

About

Sàn Art is an artist-initiated gallery space and reading room in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. Established in October 2007, Sàn Art (sàn meaning 'platform') aims to promote, facilitate and showcase contemporary art through exhibition and discussion. Vietnam has few contemporary art spaces that are not commercially driven. Sàn Art was established in response to this lack of experimental platforms for contemporary art and culture. Recognizing this country's art education system possessed little expertise and knowledge concerning international developments in contemporary art practice since 1975, Sàn Art's founders decided to create a space where artists from Vietnam and abroad could gather together to share ideas and inspiration.

Sàn Art was founded by artists Dinh Q Lê, Tuấn Andrew Nguyễn, Phù Nam Thúc Hà and Tiffany Chung. Gallery operations are managed by Zoe Butt (Curator and Director, Programs and Development) and Võ Quỳnh Hoa (Gallery Manager).

Sàn Art's aim is to increase contemporary art discussion within Vietnam. We recognize giving access to information and people involved in the international contemporary art scene is crucial in nurturing a critical platform of experimentation and exchange of ideas within artistic communities. We encourage dialogue via lecture, presentation, panel discussion, workshop and residency (funds permitting). Activities are held at Sàn Art and various other art organizations and institutions in Ho Chi Minh City (dependent on funds and flexibility of visiting guests).

Education



Reading Room



Sàn Art's reading room is a small library that aims to fill a gap in the art educational system in Vietnam, which is challenged by a lack of reference materials and information regarding post-modern and contemporary art. Sàn Art's reading room provides local artists access to art books, exhibition catalogs, artist monographs, and art magazines on contemporary art from around the world. We hope that you will join us in our efforts to make the reading room a success by donating publications. Generous individuals and organizations that donate these books are given recognition for their efforts on our website.

If you feel this a relevant cause that you would like to contribute, please contact us at art@san-art.org



Exhibitions

Sàn Art is the only experimental art space in Vietnam with a curated exhibitions program showcasing the work of local and international artists. SÀN Art predominantly organizes these exhibitions, however we also seek project proposals by other artists, curators and educators. We also seek collaboration with international organizations in the showcase of Vietnamese contemporary art abroad, through exhibition, publication and other art related events.

Support

Sàn Art was established with the support of the Vietnam Foundation for the Arts. In Vietnam, 'non-profit' status does not legally exist. Also, no art council exists to support independent artists and arts organizations. In order for SÀN Art to continue its focus on experimental contemporary art practice (as opposed to operating as a commercial gallery), SÀN Art must seek external funding to run its programs. In addition to applying for international grants for relevant exhibitions and projects, SÀN Art seeks generous donation by individuals and sale of work by artists it collaborates to assist ongoing infrastructural and programming costs.

If you would like to become a supporter of SÀN Art, please contact us at art@san-art.org.

Vietnam Foundation for the Arts

The Vietnam Foundation for the Arts (VNFA) is a non-profit organization based in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam and Los Angeles, USA. The VNFA aims to provide Vietnamese artists with the opportunity to experience international contemporary art first-hand while at the same time introducing the richness and diversity of Vietnamese art and culture abroad. This organization supports lectures, seminars, exhibitions and workshops. Based on the above, the activities of the organization are literary, educational, and charitable within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the US Internal Revenue Code.



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