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Art Stage S'pore 2016 kicks off with "cockroach art" and a rhino



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Stefano Bombardieri's *Il Peso del tempo sospeso - Rhino* is one of the artworks on display at Art Stage Singapore 2016, held at Marina Bay Sands Expo and Convention Centre until Jan 24. Photo: Koh Mui Fong.

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SINGAPORE — From a badminton court with a fence for a net and numerous plastic cockroaches forming the words HAPPY and LIFE; to a life-sized rhinoceros and a tent that pays homage to one of the most influential avant-garde art movements; you can expect art in its most unusual at this year's Art Stage Singapore.

The sixth edition of the contemporary art fair, which opens to the public tomorrow (Jan 21) and runs until Sunday at the Marina Bay Sands Expo and Convention Centre, is set to showcase works from 173 galleries from 34 countries, of which 38 per cent are South-east Asian.

Among the highlights this year is the new South-east Asian Forum, which will showcase the works of 19 artists from the region, including Singapore's Robert Zhao Renhui, Marvin Tang and Sherman Ong.

There will also be talks from the likes of renowned Dutch architect Rem Koolhaas and celebrity auctioneer Simon de Pury. Elsewhere, there is a special section on video art, and a travelling multimedia exhibition inside a tent to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the art movement Dadaism.

According to the fair president and founder Lorenzo Rudolf, an art fair like Art Stage has an important role to play in match-making the different art scenes and players in a region with "very segmented" markets that is dominated by "national scenes".

While there has been a proliferation of art fairs in the world, he said that many of these ultimately become national events and very few are considered international events, adding that in Asia, only two fairs were of an international level: Art Basel Hong Kong and Art Stage Singapore.

Art Stage Singapore is one of the key events taking place during Singapore Art Week and one of three fairs happening in the next few days. (The others are Art Apart Fair and Singapore Contemporary Art Show.)

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Jay Schwartz

Producteur de cinéma at Dada Bloq Productions

Viva Dada! Sounds like a great event, a real 'Frothy Nothing', as would Hugo Ball would say!

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