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LIBRARY

events & news

January – April 2012



China through the Lens of John Thomson 1868–1872

17 November 2011 – 26 February 2012

This exhibition, on loan from the Wellcome Library, London, runs until 26 February. It features 51 images of China taken by Scottish photographer John Thomson (1837–1921) between 1868 and 1872. Considered a pioneer of photojournalism, Thomson focused on a wide range of subjects, including people, street scenes and landscapes, reflecting his remarkable talent for capturing the essence of China, its people and their customs. His portraits of people – from all walks of life – whom he met on his travels provide valuable historical insight into 19th-century, pre-modern China.

The exhibition also includes a selection of traditional Chinese clothing and accessories from the Library's own collection and coincides with Chinese New Year celebrations and Chinese Year of the Dragon.

See Education and calendar overleaf for details of the public programme.

Chester Beatty: the Paintings from the National Gallery of Ireland

May – December 2012

Chester Beatty's French nineteenth-century paintings today form part of the collections of the National Gallery of Ireland. Next year, the Chester Beatty Library will exhibit a selection of these works, courtesy of the Gallery, which will include important Orientalist paintings by Jean-Léon Gérôme and Eugène Fromentin; as well as Barbizon and Realist works by Jules Breton, Thomas Couture and Jean-Louis-Ernest Meissonier. *(Dates to be confirmed)*

Opposite: Falcon Hunt (Algeria Remembered) by Eugène Fromentin, 1874. Photo © National Gallery of Ireland.

Hajj: Journey to the Heart of Islam

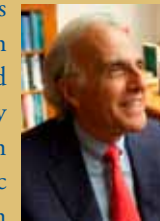
The Library is pleased to contribute four manuscripts to the exhibition *Hajj: Journey to the Heart of Islam* (British Museum, London, 26 January – 15 April). This exhibition explores the annual Muslim pilgrimage to the holy cities of Mecca and Medina.

CHESTER BEATTY ANNIVERSARY LECTURE

The Arab Spring and the future of Muslim-West relations

Thursday 2 February 2012

John L. Esposito will present this year's Annual Chester Beatty Lecture. An internationally renowned author and speaker, Prof. Esposito is University Professor as well as Professor of Religion and International Affairs and of Islamic Studies at Georgetown University in Washington, DC; he is also Founding Director of the Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding at Georgetown's Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service. Prof. Esposito has produced an outstanding corpus of published works on the topics of Islam and Muslim-Christian relations. *By invitation only*



Membership News

Highlights of the programme include: a trip to London to view the exhibition, *Hajj: Journey to the Heart of Islam* at the British Museum; a number of interesting Film Club screenings; and a talk on the art of Japan to tie in with our Book Club title. *See calendar overleaf for details.*

Tel: 4070759, members@cbl.ie



Conservation News

The Library's papyri collection ranges in date from 1800 BC to AD 800. It includes many works of outstanding importance, which are either unique documents or the earliest known copies of particular texts. Conservation staff are currently carrying out a full condition survey of the collection, which will result in the conservation and re-housing of over 1,500 plates of papyrus.

Tetra Guitar Quartet performance as part of the Guitar Festival of Ireland

Saturday 28 April 6pm



Tickets €20 (concession €18). For purchase of tickets please contact the Guitar Festival of Ireland on tel: 4433432 and website: www.gfi.ie

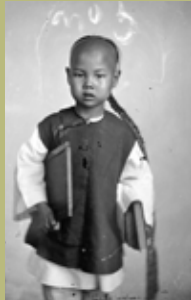


Education

Don't forget Dublin City Council is holding its annual Chinese New Year celebrations from 20 January – 3 February. This is the year of the Dragon. For more details please check www.cny.ie

China through the Lens of John Thomson Meet the community

Meet members of the Irish, Iranian, Chinese and Japanese communities and hear their stories at a series of events organised throughout the public programme with particular focus on the *China through the Lens of John Thomson* exhibition.



Canton school boy Gow. Wellcome Library, London. Wellcome Images

China through the Lens of John Thomson project with FOMACS

The Library is partnering with the Forum on Migration and Communications and will run training sessions for young adults to develop curatorial skills around this photographic exhibition utilising multimedia to communicate with their peers. The project will be showcased in September.

China through the Lens of John Thomson Embroidered Textiles Workshop with Rosemary Cullen



Saturday 28 – Sunday 29 January
10am–4pm/12–4pm

Explore the beautiful Chinese motifs on costumes found in John Thomson's photographs. Participants will be introduced to simple embroidery techniques and create their own artwork or brooch. €50 each; materials provided. Limited to 15. Booking required; details overleaf.



Express Chinese Calligraphy Workshop with Tim Wai

Saturday 11 February 10am–3pm

An introduction to the basic principles of Chinese calligraphy. Booking required, details overleaf.

A celebration of printmaking techniques with Graphic Studio Dublin

Tuesday 13 – Friday 16 March

Meet artists from Graphic Studio Dublin and discover printmaking techniques as reflected in the Library's collections. Details overleaf. Free.



Norouz (Persian New Year) celebrations, March

Celebrate the Persian New Year with a number of events including a Silk Worm Club workshop for children and a two-day traditional Persian miniature painting workshop with Iranian artist Roxana Manouchehri. Booking required; details overleaf.

Experimental Film Society

Saturday 10 March 1–3pm

Screening of contemporary films by Iranian filmmakers with a Q&A session afterwards. Screenings will include works by Bahar Samadi, Kamyar Kordestani, Hamid Shams Javi, Pouya Ahmadi, and Rouzbeh Rashidi. Also a short film by guest filmmakers, Arash Khakpour & Arash Radkia.

Two-day printmaking workshop with Hiroko Imada as part of the Experience Japan Festival

Thursday 12 & Friday 13 April 10am–4pm both days

Join Hiroko Imada for this two-day printmaking workshop and learn how to make a colour print. Booking required; details overleaf.

Together Towards Inclusion Post Primary Schools Project 2011-2013

The Library is delighted to participate in a two-year project with Antrim Inclusion and Diversity Service, the Ulster Museum and Louth VEC. This cross-border initiative will focus on museums working with teachers to devise teacher-training and resources for newcomers in schools. This is funded by the Comenius Regio Project.

Silk Worm Club 6–11 year olds

Join us for a series of free workshops for 6–11 year-olds. Booking required; details overleaf.



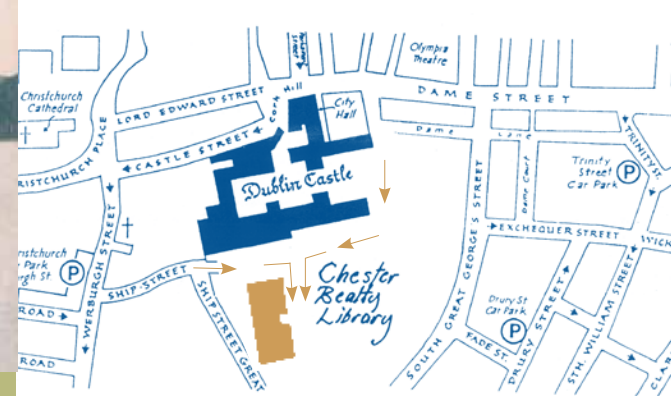
Activity Packs for families

Why not try our activity packs and explore the Library? For more details see calendar overleaf.



Community Ambassador Tours

Join the Library for tours in Mandarin, Japanese and Arabic. For more details see calendar overleaf.



How to find us

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Opening times

May–Sept Mon–Fri 10.00am–5.00pm
Saturdays 11.00am–5.00pm
Sundays 1.00pm–5.00pm

Oct–April Tues–Fri 10.00am–5.00pm
Saturdays 11.00am–5.00pm
Sundays 1.00pm–5.00pm

Closed Public Holiday Mondays,
Good Friday, 24–26 Dec, 1 Jan

Admission Free

Free public tours *Highlights of the Collection*
Wednesdays 1pm; Sundays 3pm & 4pm.
Other times by prior arrangement.

Facilities: Silk Road Café, Gift & Book Shop,
Audio-visual presentations, Roof Garden,
wheelchair access, baby-changing facilities.

Front Cover: Canton woman, Kwangtung province, China.
Wellcome Library, London. Wellcome Images.



JANUARY

Public Tours

Every Wednesday at 1pm and Sundays at 3 & 4pm

7-8	Sat & Sun	1-4pm	Family Activity Packs Bring your family and enjoy new activities specially prepared for the <i>China through the Lens of John Thomson</i> exhibition and our permanent exhibitions. Suitable for ages 5-11, with colouring activities for under-5s. We recommend adults guide children when using the packs. Free
8	Sun	2pm	Community Ambassador Tour in Arabic with Karma Shawa
14	Sat	2-3.30pm	Silk Worm Club Make your own traditional Chinese hat as seen in the <i>China through the Lens of John Thomson</i> exhibition. Suitable for ages 6-11. Free. Please book from Tuesday 10 January 9.30am at www.cbl.ie under Online Booking**
15	Sun	2pm	Community Ambassador Tour in Mandarin with Tiedong Yang
		2pm	Members Event <i>Global Nomad: China</i> (Episodes 3 & 4) documentary screening. Booking essential*
20-3	Feb		Chinese New Year Festival Year of the Dragon! Dublin City Council is holding its annual Chinese New Year festival from 20 January to 3 February. The Chester Beatty Library is delighted to be a partner in the programme. For more details see: www.cny.ie
21	Sat	1.30pm	Members Event <i>Springtime in a Small Town</i> , Film Club screening. Booking essential*  
22	Sun	2pm	Community Ambassador Tour in Japanese with Hiromi Anzai

26	Thur	1.10pm	Public Lecture <i>John Thomson's Illustrations of China and Its People</i> , Professor Nick Pearce, Director of the Institute for Art History, School of Culture and Creative Arts, University of Glasgow
27	Fri	2pm	Members Event <i>Tai-Chi talk and demonstration</i> . Join us for a talk and a chance to try it out. Booking essential*
28-29	Sat & Sun	Sat: 10am-4pm Sun: 12-4pm	China through the Lens of John Thomson Embroidered Textiles Workshop with Rosemary Cullen Think traditional hand embroidery and reconsider the possibilities! This workshop will develop and explore ways of creating an image using embroidery techniques. Participants will be encouraged to explore the use of basic stitches and ways of developing a selected image. Participants will create their own designs as an art piece or brooch. Limited to 15 places, €50 per participant; materials provided. Please book online at www.cbl.ie under Online Booking from Monday 23 January**

* Booking Essential. Please contact Mary Dowling, tel: 4070759, email: members@cbl.ie

** For workshops that require booking, we have set aside a limited number of places for people with no computers. Contact Education Services on the specified date at 9.30am Tel: 4070750.

Become a Member of the Chester Beatty Library

Becoming a Member of the Library has never been easier. Join online today at www.cbl.ie and enjoy a range of benefits including Members-only talks, tours, cultural travel opportunities and discounts in our Shop and Silk Road Café.

FEBRUARY

Public Tours

Every Wednesday at 1pm and Sundays at 3 & 4pm

2	Thur	6pm	Chester Beatty Anniversary Lecture <i>The Arab Spring and the future of Muslim-West relations</i> . Professor John Esposito, University Professor & Founding Director of the Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding, Georgetown University, Washington DC. <i>By invitation only</i>
3	Fri	1.10pm	Gallery Tour <i>China through the Lens of John Thomson</i> , Betty Yao, MBE, Exhibition Organiser
4-5	Sat & Sun	1-4pm	Family Activity Packs Bring your family and enjoy new activities specially prepared for the <i>China through the Lens of John Thomson</i> exhibition and our permanent exhibitions. Suitable for ages 5-11, with colouring activities for under-5s. We recommend adults guide children when using the packs. Free
4	Sat	2-3.30pm	Silk Worm Club <i>Hong bao</i> Celebrate the Chinese New Year and make your own lucky red packet. Suitable for ages 6-11. Free. Please book from Monday 30 January 9.30am at www.cbl.ie under Online Booking**
5	Sun	2pm	Community Ambassador Tour in Japanese with Hiromi Anzai
9	Thur	1.10pm	Public Lecture <i>Celtic Tiger, Hidden Dragon: exploring identity among second-generation Chinese in Ireland</i> , Nicola Yau, MPhil, Ethnic and Racial Studies, Trinity College Dublin. She is currently Information Officer with the Crosscare Migrant Project

11	Sat	10am - 3pm	An introduction to Chinese calligraphy with Tim Wai A workshop introducing the basic principles of the art of Chinese calligraphy. Limited to 15 places, €25 per person; materials provided. Please book from Monday 6 February, 9.30am onwards at www.cbl.ie under Online Booking**
16	Thur	1.10pm	Public Lecture <i>Travelling, discovering and shooting: a Victorian photographer's sport</i> , Yupin Chung, Curator of Chinese and Far Eastern Civilisations, The Burrell Collection, Glasgow Museums
18	Sat	1.30pm	Members Event <i>Global Nomad: China</i> (Episodes 5 & 6) documentary screening. Booking essential* 2pm Community Ambassador Tour in Mandarin with Tiedong Yang
19	Sun	2pm	Community Ambassador Tour in Arabic with Karma Shawa
25	Sat	1.30pm	Members Event <i>Red Cliff</i> , Film Club screening. Booking essential*  
26	Sun		<i>China through the Lens of John Thomson</i> exhibition closes.

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MARCH

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3–4 Sat & Sun 1–4pm **Family Activity Packs** Bring your family and enjoy new activities specially prepared for our permanent exhibitions. Suitable for ages 5–11, with colouring activities for under-5s. We recommend adults guide children when using the packs. Free

3 Sat 2–3.30pm **Silk Worm Club** Paint your own eggs as part of the festival of Norouz (Persian New Year) and listen to Persian stories with Roxana Manouchehri. Suitable for ages 6–11. Free. Please book from Monday 27 February, 9.30am onwards at www.cbl.ie under Online Booking**

4 Sun 2pm **Community Ambassador Tour** in Japanese with Hiromi Anzai

9–11 Fri – Sun **Members Event** Trip to London to view exhibitions at the British Museum and the British Library. Booking essential*

10 Sat 1–3pm **Experimental Film Society** Screening of contemporary films by Iranian film-makers, with a Q&A session afterwards. Screenings will include works by Bahar Samadi, Kamyar Kordestani, Hamid Shams Javi, Pouya Ahmadi, and Rouzbeh Rashidi. Also a short film by guest film-makers, Arash Khakpour & Arash Radkia.

2pm **Community Ambassador Tour** in Mandarin with Tiedong Yang

13–16 Tues – Fri 1–2pm **A celebration of printmaking techniques with Graphic Studio Dublin** Meet artists from Graphic Studio Dublin and discover printmaking techniques as reflected in the Library's collections. These sessions will take place in the atrium of the Library. Free

GRAPHIC STUDIO DUBLIN

17 Sat **St. Patrick's Day**, Library open.

18 Sun 2pm **Community Ambassador Tour** in Arabic with Karma Shawa

24–25 Sat & Sun 10am–4pm Sun: 12–4pm **Persian miniature painting workshop** Learn the art of miniature painting in the traditional Persian style with contemporary Iranian artist Roxana Manouchehri. Limited to 15 places, €50 each; materials provided. Please book online from Monday 19 March, 9.30am onwards at www.cbl.ie under Online Booking**

31 Sat 11.30am **Members Event** *Introduction to the Chester Beatty Library* guided tour. Booking essential*

1.30pm **Members Event** *Le Grand Voyage*, Film Club screening. Booking essential*



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Islamic Seals Database

Throughout the centuries, each time an Islamic manuscript passed to a new owner, that individual – whether a prince, sultan or someone of more humble origins – might impress his personal seal on one of its pages. The information from each seal (a name and/or date) allows scholars to trace the history of a particular manuscript, thereby also providing insight into broader issues of book production. The Library has now has an online database at www.cbl.ie/islamicseals



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APRIL

Public Tours

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1 Sun 2pm **Community Ambassador Tour** in Japanese with Hiromi Anzai

12–13 Thurs & Fri 10am–4pm **Experience Japan Festival** Join Hiroko Imada for this two-day printmaking workshop and learn how to make a colour print. Limited to 15 places, €50 each; materials provided. Please book online from Monday 2 April, 9.30am onwards at www.cbl.ie under Online Booking**

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2–3.30pm **Silk Worm Club** Make your own Japanese paper hat and listen to a Japanese story. Suitable for ages 6–11. Free. Please book from Tuesday 10 April, 9.30am onwards at www.cbl.ie under Online Booking**

19 Thurs 1.10pm **Public Lecture** *A Mirror into the Floating World: Japanese prints of the Edo period, 1600–1860*, in the Chester Beatty Library, Ruth Starr, Lecturer, Arts of Japan, Trinity College Dublin

21 Sat 10.30am **Members Event** *History on our doorstep: Government Buildings* Join us for a guided tour of the seat of the Irish Government. Booking essential*

22 Sun 2pm **Community Ambassador Tour** in Arabic with Karma Shawa

26 Thurs 1.10pm **Gallery Tour** of the East Asian collections, Arts of the Book Gallery, Laura Muldowney, Researcher of the East Asian collections, Chester Beatty Library

28 Sat 11.30am **Members Event** *The Thousand Autumns of Jacob de Zoet* by David Mitchell. Book Club meeting. Booking essential*

2pm **Members Event** *Discoveries, Encounters and Exchanges, 1500–1800* Talk with Ruth Starr, Lecturer, Arts of Japan, Trinity College Dublin. Booking essential*

6pm **Guitar Festival of Ireland concert**

A performance by the Tetra Guitar Quartet as part of the Guitar Festival of Ireland. Tickets €20 (concession €18). For purchase of tickets please contact the Guitar Festival of Ireland on tel: 4433432 and website: www.gfi.ie

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Support the Chester Beatty Library

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