

2016 Asia Arts Award Winners Announced

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Cai Guo-Qiang, Nalini Malani, and Yoshitomo Nara
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Cai Guo-Qiang, (<http://hk.blouinartinfo.com/artists/nalini-malani-115334>) [Nalini Malani](http://hk.blouinartinfo.com/artists/nalini-malani-115334) ([/artists/nalini-malani-115334](http://hk.blouinartinfo.com/artists/nalini-malani-115334)) and (<http://hk.blouinartinfo.com/artists/yoshitomo-nara-132308>) [Yoshitomo Nara](http://hk.blouinartinfo.com/artists/yoshitomo-nara-132308) ([/artists/yoshitomo-nara-132308](http://hk.blouinartinfo.com/artists/yoshitomo-nara-132308)) were named “Asia Arts Game Changers” at an awards gala in Hong Kong that opened Art Basel Hong Kong for 2016.

Hosted by the Asia Society, the Asia Arts Awards are given to recognize what the organization calls “artistic excellence and contributions to Asian art.” Previous winners have included Dansaekhwa pioneer [Lee Ufan](/artists/lee-ufan-185362) (/artists/lee-ufan-185362), Superflat founder (/artists/takashi-murakami-3560) (/news/story/805583/artists/profile/3560/takashi-murakami) [Takashi Murakami](/artists/359855-takashi-murakami) (/artists/359855-takashi-murakami), and notable artists from across Asia including British-Indian artist [Bharti Kher](/artists/97487-bharti-kher) (/artists/97487-bharti-kher), Pakistan’s [Shahzia Sikander](/artists/shahzia-sikander-4044) (/artists/shahzia-sikander-4044), and Indonesia’s [Nyoman Masriadi](/artists/nyoman-masriadi-118659) (/artists/nyoman-masriadi-118659).



Upon receiving his award, Cai, an artist perhaps best known for his performances in which he “paints” by exploding gunpowder, said “I am honored to receive the Asia Arts Award today. It gives me more faith in what I do, knowing that I can continue to ‘mess around’ boundlessly!”

Equally excited to be winning an award was Japanese artist [Yoshitomo Nara](/artists/yoshitomo-nara-132308) (/artists/yoshitomo-nara-132308). Known for his paintings of wide-eyed children at once sinister and vulnerable, he noted that “my purpose was not to receive any award. I didn’t think I

would be excited by receiving an award, but when I was about to receive one, I found myself being pleased.”

Indian artist [Nalini Malani](/artists/nalini-malani-115334) (/artists/nalini-malani-115334) spared a thought for those less fortunate than the assembled art world luminaries. Asking for a minutes’ silence for refugees across the globe, she commented that “you can’t keep acid in a paper bag;” the title of her most recent retrospective that looked at her issue-based work over a five decade career which has seen her carve a niche in the male-dominated Indian art world.

Alongside these awards, the Asia Society also ran a benefit auction for the society, with lots from previous winners like Sikander and other big names in Asian art including Cao Fei and Zhan Wang.

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	Cai Guo Qiang Project for Extraterrestrials No. 10, Project to Extend the Great Wall of China, 2000	October 06, 2007 Sotheby's Hong Kong Contemporary Chinese Art - Part II (Lot 628)	\$ 1,548,000 - \$ 2,322,000 USD	\$ 2,642,887 USD Premium
	Cai Guo Qiang Home, 2013	September 25, 2013 Christie's Shanghai The First Shanghai Auction (Lot 43)		\$ 2,449,500 USD Premium
	Cai Guo Qiang A Certain Lunar-eclipse - Project For Humankind No. 2 (In 7 Panels), 1991	April 04, 2010 Sotheby's Hong Kong Contemporary Asian Art (Lot 411)	\$ 1,159,200 - \$ 1,932,000 USD	\$ 2,393,104 USD Premium

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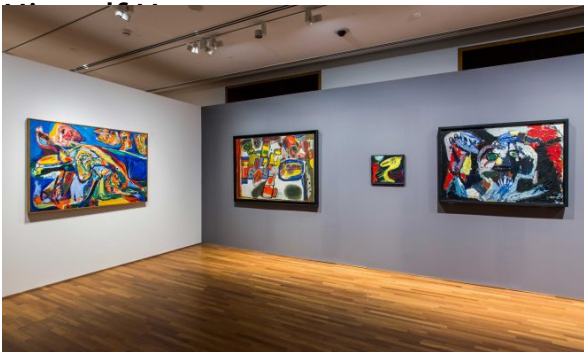


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