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450 SQ. FT A group exhibition by the ST/ART Street Art Collective

Background

Hong Kong has one of the most space restricted and expensive real estate markets in the world. The average size of the Hong Kong flat is just 450 square feet – and this often needs to house an entire family. The Hong Kong government defines any apartment over 1,000 sq. ft as “luxury”, yet to most people in the west this would seem like a minimum requirement. The accompanying prices are as extreme as the spaces themselves, with an **average** selling price estimated to reach almost HK\$5,000 dollars price per square foot by the end of 2006.

The ST/ART exhibition **450 SQ.FT.** aims to draw attention to the growing space vs. price issue in HK while at the same time positively demonstrating that every single square foot of space can have a meaning and value far above and beyond it being a mere commodity that is exchanged between the greedy and unimaginative. The exhibition will present a personal view of living in Hong Kong through the eyes of those residents who see and perceive every inch of the city space from a different perspective – the street artists.

Exhibition format

The exhibition will comprise 450 separate canvases painted either individually or collaboratively by a team of more than ten ST/ART street artists. Each canvas will measure exactly 12” x 12” – a square foot. A book accompanying the exhibition will also be published in advance of the opening showing each of the canvases at actual size.



ST/ART 街頭創作系列展覽 – 450平方呎

背景

香港是世界上其中一個擁有最狹窄空間和最昂貴價格地產市場的城市。本港的住宅單位平均面積只有450平方呎。但在這個狹窄的空間□，往往要容納一個家庭居住。香港市民普遍會把一些超過1000平方呎的住宅單位視為「豪宅」，但在西方國家□這個面積其實只是一個最低要求。除此之外，香港樓宇價格相對其面積的比例同樣令人咋舌。有市場預測，到2006年尾時，香港住宅平均銷售呎價將會高達每平方呎港幣\$5000。

在這個名為450平方呎的展覽□，ST/ART除了希望令人關注到香港寸金尺土的問題外，同時亦希望正面地表達出在一平方呎的狹窄空間□，除了只是被視作商品般給一些貪婪和無甚創意的人作交易外，其實有更深的意義和有更高的價值。因此，這個展覽將會透視出在一班居住在香港的市民街頭藝術創作者的眼中，這個城市□的每一吋空間其實有一種更深層的意義。

展覽模式

在這個展覽□，總共有450幅作品分別由超過十個ST/ART街頭藝術家獨立創作或集體創作。每一幅畫板的尺寸都是12寸x12寸，即一平方呎。同時，將會在開幕前推出一本刊載了是次展覽中所有作品的原裝尺寸場刊。



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