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Standard Chartered Arts in the Park Celebrates 25th Anniversary With the Return of the Night Parade in Causeway Bay in late November



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(17 October 2025, Hong Kong) 2025 marks the 25th anniversary of *Standard Chartered Arts in the Park*. The anniversary edition takes inspiration from *The Adventures of Pinocchio* by Italian author Carlo Collodi, a novel that sees the marionette encounter the Sly Fox and Cat, resist the temptations of the Land of Toys, and escape from the belly of the Terrible Dogfish. But will Pinocchio learn to be honest and brave, and find his way back to puppet maker Geppetto? Come along to *Standard Chartered Arts in the Park* on 29 and 30 November and find out whether Pinocchio can grow from a wooden puppet to a real boy! On this special occasion, we are also delighted to announce the return of the illuminated Night Parade in Lee Gardens Area, Causeway Bay. After a seven-year break, the magical parade transforms Causeway Bay into a dazzling stage with artworks crafted by local artists. Join us for a fun weekend of visual and sensorial art adventures, and celebrate community arts and youth creativity!

Twenty-five years of youth creativity and over 1.9 million visitors

Since its launch in 2001, *Standard Chartered Arts in the Park* – Hong Kong's most significant youth outdoor arts festival – has attracted over 1.9 million visitors. This year's event highlights include a spectacular Grand Finale Parade, the illuminated Night Parade, 17 creative arts booths, live storytelling sessions, African drumming workshops, 60 non-stop live performances, and a display of over 1,000 pieces of artwork. Visitors can capture keepsake photos and interact with our giant puppets at surprise appearances throughout the weekend.

Showcasing 100% Hong Kong local craftsmanship

In the early years, to help develop giant puppet-making techniques in Hong Kong, we invited renowned international puppet masters Paul McLaren and Sharon George to train local artists and share world-class puppet-crafting and costume-making techniques. We also collaborated with acclaimed UK-based art group The Lantern Company on the previous Night Parades. After years of dedicated craftsmanship, all the fabulous parade puppets and costumes on display at *Standard Chartered Arts in the Park* are now handcrafted by local Hong Kong artists.



Night Parade transforms Causeway Bay into an illuminated stage

In 2013, we launched our first-ever **Night Parade** – a dazzling, world-class event featuring spectacular illuminated giant puppets. This year, after a break of seven years, the Night Parade returns – transforming the Lee Gardens Area in Causeway Bay into a dazzling stage where 13 groups of talented Hong Kong artists showcase 5 glowing giant puppets and 8 extravagant twinkling carnival costumes. Join us as night falls and watch Pinocchio, Geppetto, the Sly Fox, and the Terrible Dogfish, light up the city streets. The Night Parade takes place on Saturday 29 November. Starting at 8:30pm at Lee Garden One Main Entrance, the parade moves along Yun Ping Road, Pak Sha Road, Lee Garden Road and Kai Chiu Road to Hysan Place and back.



Grand Finale Party: A parade of 10 four-metre-tall giant puppets strolling through the streets of Causeway Bay



On Sunday, 30 November at 2:30pm, the hugely popular **Grand Finale Parade** brings *The Adventures of Pinocchio* to the bustling streets of Causeway Bay. Starting from Victoria Park, heads along Great George Street and past Sogo before looping back to East Point Road. The event features 10 four-metre-tall puppets and 500 young people, including students from 100 local schools and professional dancers. It elevates the lively carnival atmosphere to its peak, bringing viewers a magical and unforgettable experience.



Organised by Hong Kong Youth Arts Foundation (HKYAF), *Standard Chartered Arts in the Park* is sponsored by Standard Chartered Community Foundation and powered by Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited, with support from the Hong Kong Tourism Board and the Wan Chai District Office. Hysan Development Company Limited is the partnering sponsor for the Night Parade.

For more information on *Standard Chartered Arts in the Park 2025*, please visit www.scartsinthepark.com or follow us on Facebook and Instagram @SCArtsInThePark.

Standard Chartered Arts in the Park 2025

Date: 29 and 30 November 2025 (Saturday and Sunday)

Time: 10am – 5pm

Venue: Central Lawn, Victoria Park, Causeway Bay

Standard Chartered Arts in the Park 2025 – Night Parade

Date: 29 November 2025 (Saturday)

Time: 8:30pm – 10:00pm

Route: From Lee Garden One Main Entrance along Yun Ping Road, Pak Sha Road, Lee Garden Road and Kai Chiu Road to Hysan Place and back

Standard Chartered Arts in the Park 2025 – Grand Finale Parade

Date: 30 November 2025 (Sunday)

Time: 2:30pm – 4:00pm

Route: From Victoria Park along Great George Street, past Sogo, to East Point Road and back

About Standard Chartered Arts in the Park

Standard Chartered Arts in the Park is an annual youth education programme through the arts. The six-month programme provides participants with exciting opportunities that help improve their self-confidence and enhance important life skills such as creativity, team spirit and leadership. Every year, the programme culminates in a two-day, free admission family-oriented arts carnival that nurtures positivity, creativity and appreciation of Hong Kong's talented youth.

Launched in 2001, Standard Chartered Arts in the Park first took place at Stanley Plaza. Since then, the event has become the largest outdoor youth arts festival in Hong Kong, moving to Victoria Park in Causeway Bay in 2008. In 2012, the Grand Finale Parade expanded out of the park and onto the streets of Causeway Bay, and in 2013 the very first illuminated Night Parade took place. In 2020, a week-long online programme was launched to help children get creative at home. Each year, over 3,500 young people come together with local and overseas organisations to produce vibrant costumes and giant puppets for spectacular street parades, plus a variety of stage performances and art stalls, attracting over 190,000 visitors each year previously.

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About Hong Kong Youth Arts Foundation (HKYAF)

Hong Kong Youth Arts Foundation (HKYAF) is a charity that provides access to high quality, non-competitive free-of-charge arts experiences for all young people aged 5 to 25. Established in 1993 by Lindsey McAlister OBE, JP, HKYAF organises inclusive and inspirational projects that reach out to youngsters of all cultures, backgrounds, languages and abilities, and actively creates opportunities for those who are disadvantaged and underprivileged. Each year, HKYAF reaches over 800,000 people through its projects, exhibitions and performances.

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Standard Chartered Arts in the Park 2025

Standard Chartered Arts in the Park – Enriching the Life Skills of Hong Kong’s Youth through the Arts

Standard Chartered Arts in the Park (AIP) is an annual youth education programme through the arts. The six-month programme provides participants with exciting opportunities that help improve their self-confidence and enhance important life skills including creativity, team spirit and leadership. Every year, the programme culminates in a two-day, free admission family-oriented arts carnival that nurtures positivity, creativity and appreciation of Hong Kong’s talented youth.

Hong Kong’s Largest Outdoor Youth Arts Festival and Puppet Parade

Launched in 2001, and inspired by London’s *Notting Hill Carnival* and Brazil’s *Rio de Janeiro Carnival*, *Arts in the Park* first took place at Stanley Plaza. Since then, the event has become the largest outdoor youth arts festival in Hong Kong, moving to Victoria Park in Causeway Bay in 2008. In 2012, the Grand Finale Parade expanded out of the park and onto the streets of Causeway Bay. In 2020, we launched our first-ever week-long online series of art programmes for participants to stay creatively connected at home. Each year, over 3,500 young people and local and overseas organisations come together to produce vibrant costumes and giant puppets for spectacular street parades, plus a variety of stage performances and art stalls, attracting over 190,000 visitors each year previously.

2025 Theme and Inspiration

This year, *Arts in the Park* takes inspiration from the Italian classic *The Adventures of Pinocchio*. The two-day event features the hugely popular Grand Finale Parade, and the long-awaited return of the Night Parade, plus creative arts booths, live performances and more. Join us for a fun weekend of visual and sensorial art adventures celebrating community arts and youth creativity, and find out whether Pinocchio will learn to be honest and brave, and grow from a wooden puppet to a real boy!

Project Organiser:	Hong Kong Youth Arts Foundation
Project Sponsor:	Standard Chartered Community Foundation
Powered by:	Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited
Supporting Organisation:	Hong Kong Tourism Board
Night Parade and Grand Finale Parade Co-organiser:	Wan Chai District Office
Night Parade Partnering Sponsor:	Hysan Development Company Limited

2025 Key Facts

Youth participants involved in artwork creation	Over 1,500 individuals
Youth participants and professional artists involved in the Grand Finale Parade	Over 500 individuals
Participating schools and youth organisations	Over 100 organisations
Participating artist groups	134 groups
Hours involved in creation of artworks and dance performances	Over 13,500 hours
Parade costumes and puppets	About 515 pieces
Event volunteers	Over 600 individuals

2025 Event Highlights

Night Parade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A magical illuminated parade featuring 5 twinkling giant puppets and 8 extravagant carnival costumes created by 13 groups of talented Hong Kong artists, plus dance performances and music.
Grand Finale Parade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A spectacular closing parade led by over 500 young performers, showcasing 10 four-metre-tall giant puppets co-created by professional artists and students, plus a display of over 400 colourful costumes and artworks.
Arts education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Before the carnival, a series of artist-in-school workshops are conducted by 53 Hong Kong Youth Arts Foundation artist groups to create the giant puppets, colourful costumes and dance performances showcased at the carnival. The workshops involve over 100 schools and youth organisations and over 1,500 students.
Diversity and inclusivity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Underprivileged youth and youth from ethnic minorities are led by volunteer to join the event, nurturing their dreams through the arts.
Performances by 60 youth groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The carnival features two days of non-stop live performances of traditional dance, jazz, street dance, contemporary dance, choir ensembles and more, showcasing the talent and creativity of local youth groups.
17 free interactive art stalls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free art stalls offer visitors the chance to make headdresses, costumes and accessories, or try out face painting, balloon twisting, and more. Storytelling theatre sessions of <i>The Adventures of Pinocchio</i> in Cantonese and English invite audiences to join Pinocchio on his path to becoming a real boy. African drum jam sessions add rhythm and fun carnival vibes. A colourful photo area invites visitors to capture fun moments with our giant puppets.

Exhibition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The event includes a two-part exhibition, with a display of 7 handmade four-metre-tall giant puppets, and a showcase of over 1,000 student artworks including colourful hand-drawn puppets and carnival costumes.
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Standard Chartered Arts in the Park 2025 – Event Overview

DATE	TIME	VENUE	EVENTS
29 and 30 November (Saturday, Sunday)	Carnival 10am to 5pm	Central Lawn, Victoria Park, Causeway Bay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Live performances showcasing the talent of 60 local youth groups 17 free interactive art stalls Storytelling Theatre <i>The Adventures of Pinocchio</i> (Cantonese and English) African drum jam Giant puppet photo area Exhibition showcasing 1,000 student artworks including colourful puppets and carnival costumes
29 November (Saturday)	Night Parade 8:30pm to 10pm	From Lee Garden Main Entrance along Yun Ping Road, Pak Sha Road, Lee Garden Road and Kai Chiu Road to Hysan Place and back	The Night Parade features 5 glowing puppets and 8 extravagant carnival costumes created by 13 groups of talented Hong Kong artists. The streets come alive at night with dynamic dance performances and music while visitor get to admire professional local art crafts in close range.
30 November (Sunday)	Grand Finale Parade 2:30pm to 4pm	From Victoria Park along Great George Street, past Sogo to East Point Road and back	A spectacular Grand Finale Parade featuring 10 giant puppets and 400 colourful costumes and artworks inspired by <i>The Adventures of Pinocchio</i> and co-created by local artists and local primary and secondary students, as well as 500 youth participants, and the talented dancers and performers from Hong Kong Youth Arts Foundation in dramatic costumes.