

FIVE CIRCLES ARTS FESTIVAL

PUBLIC ART 2 (INTERNATIONAL)

Sculpture Commission: Wardour Street, Chinatown, London

Chinatown Arts Space (CAS) is working in partnership with **Shaftesbury PLC**, to commission a striking three-dimensional **contemporary sculpture** for **Wardour Street** at the junction with Shaftesbury Avenue, marking one entrance to London's vibrant Chinatown. An international competition has been launched to find the best East Asian winning design for a permanent contemporary sculpture that addresses the heritage, history, and architectural aspects of London's Chinatown, and celebrates the current East Asian diversity and dynamism of the area.

The sculpture commission offers East Asian artists worldwide a chance to gain international exposure, whilst celebrating the diversity of East Asian cultures in the UK. This sculpture will be permanent, so public consultation will be undertaken to ensure Chinatown stakeholders participate in the selection process, alongside a distinguished judging panel. The winner will be announced in July 2008 and CAS plans to unveil the sculpture in February 2009, soon after Chinese New Year.

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Early February 2009

MASTERCLASS & WORKSHOPS

- The Public Art 2 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 sculpture commission site, Wardour Street.
- These activities will take place in early February 2009. Dates, venues and details will be announced as soon as the Public Art 2 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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