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The newest gallery in the Gagosian's Global Network.

Eastern Promises

In another signal that the art world no longer has any geographical boundaries, Hong Kong has become the newest home for New York's Gagosian gallery. With galleries in London, Beverly Hills, Paris, Rome, Athens, and Geneva, Gagosian represents many of the world's most important modern and contemporary artists, including Damien Hirst, Jeff Koons, Takashi Murakami, Pablo Picasso, and Andy Warhol.

Nick Simunovic, the gallery's managing director, notes that Hong Kong serves as the perfect doorway to the East. As the gateway to Asia, it offers an ideal platform to work with collectors across a fast developing region and Hong Kong is the third largest art market after New York and London. Simunovic also hopes the the 480 square meter gallery located in the pre-war Pedder

Building will add a new dimension to the art scene: "Our goal is to bring museum-quality programming to Hong Kong at a time when western modern and contemporary art is not widely available in the city."

Although the gallery's expertise in Western modern and contemporary art means an emphasis on American and European artists, they are open to showing great art from any country. Simunovic says, "Overall, we hope to achieve a healthy balance of exhibiting artists who are both established and emerging, across a range of media, from painting to sculpture and photography, and across a variety of price points." **SUNSHINE DE LEON**

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THE POWER OF SONG

Theater fans' expectations run high this month as Atlantis Productions mounts its version of the smash hit *In the Heights* at the Carlos P. Romulo Auditorium.

Featuring a star-studded ensemble of stage and film veterans, the musical directed by Bobby Garcia seeks to win over audiences the way the original Broadway production did when it opened in 2008. With music and lyrics by Lin-Manuel Miranda, the hip-hop, salsa, meringue and soul inflected musical went on to win four Tony Awards from its 13 nominations. Garcia says, "I am thrilled to be working on *In the Heights*. It has a fantastic score and a great story. It is very Pinoy! Its message of chasing your dreams and finding your home is really powerful. I haven't stopped listening to the music since it first came out."

Headlining the cast are Nyoy Volante, Jackie Lou Blanco, Ima Castro, Calvin Millado, Felix Rivera, Tex Ordonez, K La Rivera and Jimmy Marquez.

September 2 to 18, 2011 at the Carlos P. Romulo Auditorium, RCBC Plaza, Makati; 892.7078; info@atlantisproductionsinc.com