

YAU Leung (1941 – 1997)

Born in 1941 in Hong Kong, Yau Leung is widely regarded as one of Hong Kong's most significant and accomplished documentary photographers, starting his career in the 1960s. During his lifetime, Yau was an acclaimed photography editor working for various organisations, periodicals and publications: from 1965 to 1970, he was a photographer at Cathay Organisation (Hong Kong); in 1971, he worked for *Southern Screen* of Shaw Brothers Studio; in 1973, he founded *Photography Life*; and in 1980, he became editor-in-chief of *Photo Art*. Yau had a solo exhibition at Hong Kong Arts Centre in 1994. After his death, his retrospective exhibitions were held at Hong Kong Arts Centre in 1998, Lianzhou Foto Festival in 2005, Guangdong Museum of Art in 2006, and Dali International Photography Festival in 2009. Yau Leung edited and published several books of his own work, including *Lu Feng Stories* (1992), *Hong Kong Childhood* (1994) and *City Vibrance: Hong Kong* (1997). *Hong Kong Stories 1960's-1970's* was published after his death in 1999.

Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2022 “City Vibrance: Hong Kong”, The Culturist’s Playground, Hong Kong
- 2017 “Hong Kong Stories 1960s – original vintage prints by Yau Leung”, Blindspot Gallery, Hong Kong
- 2009 “Yau Leung Photography Exhibition”, Lumervisum, Hong Kong
“Yau Leung Photography Exhibition”, Dali International Photography Exhibition, Dali, China
- 2008 “Hong Kong – Memories of the Sixties”, Picture This Gallery, Hong Kong
- 2006 “City Vibrance: Hong Kong”, Guangdong Museum of Art, Guangzhou, China
- 2001 “Yau Leung: Photographs from the OP collection”, LEE fotogallery, Toronto, Canada
- 1998 “Yau Leung Retrospective”, Hong Kong Arts Centre, Hong Kong
- 1995 “Images of Hong Kong Cinema 1930's to 1970's”, Hong Kong Arts Centre, Hong Kong
- 1994 “Places Through the Lens: '60s / '70s Story of Hong Kong - The Photography of Yau Leung”, Hong Kong Arts Centre, Hong Kong
- 1992 “'60s / '70s Image of Hong Kong”, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, Hong Kong

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2024 “The Hong Kong Jockey Club Series: Noir & Blanc—A Story of Photography”, M+, Hong Kong
- 2019 “Hong Kong Experience · Hong Kong Experiment”, Hong Kong Museum of Art, Hong Kong
- 2016 “Hanging Out: An Exhibition of Hongkong Art of the 70s”, Ping Pong 129 Gintoneria, Hong Kong

- 2014 "TRADITION/anti-TRADITION: Departed from Hong Kong 'Photo Pictorial' Magazine...", HKDI Gallery, Hong Kong Design Institute, Hong Kong
- 2008 "Hong Kong - Memories of the Sixties by Photographs by Yau Leung", Picture This Gallery, Hong Kong
- 2007 "Guangzhou Photo Biennial: Evolution", Guangdong Museum of Art, Guangzhou, China
- 2005 "Lianzhou International Photo Festival: Dual Vision – Lianzhou Beginnings", Lianzhou, China
- 2004 "Neither East nor West", East-West Center Gallery, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA
- 1998 "Streetwalk, Hong Kong", OP Fotogallery, Hong Kong
- 1996 "4 Views", Fringe Gallery, Hong Kong
"The Metropolis: Visual Research into Contemporary Hong Kong Photography Exhibition 1990-1996", Hong Kong Arts Centre, Hong Kong
"Changes in the City—Photo Hong Kong 1950's ~ 1970's", Joint Gallery, Hong Kong

Collections

M+, Hong Kong
Hong Kong Heritage Museum, Hong Kong
Vancouver Art Gallery, Canada