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Java Creative Café

Java Café & Gallery is a neighbourhood hub, and an “icon” of café culture in the capital of Cambodia, which opened in 2000. It is a place where creatives, families, students and business people all come to feel at home and be inspired.

Both the ground and first floor have regular exhibitions and adjacent to the café, the JavaArts workspace features the work of young and emerging Cambodian artists and functions as a platform for supporting contemporary visual arts in Cambodia and Southeast Asia. All profits from the gallery are used to support JavaArts programming and artist initiatives. The gallery also features regular exhibitions by emerging and mid-career Cambodian artists as well as international guests.

About JavaArts

JavaArts is a cultural enterprise that was launched in partnership with Java Café & Gallery in 2000 in Phnom Penh, where it operates a gallery and arts lab. JavaArts is a platform for the development of contemporary visual arts in Cambodia. It works to sustain arts practice for artists, researchers, curators and other creative practitioners and has provided a launching pad to many emerging artists who have since become prominent figures in the contemporary art world.

In response to the changing artistic climate in Cambodia, JavaArts launched the Arts Lab and Residency program in 2012 to formalize and expand the support for art production, providing grants, workspace and logistical support to Cambodian artists. Initially, the space was created to showcase emerging artists, but it became clear that it served the community best in a generative role. The space evolved to be a modular arts lab that functions as an office, a studio, a gallery and an incubator for contemporary concepts and ideas.

The JavaArts Lab extends its support to other arts practitioners to further the knowledge, documentation and critical discourse on contemporary Cambodian art both in the country and in the wider global context. It continues to experiment with this new platform working with artists, researchers and curators.

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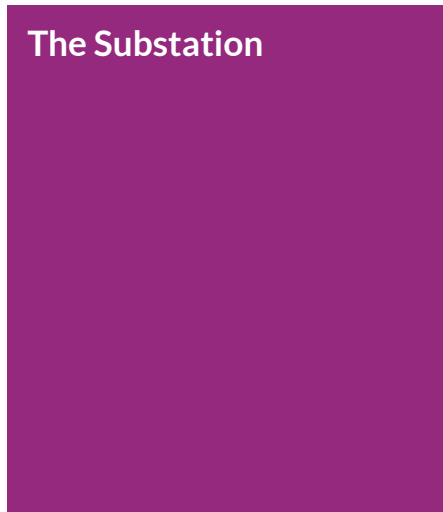
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