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January – April 2010

exhibitions

Telling Images of China:

Narrative and Figure Paintings, 15th–20th Century from the Shanghai Museum

In association with  **Radisson**
12 February – 2 May 2010

We are delighted to host this major exhibition of thirty-eight paintings from one of the world's finest collections of Chinese art, the Shanghai Museum. The exhibition includes scrolls and albums by artists active in the Ming (1368–1644) and Qing (1644–1911) dynasties and the early Republican period after 1912. Each of these 'story paintings' retells or illustrates a tale from folk and religious lore, oral and official history, poetry or literature. Collectively, these artworks give a taste of China's rich mythology and lyric tradition.

Telling Images of China coincides with the run-up to the World Expo in Shanghai (May–October 2010) and is accompanied by an illustrated catalogue, generously supported by the E Rhodes and Leona B Carpenter Foundation, an international scholarly conference (30 April–1 May), and a programme of public events. See calendar overleaf or visit our website at www.cbl.ie.

Guo Xu, 'Immortal Ge spitting fire', *Album of Various Subjects*. ©Shanghai Museum.



Forthcoming Exhibitions

Muraqqa', *Imperial Mughal Albums from the Chester Beatty Library* will be on display from June to October 2010. This magnificent exhibition of paintings from the land of the Taj Mahal has returned home following its acclaimed tour of the US in 2008–2009, generously supported by Culture Ireland. The Library boasts one of the finest collections of Indian Mughal paintings in existence, and this is a rare opportunity to see many of the best of these works. Following *Muraqqa'*, our autumn exhibition, *Heroes and Kings of the Shahnama*, opens in November 2010, and celebrates the 1000th anniversary of the completion of the *Shahnama*, or Book of Kings, a gripping tale that relates the glorious and often gory feats of the heroes and kings of pre-Islamic Iran.

Chester Beatty Lecture
Farewells, Enchantments and Seductions: Power and Authority in Chinese Figure Paintings

25 March 2010
Craig Clunas, Professor of the History of Art at the University of Oxford, will present the annual Chester Beatty Lecture on 25 March. Professor Clunas specialises in the art of the Ming period (1368–1644) and has written a number of books on the topic. Admission strictly limited to Members and invited guests only.



Yang Fudong: Seven Intellectuals in a Bamboo Forest

17, 24, 28 February, 3 March

We are delighted to present the Irish premiere of this five-part cinematic masterpiece by Shanghai-based artist Yang Fudong. The artist imbues this mesmerising black-and-white film with an avant-garde, film noir aesthetic while referencing the legendary Seven Sages, a popular subject in traditional East Asian art.

Courtesy of ShanghART Gallery. Please note that this video contains adult and graphic content. Parental discretion is advised. See calendar overleaf for schedule.

Lunchtime Lecture Series
Entering a Chinese World

11, 18 & 25 February, 4, 11 & 18 March, 1.10pm

This lecture series with distinguished scholars Drs Jerusha McCormack and John G Blair is organised in conjunction with *Telling Images of China* and is based on their comparative culture studies which have been taught in the USA and China over the past thirty years. The lectures are free and open to all, no booking required.

Support the Library

These are challenging times for the arts and we need your support now more than ever. If you would like to make a donation or become a Member, you can now do this online at www.cbl.ie. You can also help by shopping in our gift and book shop, hiring the Library for a private event, or by telling friends and colleagues about us. Every contribution makes a difference and helps to sustain our public programmes. Thank you for your support

The Chester Beatty Library is a registered charity (CHY 5879). Donations of €250 or more are eligible for tax relief. Contact Paula Shalloo, tel: 4070773, email: pshalloo@cbl.ie

Membership News

Major highlights of our spring programme for Members include an evening preview of the exhibition *Telling Images of China* on 9 February, a trip to Paris in early March and an invitation to the Chester Beatty Lecture with Professor Craig Clunas on 25 March. See calendar overleaf for further details.

Don't miss these exciting events – become a Member today! Contact Mary Dowling, tel: 4070759, email: members@cbl.ie

A Sikh Face in Ireland

An exhibition of large colour portraits will go on display at the Library in April 2010, in association with the Forum on Migration and Communications (FOMACS), photographer Glenn Jordan and researcher Satwinder Singh. See overleaf for details.

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Telling Images of China: Meet the community

We are delighted to invite the Chinese community in Ireland and the UK to tell their story at the following series of public events organised in conjunction with the exhibition *Telling Images of China*.

Booking is essential for most of the events below. Please see calendar overleaf for details.

Chinese calligraphy workshop and demonstration with Li Jia

Friday 19 February, 1–4pm & Saturday 20 February, 1–2pm

Li Jia is a UK-based artist and calligrapher who currently teaches at the British Museum and Asia House. *The workshop on 19 February is limited to 15 places, €20 per person, materials provided.*



Chinese woodblock printmaking workshop with Lin Chen Jing

Saturday 27 & Sunday 28 February, 1–4pm

A member artist at the Belfast Print Workshop, Lin Chen Jing will explore drawing, drypoint and woodcut techniques in this two-day workshop. *Limited to 15 places, €40 per person for two days, materials provided.*

The story of Chinese tea

Thursday 1 April, 1.10pm

Join us for a story about tea, followed by a tasting session with Niall Byrne from Palais des Thés, Wicklow Street, Dublin. *Free of charge.*

Don't forget the Dublin Chinese New Year Festival will run from 12 to 21 February 2010. This is the Year of the Tiger. For more details please check www.dublin.ie/cny

Cooking up a story – my secret family recipe from Sichuan with chef Li

Saturday 17 April, 11am–12pm

This event will take place in the Silk Road Café and is supported by the Asia Market. *Free, but limited to 15 places.*

Silk Worm Club for 6–11 year olds

13 March & 10 April, 2–3.30pm

Join us for two workshops in association with the Malaysian Chinese community. Make your own Chinese fan or Lucky Red Packets (hong bao). *Free, but limited to 20 places per workshop.*

Japanese woodblock printmaking workshop with Hiroko Imada

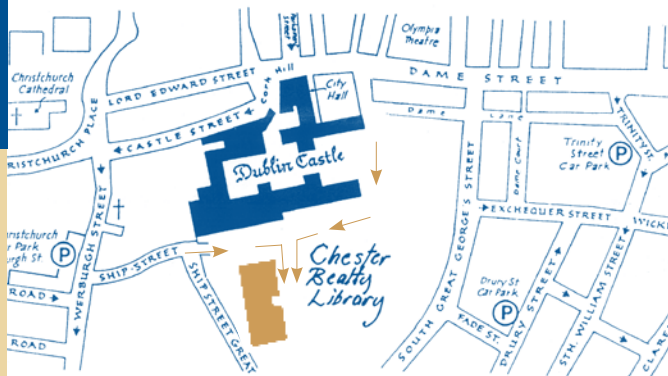
Thursday 22 April, 1–4pm

Printmaker Hiroko Imada returns to the Library for this one-day workshop. *Limited to 15 places, €20 per person, materials provided.*

New Publication: Museums as places for intercultural dialogue: Selected practices from Europe

The Library has contributed to a key project aimed at developing the potential of museums as places of intercultural dialogue. Explorations, case studies and findings on intercultural dialogue for museum practitioners have been collated in a new handbook, which will be published shortly.

This project is funded by the Lifelong Learning Programme of the EU and is a Grundtvig Multilateral Project, www.mapforid.it.



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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: Cui Zizhong (c1574–1644), *Jade Woman among Clouds*. Detail of a hanging scroll. © Shanghai Museum.

January 2010

1	Fri		Public holiday Library closed	
2-3	Sat-Sun	1-4pm	Activity Packs for families Enjoy activities around the galleries with your family. Suitable for 5-11 year olds. Free of charge. We would like to thank the State Street Foundation for their generous support.	
3	Sun	3 Et 4pm	Public Tour	
6	Wed	1pm	Public Tour	
10	Sun	3 Et 4pm	Public Tour	
13	Wed	1pm	Public Tour	
15	Fri	10.30am	Members Event <i>Islam: Faith, Art, Culture</i> – guided tour with Dr Elaine Wright, Curator of the Islamic Collections. Booking essential. Contact Mary Dowling for details, tel: 407 0759, members@cbl.ie	Members Event
17	Sun	3pm Et 4pm	Public Tour	
20	Wed	1pm	Public Tour	
24	Sun	3 Et 4pm	Public Tour	
27	Wed	1pm	Public Tour	
30	Sat	2pm	Members Event Guided visit to St Werburgh's Church, Werburgh Street, Dublin. Booking essential. Contact Mary Dowling for details, tel: 407 0759, members@cbl.ie	Members Event
31	Sun	3 Et 4pm	Public Tour	

The Library is celebrating ten years in Dublin Castle in 2010



February 2010

3	Wed	1pm	Public Tour	
6-7	Sat-Sun	1-4pm	Activity Packs for families Enjoy activities around the galleries with your family. Suitable for 5-11 year olds. Free of charge. We would like to thank the State Street Foundation for their generous support.	
7	Sun	3pm Et 4pm	Public Tour	
9	Tue	6.30pm	Members Event Don't miss this special Members-only preview of <i>Telling Images of China</i> . Booking essential. Contact Mary Dowling, tel: 407 0759, members@cbl.ie	Members Event
10	Wed	1pm	Public Tour	
11	Thur	1.10pm	Public Lecture <i>Entering a Chinese World series: Re-Orientating Ourselves to Enter a Chinese World</i> , Drs Jerusha McCormack Et John G Blair, Visiting Professors at Beijing Foreign Studies University.	
12	Fri	1.10pm	<i>Telling Images of China</i> exhibition opens Gallery Tour <i>Telling Images of China</i> , Dr Shane McCausland, Curator	
13	Sat	2pm	Members Event Tibetan afternoon – featuring a special screening of the documentary <i>Wheel of Time</i> . Booking essential. Contact Mary Dowling for details, tel: 407 0759, members@cbl.ie	Members Event
14	Sun	3pm Et 4pm	Public Tour	
17	Wed	1pm 1.30pm	Public Tour Video Installation Yang Fudong: <i>Seven Intellectuals in a Bamboo Forest Part I</i> , running time 29 mins. The decline of interest in meaningful experience is a recurrent theme in the work of Yang Fudong. Here he has young urbanites with Burberry jackets and briefcases withdraw to the mountains to admire the beauty of nature. <i>Part II</i> , running time 46 mins. Set mainly inside an apartment, the intellectuals talk over food and drink about topics ranging from their desires and sexuality to existential views of life and death. <i>Over 18s only this film has adult content.</i>	
18	Thur	1.10pm	Public Lecture <i>Entering a Chinese World series: Families, East and West: How different can they be?</i> , Drs Jerusha McCormack Et John G Blair, Visiting Professors at Beijing Foreign Studies University	
19	Fri	1-4pm	Chinese calligraphy workshop with Li Jia . Booking essential. Please book online from Monday 15 February at www.cbl.ie. For those who cannot book online we have set aside a limited number of places. Contact Education Services, tel: 01 4070750.	
20	Sat	1-2pm	Chinese calligraphy demonstration with Li Jia . This event is free. No booking required.	
21	Sun	1-2pm 3pm Et 4pm	Mah Jong demonstration with the Malaysian Chinese Community . This event is free. No booking required. Public Tour	
24	Wed	1pm 1.30pm	Public Tour Video Installation Yang Fudong: <i>Seven Intellectuals in a Bamboo Forest Part III</i> , running time 53mins. Another kind of life. They leave the city and head into the country, a real farming village, ploughing by day and resting by night.	
25	Thur	1.10pm	Public Lecture <i>Entering a Chinese World series: Health and Well Being: Secrets behind Traditional Chinese Medicine</i> , Drs Jerusha McCormack Et John G Blair, Visiting Professors at Beijing Foreign Studies University	
27-28	Sat-Sun	1-4pm	Woodblock printmaking workshop with Lin Chen Jing . Booking essential. Please book online from Monday 22 February at www.cbl.ie. For those who cannot book online we have set aside a limited number of places. Please contact Education Services, tel: 01 4070750.	
28	Sun	2pm 3pm 4pm	Video Installation Yang Fudong: <i>Seven Intellectuals in a Bamboo Forest Part IV</i> , running time 70mins. A tiny island of belief. They like the sea. They like living undisturbed, isolated. Perhaps this is life in utopia. Gallery tour <i>Telling Images of China</i> , Laura Muldowney, Assistant Curator of the East Asian Collections Public Tour	

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3	Wed	1pm 1.30pm	Public Tour Video Installation Yang Fudong: <i>Seven Intellectuals in a Bamboo Forest Part V</i> , running time 91mins. They return to the city, devoid of identity. Perhaps they are many people, perhaps they are seven.	
4	Thur	1.10pm	Public Lecture <i>Entering a Chinese World series: Humans and their Surroundings: Economics versus ecology</i> , Drs Jerusha McCormack Et John G Blair, Visiting Professors at Beijing Foreign Studies University	
6-7	Sat-Sun	1-4pm	Members Event Springtime in Paris – a weekend visiting museums and exhibitions in Paris. Booking essential. Contact Mary Dowling, tel: 407 0759, members@cbl.ie Activity Packs for families Enjoy activities around the galleries with your family. Suitable for 5-11 year olds. Free of charge. We would like to thank the State Street Foundation for their generous support.	Members Event
7	Sun	3pm Et 4pm	Public Tour	
10	Wed	1pm	Public Tour	
11	Thur	1.10pm	Public Lecture <i>Entering a Chinese World lecture series: Governance: Can democracy ever work in China?</i> , Drs Jerusha McCormack Et John G Blair, Visiting Professors at Beijing Foreign Studies University	
13	Sat	2-3.30pm	Silk Worm Club, for 6-11 year olds . Chinese fan making workshop with the Malaysian Chinese Community. Make your own Chinese fan based on the different motifs found in the collections. Limited to 20 places. Booking essential. Please book online from Monday 8 March at www.cbl.ie. For those who cannot book online we have set aside a limited number of places. Please contact Education Services, tel: 01 4070750.	
14	Sun	3pm Et 4pm	Public Tour	
17	Wed		St Patrick's Day Library open 1-5pm	
18	Thur	1.10pm	Public Lecture <i>Entering a Chinese World series: Values and World Views: Learning from China</i> , Drs Jerusha McCormack Et John G Blair, Visiting Professors at Beijing Foreign Studies University	
21	Sun	3pm Et 4pm	Public Tour	
24	Wed	1pm	Public Tour	
25	Thur	6.30pm	Chester Beatty Lecture <i>Farewells, Enchantments and Seductions: Power and Authority in Chinese Figure Paintings</i> , Craig Clunas, Professor of the History of Art, University of Oxford. Admission strictly limited to Members and invited guests only. To become a Member, contact Mary Dowling, tel: 4070759, members@cbl.ie	
26	Fri	1.10pm	Gallery Tour <i>Telling Images of China</i> , Dr Shane McCausland, Curator	
28	Sun	3pm Et 4pm	Public Tour	
31	Wed	1pm	Public Tour	



April 2010

Exhibition A Sikh Face in Ireland – a photographic and life history project. This exhibition illustrates one of the first systematic explorations of the Sikh presence on the island of Ireland – providing both a profile of the present and a social and cultural history of Sikh immigrants and their descendants. The exhibition will include large (one metre) colour portraits of individuals and families, together with their edited life stories in English and Punjabi. The project is a production of the Forum on Migration and Communications (FOMACS) with photographer Glenn Jordan and researcher Satwinder Singh. Please check our website for details www.cbl.ie

1	Thur	1.10pm	The Story of Chinese Tea Listen to a story about the history of Chinese tea followed by a tasting with Niall Byrne from Palais des Thés, Wicklow Street, Dublin. Free of charge. No booking required.	
3-4	Sat-Sun	1-4pm	Activity Packs for families . Enjoy activities around the galleries with your family. Suitable for 5-11 year olds. Free of charge. We would like to thank the State Street Foundation for their generous support.	
4	Sun	3pm Et 4pm	Public Tour	
7	Wed	1pm	Gallery Tour <i>Telling Images of China</i> , Hwang Yin, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London	
10	Sat	2-3.30pm	Silk Worm Club, for 6-11 year olds . <i>Lucky Red Packets</i> . Make your own traditional Chinese lucky red packets with the Malaysian Chinese community and fill them with treats! Limited to 20 places. Booking essential. Please book online from Monday 5 April at www.cbl.ie. For those who cannot book online we have set aside a limited number of places. Please contact Education Services, tel: 01 4070750.	
11	Sun	3pm Et 4pm	Public Tour	
14	Wed	1pm	Public Tour	
17	Sat	11am-12pm 2pm	Cooking up a story – my secret family recipe from Sichuan with chef Li. This event will take place in the Silk Road Café and is supported by the Asia Market. Free of charge but limited to 15 places. Booking essential. Please book online from Monday 12 April at www.cbl.ie. For those who cannot book online we have set aside a limited number of places. Please contact Education Services, tel: 01 4070750. Members Event <i>Uniforms of Earthly Delights: the Art of Silk Clothing</i> – lecture with Anna Kadzik-Bartoszewska. Booking essential. Contact Mary Dowling for details, tel: 407 0759, members@cbl.ie	Members Event
18	Sun	3pm Et 4pm	Public Tour	
21	Wed	1pm	Public Tour	
22	Thur	1-4pm 4pm	Japanese printmaking workshop with Hiroko Imada . Limited to to 15 places, €20 per person, materials provided. Payment can be made on the day. Please book online from Monday 19 April at www.cbl.ie. For those who cannot book online we have set aside a limited number of places. Please contact Education Services, tel: 01 4070750. Public Tour	
28	Wed	1pm	Public Tour	
29	Thur	10.30am	Members Event The history of Dublin Zoo – our guided tour will include a special visit to see the Asian elephants. Booking essential. Contact Mary Dowling for details, tel: 407 0759, members@cbl.ie	Members Event

