清華大學：麻省理工交換計劃  
Sun Shimeng 孫詩萌

Lady Fung Music Fellowship 馮秉芬爵士夫人音樂獎助  
Thomas Hung 洪嘉揚

Lee Hysan Foundation–ACC Fellowship 利希慎基金–亞洲文化協會獎助  
Wayson Poon 盤彥桑

Yu Ji 于吉



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