

## Samson Young

1979  
Born in Hong Kong  
Lives and works in Hong Kong

### Education:

2013  
Ph.D., Music Composition, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ

2007  
M.Phil., Music Composition, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong

2002  
B.A., Music, Philosophy and Gender Studies, University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia

### Solo Exhibitions:

2017  
**Venice Biennale: Hong Kong Pavillion**, Venice, Italy  
**Kunsthalle Düsseldorf**, Düsseldorf, Germany

2016  
**Experimenter**, Kolkata, India, *The Mastery of Language Affords Remarkable Power*  
**Connecting Space (presented by Para/Site)**, Hong Kong, *Orchestrations*  
**Galerie Gisela Capitain**, Cologne, Germany, *So You Are Old by the Time You Reach the Island*

2015  
**Team Gallery**, New York, NY, *Pastoral Music*  
**Hiroshima City Museum of Contemporary Art**, Hiroshima, Japan, *Video Program: Samson Young*  
**TKG+ gallery**, Taipei, Taiwan, *Avant-Garde on speed*  
**Art Basel Hong Kong**, Hong Kong, *Pastoral Music*  
**a.m. space**, Hong Kong, *MTVs*

2014  
**a.m. space**, Hong Kong, *I wanted to see everything: the Liquid Borders Project*

2013  
**Goethe-Institute**, Hong Kong, *On the Musically Beautiful*

2011  
**Cogut Center for Humanities, Brown University**, Providence, RI, *Machines for Making Nothing*

Group Exhibitions:

2016-17

**Para Site**, Hong Kong, *Creative Operational Solutions*

**University of Chicago – Reva and David Logan Center for the Arts**, Chicago, IL,  
*Retrograde*

2016

**Angewandty Innovation Lab**, Vienna, Austria, *The Age of Experience*

**Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center (Pop-up at Pearl River Mart)**, New York,  
NY, *Muted Situations: Muted Boxing Match*

**Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre**, Hong Kong, *Listen to Hong Kong*

**Art Basel 2016: Art Unlimited**, Basel, Switzerland, *Canon*

**Videotage**, Hong Kong, *No References: A Revisit of Hong Kong Video and Media Art from  
1985*

**Oi! Art Space**, Hong Kong, *Before. After*

2015

**Art in the City**, Shanghai, China, *APT Institute*

**Hong Kong Heritage Museum**, Hong Kong, *Walking in the Dreams*

**4A Centre for Contemporary Asian Art**, Sydney, Australia, *48HR incident*

**Center on Contemporary Art (CoCA)**, Seattle, WA, *Change Seed*

**Amos Anderson Museum**, Helsinki, Finland, *Kiinan Muuttuvat Maisemat*

2014

**Asia Triennial Manchester 14**, Manchester, UK, *Harmonious Society*

**Nordiska Akvarellmuseet**, Skärhamn, Sweden, *China's Changing Landscape*

**Arko Art Center**, Seoul, South Korea, *Journal of a Plague Year*

**Museum of Moscow**, Moscow, Russia, *A Time for Dreams – IV Moscow Biennale of Young  
Artists*

**Hong Kong Arts Center**, Hong Kong, *Distilling Senses: A Journey through Art and  
Technology in Asian Contemporary Art*

2013

**Shanghai West Bund Biennale of Architecture and Contemporary Art**, Shanghai,  
China, *Revolutions Per Minute: Sound Art China*

**Kunsthalle Winterthur**, Winterthur, Switzerland, *The Wizard's Chamber*

**He Xiangning Art Museum**, Shenzhen, China; **Kaohsiung Museum of Art**, Kaohsiung,  
Taiwan; **Macau Museum of Art**, Macau, China; **City Hall**, Hong Kong, *Crossroads,  
Another Dimension*

**Taipei Contemporary Art Museum**, Taipei, Taiwan, *Innovationist: the Spectacular  
Journey of New Media Art*

**a.m. space**, Hong Kong, *Violence and Poetics*

2012

**Zero1 Biennial**, San Jose, CA, *Zero1 Biennial*

**ISE Cultural Foundation**, New York, NY, *No Transnational: Liquid Borders and Empty  
Promises*

**Gallery EXIT**, Hong Kong, *Why Do Tress Grow Till the End*

2011

**Today Art Museum**, Beijing, China, *XXX: Next Ten Years of Contemporary Art*

**Eastlink Gallery**, Shanghai, China, *Shanghai Electronic Music Week Sound Exhibition*

**Jenkins Johnson Gallery**, New York, NY, *T\_XT\_RT*  
**Tasmania Museum and Art Gallery**, Hobart, Tasmania, Australia, *MONA FOMA*

2010

**198 Contemporary Arts and Learning**, London, UK, *Hong Kong Whispers*  
**White Box Gallery**, New York, NY, *18 Degrees of Acclimation*  
**Crossing Art Gallery**, New York, NY, *Beyond the Colony of Kitsch*  
**West Kowloon Cultural District Waterfront**, Hong Kong, *Hong Kong Biennale of Urbanism and Architecture*

2009

**Osage Gallery**, Hong Kong, *Last Intervention*

2008

**Red Tin Shack Gallery**, New York, NY, *Eric Ayotte and Samson Young*  
**Deutschebank Headquarters**, New York, NY, *Dare to Struggle, Dare to Win: Emerging Artists from the Chinese Diaspora*

2007

**Osage Gallery**, Hong Kong, *Again*  
**Victoria Prison**, Hong Kong; **OCT**, Shenzhen, China, *Shenzhen-Hong Kong Bi-City Biennale of Urbanism and Architecture*

2004

**City Hall**, Hong Kong, *Microwave International Media Art Festival*

Festival Presentations:

2015

**New York Electronic Art Festival**, The Museum of Moving Image, New York, NY

2014

**Prix Cube 2014**, Le Cube centre de création numérique, Paris, France  
**Tonlagen Festival**, Dresden, Germany  
**Transart Festival**, Bolzano, Italy  
**INSTALAKCJE 3 – Festiwal Instalacji**, Muzycznych, Poland

2013

**Lucerne Festival (Festival Lounge featuring the MIVOS Quartet)**, Lucerne, Switzerland

2012

**Japan Media Art Festival**, Tokyo, Japan

2011

**MONA FOMA Festival of Music and Art**, Hobart, Tasmania, Australia

2010

**Hong Kong Arts Festival**, Hong Kong  
**International Society of Contemporary Music (ISCM) Festival**, Sydney, Australia

2008

**Canberaa International Music Festival**, Canberra, Australia  
**Dark Music Days Contemporary Music Festival**, Reykjavík, Iceland

2006

**Interationales Musikinstitut Darmstadt**, Darmstadt, Germany

2005

**Bang on a Can Summer Music Festival**, Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art (MASS MoCA), North Adams, MA

Selected Bibliography:

2017

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Tsui, Enid, "Hong Kong's 2017 Venice Biennale show inspired by charity singles and the bad side of trying to do good," **South China Morning Post**, May 9.

Tsui, Enid, "Venice Biennale show of Hong Kong's Samson Young explores the ground between utopia and dystopia," **South China Morning Post**, May 11.

Vine, Richard, "Choose Your China: Three Pavilions in Venice," **Art in America**, May 19.

Schons, Donna, "The Artist Making Spooky Appropriations of Pop Songs in Venice," **SLEEK**, May 31.

2016

Li, Zhenhua, "Only in Compositional Terms", **Flash Art**, September/October.

Bhuyan, Avantika, "Framing the note: Classical composer Samson Young makes his music sheet the canvas of political convictions", **Live Mint**, September 9.

Sanchez-Kozyreva, Cristina, "Samson Young: Para Site & Connecting Space", **Frieze**, September.

Eastham, Ben, "40 Under 40 Asia Pacific: Samson Young", **Apollo**, August 30.

[Editors], "Datebook: Samson Young's Solo Exhibition at Experimenter, Kolkata", **Blouin Art Info**, August 23.

[Editors], "Samson Young to Represent Hong kong at the 2017 Venice Biennale", **Artforum**, July 15

Greenberger, Alex, "Samson Young Will Represent Hong Kong at the 2017 Venice Biennale", **Artnews**, July 14

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- Chow, Vivienne, "At Art Basel's Oversized Unlimited Sector, Under-Recognized Artists RUB Shoulders with the Biggest Names in Art", **Artsy**, June 14.
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#### 2015

- Scott, Andrea K., "Samson Young," **The New Yorker**, December.
- Bucciero, Joe, "Composing a Symphony of War with Instruments and Everyday Objects," **Hyperallergic**, December 9.
- Marcus, Sarah, "Samson Young, Team Gallery | Wooster Street," **Artforum**, November.
- Cheung, Ysabelle, "Abandoned Bunkers Become Unlikely Recording Studios," **The Creators Project**, August 5.
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#### 2014

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#### 2013

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Li, Zoe, "Samson Young: Creating a Tristan Chord Earworm Using Nonsense Cantonese," **Artinfo**, April 26.  
Tsai, Sylvia, "Incidents of Travel: Samson Young," **Art Asia Pacific**, March 8.  
McKinley, Jr., James C., "Now Hear This: Works by Chinese Sound Artists," **The New York Times**, March 1.

2012

Gressel, Madeline, "Working at Hacking," **Wall Street Journal**, October 4.  
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Zhang, Kathy, "Why Do Trees Grow Till the End?," **Art Asia Pacific**, July + August.  
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Gressel, Maddie, "Three Ring Circuits," **Time Out Hong Kong**, March 14.  
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2011

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2010

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Calinawan, Anna, "Resonance," **Time Out Hong Kong**, August 4.  
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Peckham, Robin, "A Conversation with Samson Young and Yao Chung-Han," **Rhizome**, July.  
Enrico, "Samson Young's Hong Kong iPhone Orchestra Performance at ART HK 10," **Vernissage TV**, May 31.  
Layton, Steve, "When there's a whill (and an iPhone) there's a way," **Sequenza 21**, March.  
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2009

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Lam, Bourree, "God Save the Queen," **Time Out Hong Kong**, October 23.

2008

[Editors], "Artist Associate scheme highlights Samson Young," **South China Morning Post**, April 8.

Awards:

2015

BMW Art Journey Award

2013

Artist of the Year (Media Art Category), Hong Kong Arts Development Council

2012

Prix Ars Electronica (Sound Art and Digital Music Category), Honorary Mention

Japan Media Art Festival (Interactive Art Category), Jury Selection Award

2009

New York Society for New Music, Brian M. Israel Prize

2007

Bloomberg Emerging Artist Award