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This year marks the 10th edition of the Jimei x Arles International Photo Festival, which will take place in Xiamen, China, from 29 November 2024 to 12 January 2025.

The Jimei x Arles International Photo Festival is a cultural and artistic exchange project between Xiamen's Jimei District and the Rencontres d'Arles in France. Since its establishment in 2015, the festival has showcased outstanding photography from around the world with a spirit of openness and diversity. It actively supports the creation, research, and curation of Chinese photography, enhancing its visibility to the public and amplifying its voice on the international stage. To date, Jimei x Arles has successfully held over 300 exhibitions, featuring selections from China, Asia, and the Rencontres d'Arles, and has presented the works of over 700 artists. It has organised more than 800 public events, attracting a total of over 500,000 visitors.

This year, the festival will showcase 23 exhibitions, featuring a total of 2,000 works by artists from France, Spain, Germany, India, Japan, Canada, the United States, and China. Highlights include 5 exhibitions selected from the Rencontres d'Arles, covering themes such as AI, architectural landscapes, and environmental issues. There will be a focus on works by renowned photographers Masahisa Fukase and Luo Bonian, allowing audiences to experience the artistry of these top photographers. Additionally, 3 exhibitions in the 'Crossover Photography' section will offer diverse perspectives from creators in music, video, and other fields. The 'Jimei x Arles Discovery Award' will present 8 exhibitions along with a group show under the 'China Pulse' theme, featuring Chinese photographers. Another exhibition, showcasing finalists of the 'Jimei x Arles Curatorial Award for Photography and Moving Image', aims to discover and cultivate young Chinese curators and researchers. This year, the festival also collaborates with vivo VISION+ and Xiaohongshu's Inspiring Moments Award Exhibition, presenting works by global image creators and encouraging photography that reflects everyday life.

This year, the Jimei x Arles International Photo Festival will focus more deeply on integrating with local culture, exploring the connections between photography and the cultural heritage of Xiamen and its surrounding areas. As an international platform for photographic arts, the 10th edition will also connect with local art and culture through the 'Parallel Exhibitions' and 'Isles Project'.

Leading up to the festival's opening and throughout its duration, experts, scholars, artists, and curators from around the world will deliver a diverse array of events. These include **university** lecture tours, the 'Young Curators' Seminar', portfolio reviews, artist talks, workshops, guided tours, performances, and study trips.

Programme information

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