



COLOUR POP
Tatsanasomboon painting; diverse Thangchalok pieces (centre and left)



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The work of Tatsanasomboon (above); on the Chiang Mai art trail (left); Jam Factory event (far left)

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The best art events in Thailand right now



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ABSTRACT: THE TRUTH OF ART

This Bangkok Art & Culture Center (BACC) event is a retrospective of master Thai artist, Ithipol Thangchalok, who is also a professor emeritus at Silpakorn University. It's a magnificent curation of nearly 100 pieces spanning 50 years, including older works and ones that have never been exhibited. Thangchalok is one of a clutch of Thai artists who have intently followed the path of abstract art. He says he "has a faith in the simplicity of abstract art, which allows the artist's mind to truly discover the truth of art." On show until November 22. bacc.or.th

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DISPARITY

At Silom Road's Thavibu gallery, Chiang Mai based Thai painter, Jirapat Tatsanasomboon has a series of his realistic painting on display. He often re-interprets the characters in Thai traditional mural paintings with pop culture references to convey Thailand's social and political situation. Disparity depicts the two characters of the Indian epic Ramayana, Nonthok and Hanuman

to point the superficiality of the political views in the country. Until 21 November. thavibu.com

BANGKOK CHIANG MAI

GALLERIES NIGHT

Started in 2013 by Alliance Francaise Bangkok, this year will be the 3rd edition of The Galleries Night. In Bangkok it will be held on 27 and 28 November, with a number of galleries staying open till midnight with exhibitions, artist talks, special performances and activities. The "art route" will weave through Lumpini, Silom, the riverside and Sukhumvit areas. This year the first edition of Galleries Night Chiang Mai will also be held on 29 and 30 January 2016, focusing on walkable art routes of the old city, Nimmanhemin and Soi Wat Umong. It can get down to a chilly 10°C at night at this time of year in Chiang Mai, so be sure to bring a coat. fb.me/galleriesnight

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BANGKOK VIDEO ART FESTIVAL AT JAM FACTORY AND THE FERRY

Celebrate the milder weather in Bangkok at this series of outdoor video screenings

and live music at both the Jam Factory and the Ferry Gallery, a contemporary gallery on a privately owned vessel on the Chao Praya River. Channels, a video art festival from Melbourne, The Ferry Gallery and The Jam Factory are working together to organise the Bangkok Video Art Festival. The night projection will run from 7pm-9:30 pm and the tour on the Ferry Gallery will be held on every Friday, starting at The Jam Factory pier at 8pm and will cruise to Wat Arun. theferrygallery.com/festival



CHIANG MAI ART TRAIL

Art lovers should pick up a free Chiang Mai art map as soon as they arrive in the city. Produced annually by local collective Chiang Mai Art Conversation (fb.me/cmconversation), the fold-out map pinpoints not only the bigger name art institutions and museums but also small galleries and studios, artsy cafés and bars and boutiques.

PHUKET



Phuket's three newest beachside clubs

SKYE BEACH CLUB

This new joint has snapped up a spot on Naiyang Beach, a quiet stretch of sand in the northwest. Its second floor position gives guests a sunset view, while its location just a few kilometers south of the airport makes it the perfect place to finish your visit to Phuket. skyebeachclub.com

BRASSERIE YACHT CLUB

Located on hitherto undeveloped Ao Yon beach, this European beach club is run by Alain Tabruyn, famed on the island for his Belgian-themed brasserie in the Old Town. You'll find great beers, mussel pots and a seafood smorgasbord. **+66 76 210 511**

COMO BEACH CLUB

If there's one thing that the otherwise stunning Point Yamu by Como hotel lacked, it was direct access to the beach. That has now been rectified by the opening of a guests-only club on an island offshore. Banish all thoughts of roughing it like Robinson Crusoe luxury private island [comohotels](http://comohotels.com).