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## Top 10 Exhibitions in Asia for February 2016

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Jean-Michel Othoniel, *Black Lotus*, installation view, K3, Photo: Keith Park  
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One month after the whirlwind of art events early in the new year, centered around key art fairs in Singapore and Delhi, but with important upcoming art fairs in Manila, Dubai, and Hong Kong on the immediate horizon, February is an important month for many galleries and institutions in Asia, many of which are hosting ambitious keystone exhibitions in the middle of the winter season.

BLOUIN ARTINFO's Asia office presents a list of top 10 exhibitions in the Asian region that you shouldn't miss in Seoul, Singapore, Hong Kong, Beijing, Shanghai, Yokohama, and Manila.

Jean-Michel Othoniel, "Black Lotus," Kukje Gallery, Seoul, February 2 through March 27, 2016

This solo exhibition of new works by one of France's most acclaimed contemporary artists is Othoniel's second at Kukje Gallery since 2010, showcasing ten new works that delve into his longstanding interest in metaphorical images. Known for his delicate and surprising treatment of Murano glass, which he prizes for his combination of fragility and density, transparency and color, Othoniel presents here a series of pieces inspired by the motif of the lotus flower, and its symbolic associations with truth and serenity. Also borrowing artistic inspiration from French poets Baudelaire and Rimbaud, and their own obsessions with the connotations of this blossom, Othoniel works primarily with white and black, dark blue and violet, mirrored surfaces and white gold, evoking the sense of a spiritual odyssey.

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