

## ARTS AND ANTIQUES

### Theater Groups

#### Fringe Club

This arts and cultural hub has a varied program of live performance, music, exhibitions and lectures. It also hosts a number of special-interest clubs and classes. During the annual City Festival, a number of visiting performers teach special master classes, check the website for details. 2 Lower Albert Rd., Central. 2521 7251.

#### Hong Kong Academy For Performing Arts

Both amateurs and would-be professionals are likely find the theatrical course they're looking for at the APA. The APA offers a range of academic courses in five schools: Dance, Drama, Music, Film & TV, and Technical Arts. The EXCEL (Extension and Continuing Education for Life) program includes a wide variety of short courses in everything from comedic acting to a capella singing. Each short course lasts six to eight weeks and meets one evening a week. Check website for schedules. 1 Gloucester Rd., Wan Chai. 2584 8500.

#### Hong Kong Repertory Theater

Founded in 1977, the largest professional theater of its kind in Hong Kong has a repertoire of more than 200 Chinese and Western productions that it performs in Cantonese or Putonghua, with Chinese and English subtitles. Apart from its large productions, it also tours schools, runs artist-in-residence programs at tertiary institutions and collaborates with international groups, playwrights and directors. Holds a variety of public workshops and courses, and organises summer camps and performances for students as part of its theatre-in-education and outreach initiative. Courses are in Cantonese. 4/F Sheung Wan Municipal Services Building, 345 Queen's Rd. Central. 3103 5930.

Star Learning Centre in Hung Hom, dedicated to the teaching of English-language skills through creative methods (details on the website). 21/F, Coda Plaza, 51 Garden Rd., Central. 2501 4842.

#### American Community Theater

Non-profit, English-language community theater group that produces three productions a year - one comedy, one children's show, one musical. You don't have to be American to join, either as a cast member or working behind the scenes. GPO Box 10097, Central. 6121 0821.

#### Chunky Onion

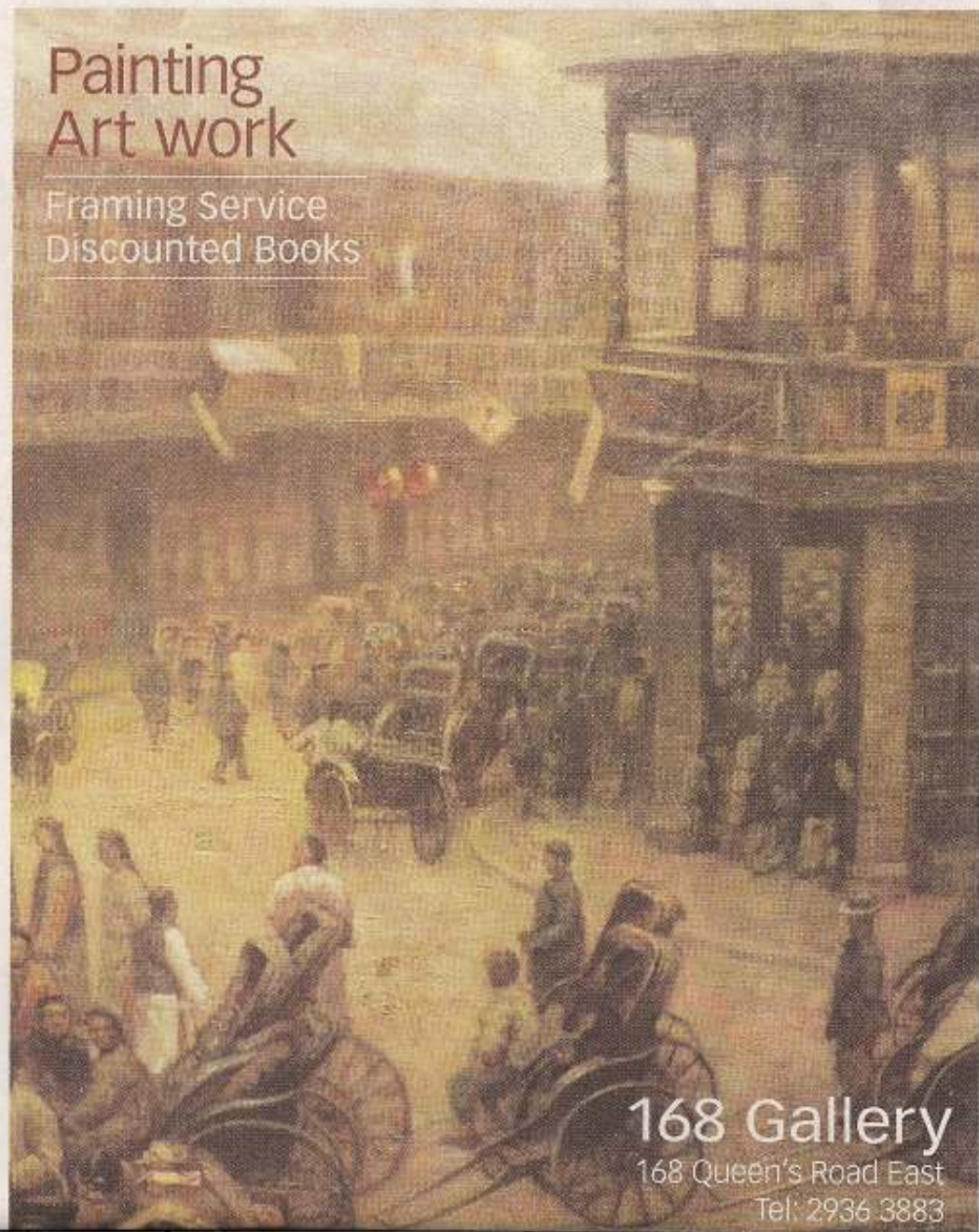
The regular troupe at the monthly Uncle Dave's Big Day Out in Grappa's Cellar performing various children's shows with a small cast and bundles of energy. Also tours schools year-round. Unit A, 21/F Kai Kwong Commercial Building, 332 Lockhart Rd., Wan Chai. 2110 0014.

#### Faust International

Under the instruction of qualified drama leaders, Faust International Youth Theatre teaches drama workshops after school and on Saturdays for 5- to 16-year-olds. Participants learn about the theater while developing greater self-confidence and an enhanced ability to work with others. Workshops culminate in the annual Faust Festival where all groups perform in a Hong Kong theater. Faust also runs classes in creative writing (ages 6-16) as well as an eight-week summer program featuring theater and writing classes. Discounts for multiple-term and sibling registration. Has roles for adults in certain productions, check the website for details. 17/F, Fortune House, 61 Connaught Rd. Central. 2547 9114.

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