Venetian Mask Exhibition: The World Hidden By Masks



The gentlemen bowed before the ladies, both males and females, donning intricate laced costumes with their faces hidden behind sequined masks that glitter as they were fondly caressed by the lowly lit moonlight.

The vibrantly colored masks and dresses lit the dark alleys of the Venetian streets, rejuvenating life into otherwise another mundane night. Except that this was *The Carnival of Venice...*



Don't you want to experience it, even for just one night? If you do, then your wish might just come true!



City of Masks, has recently announced that a venetian-themed mask exhibition, the Venetian Masks Exhibition which will be held at Kuala Lumpur's National Art Gallery on the 21st November 2015.

The event aims to spread awareness about the exciting new exhibition which promises to be intriguing and rewarding for those who attend.

Now, for a person who has been to a fair share of exhibitions, I must admit that the Venetian Mask Exhibition fascinates me. It's most probably because of the theme.

I have always been a huge fan of anything that is mask related. So when I came across the advertisement of the exhibition online, it totally caught my attention.



"A Venetian-themed mask exhibition? Sign me up!" I thought to myself.



The exhibition is inspired by an annual festival in Venice called The Carnival of Venice. This festival originated as a celebration of The Republic of Venice's victory against Aquileia, an ancient roman city in Italy and masks have always been traditionally worn during the Venetian festival.

There are various types of masks worn in the festival; each comes with their own distinctive designs and names that have their own significance to the festival.



The **Bauta** – which symbolizes the Venetian government.



The **Colombina** – half-mask worn by actress as to not cover their beautiful faces entirely.



The **Medico Della Peste** – worn by doctors that handle plagues back in the day.



The **Volto** – guarantees its wearer utter anonymity as it covers the entire face.



The **Pantalone** (left) and The **Arlecchino** (right) – masks for jokers and pranksters.



The **Zanni** – symbolizes to the people that the wearer is a fun loving individual who prefers to stay anonymous similar to that of the Volto mask.

Let's move our attention back to Venetian Mask Exhibition. At the exhibition, there will be large display of Venetian handmade masks and live performances by talented entertainers, all brought to you from Venice itself.

All the masks handmade by Venice's own mask makers and these masks have never been displayed anywhere else around the world except for Venice. Besides that, the performers will dress in distinctively colorful masks and costumes while they performed live in front of the attendees. The show will present attendees a glimpse of one of Venice's most celebrated culture.

That's not all! All attendees will receive a free limited edition 18th century Venetian handmade mask. If all the above information has not grabbed your interest, I bet this did!

Please be mindful that there is an age restriction for the event. It only opens for the public of age 20 years old and above because the exhibition might contain elements that are sensitive towards the younger audiences.

To get your tickets for the exhibition, visit <u>cityofmask.com!</u>

The tickets are limited so hurry! See you there!

Here are the details of the event!

