

Introduction to Exhibition

Theme: Cats and Presents vol.2, A Gift that Roams the Night

Dates: December 18th, 11AM–December 22nd, 5PM, 2025

Theme description:

As mysterious creatures that roam the night, cats are probably busy being active on the quiet Christmas and New Year Eves. They might be shuttling between rooftops or hiding in the shadows, bearing with them unique gifts. And these “gifts” that they bring are often felt only on quiet nights, warm and humble. It could be their gaze, their cuddles, their paw prints, their fur that flies everywhere... They could appear in your dreams, or manifest as tales and legends. Taking the intricate connection between cats and the night, you can use artworks to convey the warming love we have for these creatures in this cold winter.

For this call for submission, we welcome works from a variety of mediums, including but not limited to: painting, calligraphy, ceramics, sculpture, photography, etc. For digital works and photographic works, please make physical prints for exhibition. For video and short films, please prepare your own monitor and power supply.

We wish to create an exhibition where the artworks confront each other through language and expression, and to create meaningful discussions. We hope that the artists involved will utilise their creative expression to its fullest and not be constrained by limitations.

Prompts for inspiration:

1. Cats and the night: Depict the activities of cats at night, using elements related to the night to illustrate a cat's mysteriousness, cuteness, naughtiness, alertness, calmness...
2. Cats' gifts: What kind of gift will a cat bring you at night after you fall asleep? Is it a feather, or a set of keys? Or is it an intangible memory, or a pattern of breathing? Those are the deepest bonds between you and the cat.
3. Cats' dreams: This is a world where you can create fantasies. It can be a magical journey that the cat brings to you at night. Record it with your artworks and bring the audience into a dream world created by you and the cat.

4. Cats in literature: Mentions of cats in the night in literary works, cultural legends, or poetry and myths. You could also make reinterpretations of literary works, providing us a different perspective.

The above are simply provided for inspiration. We welcome many more interpretations and creative expressions.