

ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH FESTIVAL 2014

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April 28th to May 24th, 2014

1. Asian Heritage Month Art and Photo Exhibitions at City Hall Rotunda

FREE ADMISSION

Date: Monday April 28 to Friday May 2, 2014 (noon)

Venue: City Hall Rotunda

Description: This event will explore the fusion of two types of visual art: painting as an imaginative reproduction of reality, and photography as a realistic representation of life. In juxtaposing these two visual art forms, the innovative ways Asian artists manipulate the multicultural setting of Canada can be seen, such as applying oil painting techniques on Chinese themes, or using Chinese brush painting to show Canadian themes. How photography aspires to be a verisimilitude of life and an imaginative interpretation informed by Asian philosophy will also be shown. Dr. Lien Chao will work with the Artists Association, and the Chinese Canadian Photographic Society of Toronto will feature their members' works. During the festival weekend, the artists and photographers will be present to talk about Asian art media and demonstrate their techniques; these educational activities aim at helping the public to develop necessary knowledge and critical skills to appreciate Asian art.

Co-Organizers: Asian Heritage Month—Canadian Foundation for Asian Culture (Central Ontario) Inc.; Chinese Canadian Photography Society of Toronto; WE Artists' Group; Social Services Network

Asian Heritage Month Festival is partially funded by the Government of Canada through the Department of Canadian Heritage, the Department of Citizenship and Immigration Canada and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council

2. The Twelve Annual Asian Heritage Month Lecture and the Tenth Annual Asian Heritage Month Education Roundtable

FREE ADMISSION Please register by e-mail: asianheritagecanadian@yahoo.ca

Topic: Multiculturalism, Education and Youth

Date: Monday, May 12, 2014

Time: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. followed by Reception

Venue: Sandra Faire and Ivan Fecan Theatre, York University, 4700 Keele Street **Map:** Building 92 on the Map at http://maps.info.yorku.ca/files/2013/02/Colour-Mappdf.pdf (**Downsview Subway Station to the 196 Express: York University**)

Reception: 4:00 p.m.

Description:

Opening Addresses:

Dean Martin Singer, Dean, Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies, York University

Mr. Justin Poy, Honorary Patron, Asian Heritage Month-CFACI

Asian Heritage Month Lecture and Plenary Addresses of Asian Heritage Month Education Roundtable:

Donna Quan, Director of Education, Toronto District School Board **Angela Gauthier**, Director of Education, Toronto Catholic District School Board

Panel Discussions:

Chair:

Professor Carl James, FRSC, Director, York Centre for Education and Community, York University

"Introduction to the topic: Multiculturalism, Education and Youth"

Panelists:

Professor Eve Haque, Languages, Literature & Linguistics, Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies, York University

"The limits of 'Multiculturalism within a Bilingual Framework"

Jaclyn San Antonio, PhD Student, OISE, University of Toronto; Community Developer at Community Development Council Durham; former Youth Service Provider Network Coordinator at Agincourt Community Services Association

Kosal Ky, Graduate Candidate, Education, York University

"2nd Generation Canadian-Born Cambodian Women's Voices in Ontario's Schools"

Presented by: Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies Copresented with:

York Centre for Asian Research, York University

York Centre for Refugee Studies, York University

York Centre for Education and Community, York University

Canadian Studies Program, University College, University of Toronto

Humanities, Social Sciences and Social Justice Education, OISE, University of Toronto Asian Heritage Month—Canadian Foundation for Asian Culture (Central Ontario) Inc.

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3. Asian Heritage Month Art and Photo Exhibitions at Metro Hall Rotunda FREE ADMISSION

Date: Monday, May 12 to Sunday, May 18, 2014

Venue: Metro Hall Rotunda

CLICK! SPLASH! | ASIAN CANADIAN ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY FAIR

Date: Saturday, May 17, 2014

Time: 2pm-4pm

Venue: Metro Hall Rotunda

Asian Canadian Visual Artists Workshop/Demo: There will be an experimental installation/performance. The visual artists want to free the 2-D piece of art from fixed wall space and put it into activities. The activities are improvisation created by the individual painters, such as dance movements, Taichi, singing, or some non-descriptive movements. They will invite some audience to participate in the 3-D creative action as well. The purpose of this experiment is to challenge and expand the boundaries of paintings with actions and movements.

Photographers Workshop and Demo: There will be an open discussion on photography with Asian Canadian photographers on various topics, such as the cultural history behind the photos. There will be in-depth discussions regarding the photos in the exhibition, including the choice of subject, what motivated them to take the photos, and the cultural meaning they would like to bring out.

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4. Artists Workshop at Toronto District School Board

5. Artists Workshop at Toronto Catholic District School Board

6. Asian Heritage Month Film Festival

Date: Saturday, May 17, 2014

Time: 2pm to 8pm

Venue: Innis Town Hall VIP Screening Room, University of Toronto, 2 Sussex Avenue,

Toronto

Map at http://www.utoronto.ca/townhall/contact.html

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Programmed by ReelWorld Film Festival Canadian Features Programmer Bobby Del Rio

In addition to a panel discussing females in film, the festival will screen several shorts as well as a feature-length NFB documentary titled *Hue: A Matter of Colour*. Renowned Director and Cinematographer Vic Sarin tells a personal, heartfelt story of the history and often-tragic effects of *colourism*—the phenomenon where by people within

the same ethnic group discriminate against each other based on differences in skin tone. *Hue: A Matter of Colour* leads viewers on a thoughtful and surprising journey to the heart of an insidious social issue that is anything but black and white.

The featured shorts films program will be announced closer to the date. Please check back in a few weeks or visit http://www.vmacch.ca/ for more information.

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Schedule:

2:00PM - Shorts Program:

- **Second Jen** (Directed by Joseph O'Brien and Samantha Wan) **Synopsis:** Against the will of her Chinese family, Jen is moving out with her best friend Mo to a shabby apartment in the city. This absurd comedy about second-generation kids deals with the trials of friendship, identity, and "Asian Mother Guilt".
- **Requiem For Romance** (Directed by Jonathan Ng) **Synopsis:** A modern-day couple's secret love affair comes to a bittersweet end during an evening phone call. Cell phone static creates distance between them as they anguish over details of their relationship. But the visuals of the film reveal something entirely different.
- *My Heritage* (Directed by Philip Leung and Alex Narvaez)

 Synopsis: *My Heritage* is a mockumentary short film about Dai Fok, a white man who was adopted and raised by his immigrant Asian father. Dai Fok grows up resenting his overly strict dad, so he decides to cease all ties with his father, abandoning the man who loves him the most.
- We Each Have Our Armies (Director Bobby Del Rio)

 Synopsis: A white man and his South Asian girlfriend have their relationship torn apart by their families.
- *Little Mao* (Directed by Allan Tong) **Synopsis:** A political parable about how power corrupts. Parts comedy, drama and fantasy, *Little Mao* tells the life of Chairman Mao Tse-Tung through the eyes of an 11-year-old boy and the game of baseball.

4:00PM - "Women in Film" Panel

Confirmed panellists: Samantha Wan (Actor/Producer), Dawn Wilkinson (Television Director), Imogen Grace (Actor/Writer/Director), Farah Merani (Actor/Producer)

6:00PM - Screening of Hue: A Matter of Colour

Feature Documentary Directed by Vic Sarin

Location:

Innis College VIP Screening Room, Room 222, University of Toronto, 2 Sussex Avenue

Presented by:

Asian Heritage Month--Canadian Foundation for Asian Culture (Central Ontario) Inc., Social Services Network in partnership with ReelWorld Film Festival

Co-Organizers: Asian Heritage Month—Canadian Foundation for Asian Culture (Central Ontario) Inc.; ReelWorld Film Festival; Canadian Studies, University College, University of Toronto; Richard Charles Lee Canada Hong Kong Library, University of Toronto; Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies, York University; Social Services Network; Bata Shoe Museum

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7. Asian Heritage Month Gala Performance of Asian Canadian Artists: The Silk Road Connecting the East and the West

FREE ADMISSION Please register by e-mail: asianheritagecanadian@yahoo.ca Keynote Addresses:

Dr. Neville Poy and The Honourable Dr. Vivienne Poy on "A Glimpse of China's Silk Route"

Professor Chan Ka Nin, composer of IRON ROAD, on "Music from the Silk Road" Date: Friday May 23, 2014

Time: 7pm to 9pm

Venue: Bata Shoe Museum, 327 Bloor Street West, Toronto (St. George Subway

Station)

Map: http://www.batashoemuseum.ca/visiting/location.shtml

Description: Focusing on the theme "The Silk Road Connecting the East and West", the evening will begin with "A Glimpse of China's Silk Route" by Dr. Neville Poy and The Honourable Dr. Vivienne Poy. Then the performance section will commence with Professor Chan Ka Nin's keynote talk and performance on "Music from the Silk Road", followed by performances by professional Asian Canadian artists covering pieces along the Silk Road from the ancient civilizations: China, through India to Persia. There will be fascinating pieces such as Cantonese Opera, soaring to the "Festival in Tian Mountain" (Chinese Chamber Music), bringing the audience to the "Buddha with a Thousand Hands" (Chinese ethnic dance), sojourning through Indian light classical music, and ending in "A Dance in a Persian Garden" (Persian music). It will be an enchanted evening sparkling with wonders through the Silk Road.

Programme

Opening addresses

Mrs. Sonja Bata, Founding Chairman, Bata Shoe Museum Mr Justin Poy, Honorary Patron, Asian Heritage Month -- CFACI Dean Martin Singer, Dean, Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies, York University

Principal Donald Ainslie, Principal, University College, University of Toronto

Plenary Address

"A Glimpse of China's Silk Route"

by Dr. Neville Poy and The Honourable Dr. Vivienne Poy

Performances of Asian Canadian Artists

Keynote and performances: "Music from the Silk Road"

Professor Chan Ka Nin, Faculty of Music, University of Toronto, Composer of IRON ROAD

Music from Byzantine Chant to Mongolian Folk Song Performances related to the Silk Road

Alice Ho, Piano Erica Iris, Mezzo Soprano

Cantonese Opera

Chi Ping Lau & Lisa Lee; dancers: with dancers of Chinese Collective Arts Association

"Festival in Tian Mountain"

Classical Chinese Music by Dunhuang Chamber Ensemble Yangqin: Anna Guo and Gu Zheng: Ting Hong

"Festival of Colors called Holi" and the "Season Spring": classical ragas, light classical and Indian folk music

Gauri Guha (vocal) and Harpal Singh Kalla (Tabla)

"Buddha with a Thousand Hands"

Chinese Dancing-Classical & Ethnic Folk Dances Chinese Collective Arts Association

Persian Music Performance: "A Dance in a Persian Garden"

Mehdi Rezania

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8. China Homeland Festival at Toronto Public Library: *IRON ROAD* | Opera, Film and History

FREE ADMISSION Please register by e-mail: asianheritagecanadian@yahoo.ca

Date: Saturday May 24, 2014 Time: 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Venue: Malvern Library, 30 Sewells Road, Toronto

Map: http://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/detail.jsp?R=LIB012

Event website:

http://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/detail.jsp?Entt=RDMEVT161549&R=EVT161549

Description:

Family session

11am: Family time: Stories, crafts 11am Screening of IRON ROAD the film 12pm Brush painting for the whole family

The two IRON ROAD: The Opera and the Film

Panel Chair: Jan Wong, award winning journalist

1pm-2:40pm Opening address: Mr. Justin Poy, Honourary Patron, Asian

Heritage Month- CFACI

Panel discussion

Professor Chan Ka Nin, Composer of IRON ROAD the opera with live performance of arias. Mezzo Soprano: Erica Iris. Pianist:

Alice Ho.

Anne Tait, Producer of IRON ROAD the film with excerpts from

the film

Doug Hum on the historical context of the building of the railroad

2:40pm-3pm Tea and coffee break

3pm – 4:40pm Screening of IRON ROAD the film

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