

## A Celebration of Heritage, Craftsmanship, and Entrepreneurship

I first met Laura Cheung Wolf, founder of <u>LALA CURIO</u>, before the Andrea Bocelli concert, and was immediately captivated by her warmth and quiet passion. When she invited me to the grand opening of LALA CURIO's flagship showroom entrance at Hong Kong's iconic Peninsula Hotel ML 1-3, I was delighted. What I discovered was more than a launch of beautiful décor — it was a living embodiment of heritage, craftsmanship, and entrepreneurship.

Stepping through the ornately arched entrance — handcrafted in Suzhou by 26-year-old artisans learning their craft from their grandmothers — I felt as if I had entered a living museum. As you enter, the curved Gingko walls are flanked with a pair of rare, majestic cranes of imperial craft Cloisonné. The soft glow of the arched doorway reflects the golden light from walls wrapped in hand-painted, hand-embroidered silk chinoiserie. "Laura hasn't just created décor," I said to a friend. "She's brought a legacy to life."



LALA Curio's flagship showroom entrance



As an entrepreneur myself, I was inspired by Laura's vision and tenacity. A third-generation steward of Chinese Cloisonné, Laura is preserving a sacred art form introduced to China during the Yuan Dynasty via the Silk Road. Traditionally, Cloisonné was used exclusively in the Imperial Palaces and was forbidden for anyone else — a rule that, remarkably, still applies today. This heritage is deeply rooted in Laura's own family story. Her grandmother was a master of the craft, and it was in her atelier that Laura first learned the delicate techniques that she now applies to interiors and decorative spaces. Today, she is the third generation actively weaving this ancient process into contemporary design.



For Laura, these pieces are more than ornamentation; they are threads of heritage connecting the past and the future. Every panel is a labor of love, handcrafted by artisans using silk, water-soluble adhesive, and fine threads, merging centuries-old craftsmanship with a fresh, 21st-century spirit.

'Our mission is to write a new chapter in chinoiserie." Laura said. "I feel so blessed to hold the keys to these ancient crafts, and I am committed to nurturing the next generation of artisans to continue this legacy."







After getting to know Laura, she is well on her way to making LALA CURIO an international emblem of artistry — a beacon for those who value beauty, heritage, and craftsmanship.

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Best wishes,
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