

CHARBON

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A new destination in Wong Chuk Hang dedicated to art & culture

Grand opening with book launch, book-art installation,
artist sharing sessions and more

CHARBON is a new multi-purpose art space of 1,700 sq. ft. located in the blooming cultural district, Wong Chuk Hang, curated by French photographer & art collector Lalie Choffel who founded [Projet Noir](#), bringing a festive week to the Hong Kong art scene last November with exhibition, original dance shows, theatre plays and the one-and-only exotic evening of Black Dinner. Projet Noir was a great success and in the spotlight among media and art collectors.

Driven by Choffel's two great passions in fine art and theatre, her new space CHARBON aims to be the creative hub in the south side of Hong Kong as she curates regular art and cultural exhibitions, contemporary performances, film screening, library and co-working space for the like-minded individuals. CHARBON also features an undoubtedly one-of-a-kind boutique called *Cabinet of Curiosities*, showcasing unusual, exquisite art and decorative objects sourced around the globe by Choffel from her travels.

CHARBON will be officially open next month on 19 September Saturday, same day as the annual [South Island Art Day](#) in the district. Meet-the-artist events and exhibition will take place at CHARBON where some of the acclaimed artists in Asia will be present to have conversations with visitors.



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ART INSTALLATIONS & ARTIST SHARING - by Movana Chen

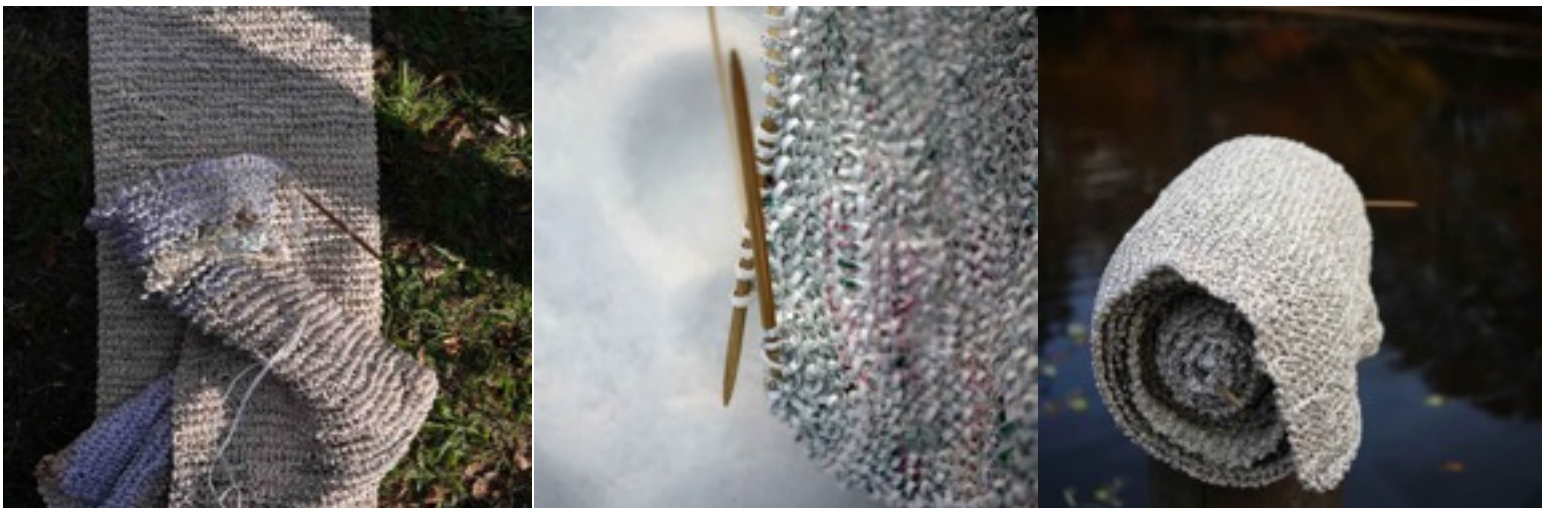
12.00 noon to 8.00 p.m. Installation exhibition

5.30 p.m. Artist sharing

The talented Hong Kong based artist [Movana Chen](#) will curate the very first exhibition at CHARBON to be unveiled on the opening day, 19 September. In collaboration with Ha Thuc, Chen will apply a total of 1,500 copies of the new book, *After 2000: Comtemporary Art in China*, to create a multi-disciplinary sculpture about art and book reciprocation.

In addition to this special project with Ha Thuc exclusively for CHARBON, at the opening, Chen will also showcase her well-known, ongoing touring project started since 2009, *Travelling Into Your Bookshelf*, along with video display of the making-of process filmed in 7 cities. Chen has been working on this paper installation through knitting some cut-off books donated by people she met during her travels. It has now been the 6th year and the artwork is 12 metres long. The result of her very last trip in Germany will be shown at CHARBON for the first time.

Travelling Into Your Bookshelf is a project aiming to create dialogues around memories of books. "Through my knitting process with the participants, I hope to create a new way of reading and enabling the viewers to re-examine the existing communication barriers between people", Chen says.



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BOOK LAUNCH, TALK & SLIDESHOW - by Caroline Ha Thuc

5.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. Book launch & signature

6.30 p.m. Talk/Slide show

To celebrate the grand opening, CHARBON will be launching the new book, *After 2000: Contemporary Art in China*, written by French-born, Hong Kong based writer and art critic Caroline Ha Thuc, who specialises in contemporary Asian art and promotes dialogue between artists from different cultures.

Featuring more than 100 artists, this book, distributed by [Asia One](#), analyses how art has evolved against a backdrop of radical social, political and economic change since the turn of the century.

The author, Ha Thuc, will conduct a sharing session including a commented slideshow at 6.30 p.m. while she will be present to meet the guests and sign on the new books.

Retail price: HKD390 each.



"For years my purpose is to emphasize the wealth of the crossing of various forms of expression. Visual art, performing art, writing : this various media must work together trying to express the unspeakable. The friction of the works of Movana Chen and Caroline Ha Thuc shown at CHARBON is a perfect example of this quest."

- Lalie Choffel, Founder of CHARBON

GRAND OPENING

19 September 2015, Saturday

Opening hours: 12.00 noon to 8.00 p.m.

Free admission with drinks & canapés

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