

FIA GT WORLD CUP 2017.

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STREET FESTIVAL IN MACAU.

THE FIA GT WORLD CUP.

Street races are a rarity on the GT calendar. Perhaps that is why the “Guia Circuit” in Macau holds special appeal for fans and drivers from all over the world. The first race there was held in 1954. Since then, the roads of the former Portuguese colony have been transformed into a spectacular street circuit every year.

On 18th and 19th November, the “Guia Circuit” will once again provide the stage for the FIA GT World Cup – with a very special first. The 18th BMW Art Car, designed by Chinese multimedia artist Cao Fei, will make its race debut in the urban canyons of Macau. The rolling work of art will be run by BMW Team Schnitzer. The team from Freilassing is the record winner at the “Guia Circuit”, with 13 victories to its name. Augusto Farfus will be at the wheel of the Art Car.

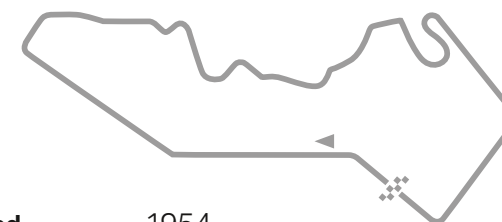
As well as the BMW Art Car, a further three BMW M6 GT3s will do battle on the narrow streets of Macau. ROWE Racing will field one car, with Tom Blomqvist at the wheel. Marco Wittmann and Chaz Mostert will drive for FIST – Team AAI. This is the BMW M6 GT3’s second outing at the “Guia Circuit”. Nick Catsburg finished seventh for ROWE Racing when the car made its Macau debut in 2016.

At 6.120 kilometres, the track is one of the longest street circuits in the world. Any mistakes are immediately punished and invariably end with a trip into the crash barriers. Anyone racing in Macau needs an abundance of courage and plenty of skill. The start leads into three long straights, linked by two demanding corners taken at full throttle. These are followed by the famous Lisboa, a right-hander that has regularly been the scene of some big collisions. The Melco Hairpin is one of the slowest sections in international motorsport; there is no overtaking there. The track then passes through two right-handers before returning to the start/finish.

The importance of the GT race in Macau was increased significantly in 2015, when it was named the official FIA GT World Cup. As well as the GT race, the renowned Macau Grand Prix for Formula 3 cars will be held on the street circuit again this year. The FIA World Touring Car Championship will be among the other series in action in Macau.



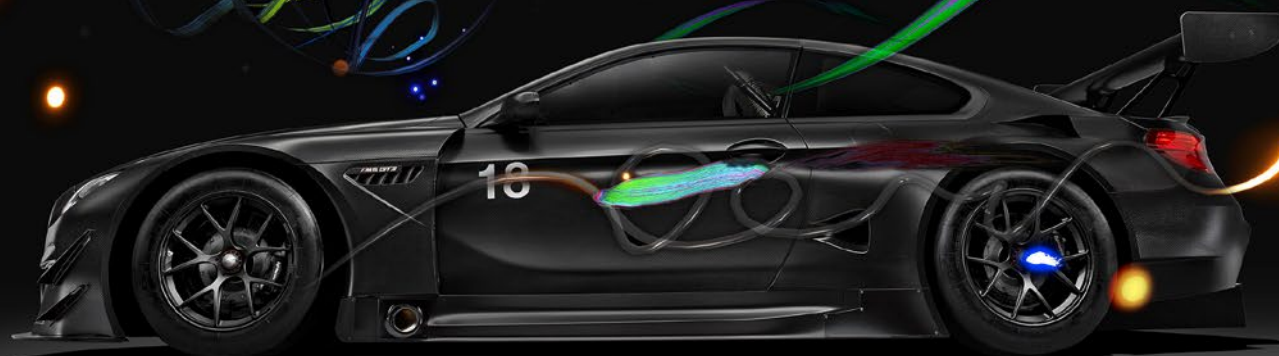
TRACK FACTS GUIA CIRCUIT.



Opened	1954
Length	6.120 kilometres
Width	7 to 14 metres
Corners	19
Latest BMW win	2009 Augusto Farfus BMW Team Schnitzer BMW 320si WTCC

BMW ART CAR #18.

CREATED BY CAO FEI.



Cao Fei's work is a reflection on the speed of change in China, on tradition and future. With her BMW Art Car project, she delves into a trajectory spanning thousands of years, paying tribute to Asia's ancient spiritual wisdom as it swiftly spreads into the third millennium. The multimedia artist approached the BMW Art Car in a way typical of her artistic practice, building a parallel universe. The body of work consists of three different components: a video focusing on a time travelling spiritual practitioner, augmented reality features picturing colourful light particles, accessible via a dedicated app (App Store: keyword "BMW Art Car #18"), and the BMW M6 GT3 race car in its original carbon black. Paying tribute to the carbon fibre structure of the race car chassis, Cao Fei's

"To me, light represents thoughts. As the speed of thoughts cannot be measured, the #18 Art Car questions the existence of the boundaries of the human mind. We are entering a new age, where the mind directly controls objects and where thoughts can be transferred, such as unmanned operations and artificial intelligence. Which attitudes and temperaments hold the key to opening the gateway to the new age?"

CAO FEI ON THE 18TH BMW ART CAR.

holistic use of a non-reflective black incorporates the car into the possibilities of the digital world. Within this concept, Cao Fei's implementation of video art, as well as augmented reality, creates an environment of which the BMW M6 GT3 is an essential part. In her video work, the practitioner executes spiritual movements, which echo in colourful streams of light. When the app is used

within the premises of the car, these light swishes become an AR installation floating above and around the BMW M6 GT3 – involving the spectator as an interactive agent of participation. The 18th BMW Art Car enjoyed its world premiere on 31st May 2017 at the Minsheng Art Museum in Beijing, and is now set for its first on-track appearance.

THE GT3 SUCCESS MODEL.

BMW M6 GT3.

The BMW M6 GT3 has been the top model in the BMW Motorsport customer racing range since 2016. The car is powered by a 4.4-litre V8 engine with M TwinPower Turbo Technology. The power train has dry sump lubrication and generates up to 585 hp – with the whole car weighing less than 1,300 kilograms. Other technical features include the transaxle drive concept, a sequential six-speed racing gearbox and powerful motorsport electronics.

TECHNICAL DATA.

DIMENSIONS.

Length	4,944 mm
Width	2,046 mm
Wheelbase	2,910 mm
Weight	less than 1,300 kg (without driver, depending on regulations)

ENGINE.

Model	based on the S63 production engine and slightly modified for the specific requirements of motorsport; with M TwinPower Turbo Technology
Type	V8
Capacity	4,395 cc
Performance	up to 585 hp (depending on classification)
Oil supply	oil system, based on dry sump, specifically developed by BMW Motorsport
Top speed	approx. 280 km/h



STRONG LINE-UP.

/// BMW TEAM SCHNITZER.



BMW Team Schnitzer has been responsible for more than one major BMW triumph in Macau and, with 13 victories to its name, is the record holder for number of wins. The first win for Charly Lamm's team came in 1980. Back then, Hans-Joachim Stuck was first across the finish line in the BMW 320. BMW Team Schnitzer last tasted success at the "Guia Circuit" eight years ago when in 2009 Farfus won a World Touring Car Championship race in a BMW 320si WTCC. He now returns to the scene of that success with the Schnitzer team. This represents Farfus' second opportunity this year to drive a BMW Art Car. Back in January, at the 24 Hours of Daytona, he alternated at the wheel of the BMW M6 GTLM Art Car, designed by John Baldessari, with Alexander Sims, Bill Auberlen and Bruno Spengler.

/// FIST – TEAM AAI.



AAI is one of the top names in Asian motorsport. The Taiwanese team travels to the FIA GT World Cup in Macau with the wind in its sails having claimed a GT victory with the BMW M6 GT3 at the opening round of the Asian Le Mans Series in Zhuhai at the end of October. The team races with two cars at the "Guia Circuit" this year. Two-time DTM champion Marco Wittmann and Chaz Mostert from the Australian V8 Supercars Championship will take their places in the cockpits of the two BMW M6 GT3s. AAI first competed in Macau with BMW in 2013, when Farfus and Wittmann finished fifth and seventh for the team in the BMW Z4 GT3.

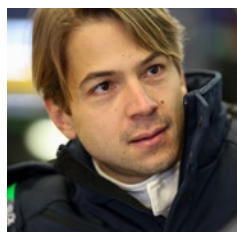
/// ROWE RACING.





The ROWE Racing team will also field a BMW M6 GT3 at the FIA GT World Cup in Macau for the second year in a row. When the car made its debut at the "Guia Circuit" last year, the team, and driver Nick Catsburg, produced an impressive performance to finish seventh. Hans-Peter Naundorf's team has established itself as one of the biggest names in GT racing and has raced at all the major endurance races in 2017. Last year, ROWE Racing won the 24 Hours of Spa-Francorchamps at the first attempt with the BMW M6 GT3. The St. Ingbert team is also good for top results in the 'Green Hell', and finished runner-up at the 2017 Nürburgring 24 Hours. BMW works driver Tom Blomqvist will be at the wheel of the BMW M6 GT3 in Macau.

READY FOR THE GRAND FINALE.

THE BMW DRIVERS AT THE FIA GT WORLD CUP.



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Career	2004	6 th place FIA ETCC
	2005	4 th place FIA WTCC
	2006	3 rd place FIA WTCC
	2007	4 th place FIA WTCC
	2010	1 st place 24h Nürburgring
	2011	1 st place 24h Dubai
	2013	2 nd place DTM
	2014	13 th place DTM
2015	12 th place DTM	

Macau Appearances	2005	1 st , 3 rd – FIA WTCC
	2006	5 th , DNF – FIA WTCC
	2007	26 th , DNS – FIA WTCC
	2008	4 th , 11 th – FIA WTCC
	2009	8 th , 1 st – FIA WTCC
	2010	6 th , 5 th – FIA WTCC
2014	5 th – Macau GT Cup	



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Career	1996 – 2007	Kartsport
	2007	5 th place Formula BMW Germany
	2008	2 nd place Formula BMW Europe
	2010	2 nd place Formula 3 Euro Series
	2011	2 nd place Formula 3 Euro Series
	2014	1 st place DTM
2015	6 th place DTM	
2016	1 st place DTM	

Macau Appearances	2010	4 th place – Macau Grand Prix
	2011	3 rd place – Macau Grand Prix
	2014	7 th place – Macau GT Cup

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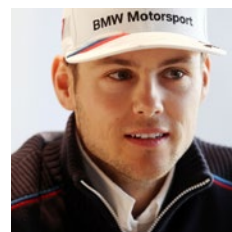
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Career	2008	11 th place Australian Formula Ford Championship
	2009	4 th place Australian Formula Ford Championship
	2010	1 st place Australian Formula Ford Championship
	2011	6 th place Fujitsu V8 Supercar Series
	2012	3 rd place Dunlop V8 Supercar Series
	2013	17 th place International V8 Supercars Championship
	2014	7 th place International V8 Supercars Championship
2015	11 th place International V8 Supercars Championship	
2016	7 th place International V8 Supercars Championship	

Macau Appearances –



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Career	2009	3 rd place Swedish Formula Renault
	2010	1 st place British Formula Renault
	2011	6 th place German Formula 3 Cup
	2012	7 th place Formula 3 Euro Series
	2013	7 th place Formula 3 European Championship
	2014	2 nd place Formula 3 European Championship
	2015	14 th place DTM, Rookie of the Year
2016	6 th place DTM	

Macau Appearances	2010	3 rd – Formula BMW Pacific
	2012	17 th – Macau Grand Prix
	2013	8 th – Macau Grand Prix
	2014	DNF – Macau Grand Prix

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