

## ***FIVE CIRCLES ARTS FESTIVAL***

### **PUBLIC ART 1 (UK)**

#### **Mural Commission: Horse & Dolphin Yard, Chinatown, London**

Workers in Chinatown, Londoners and tourists can enjoy a new piece of vibrant public art in August 2008. **Chinatown Arts Space** (CAS) is working in partnership with **Shaftesbury PLC**, to commission an innovative, colourful two-dimensional **contemporary mural** for **Horse and Dolphin Yard**. A UK-wide competition has been launched to find the best British East Asian winning design for a semi-permanent contemporary work that addresses the heritage, history, and architectural aspects of London's Chinatown, and celebrates the current East Asian diversity and dynamism of the area.

This is a significant opportunity to bring East Asian visual arts out into the public realm and will benefit the local community. The project aims to add another dimension to the artistic and cultural appeal of Chinatown through this highly visible public artwork. The winner will be announced in May 2008, and CAS plans to officially unveil the artwork on 6 August 2008, just before the opening ceremony of the Beijing Olympics.

### **SEMINAR**

#### **The British East Asian Visual Arts Scene**

Early August 2008

### **MASTERCLASS AND WORKSHOPS**

- Public Art 1 competition winner will facilitate one Masterclass for professional artists.
- British East Asian artists will conduct visual arts workshops for adults, young people and schoolchildren to explore the heritage and legacy of Chinatown, drawing on the inspiration of the mural commission site, Horse & Dolphin Yard.
- These activities will take place in early August 2008. Dates, venues and details will be announced as soon as the Public Art 1 competition winner is commissioned.

*Five Circles* Arts Festival is supported by Westminster City Council and funded by the National Lottery through Arts Council England, and is part of CHINA NOW.

Hip Hop Rap (UK/China) and Classic Film, Contemporary Score (UK/China) are collaborations with ROH2 at the Royal Opera House.

Dance Now (UK/China) is a collaboration with Sadler's Wells.

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