



ArtSway
Contemporary Visual Art in the New Forest

PRODUCTION Residency

Ma Yong Feng

21 February – 21 May 2007

Open Studio: - 17 – 21 May 2007



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ArtSway, 22 May – 22 July 2007
Solo Exhibition to run throughout August 2007

The work of Ma Yong Feng relates to aspects of animal culture, specifically in relation to man-made environments and topographic modelling. Taking the role of an anthropologist, Ma will research our impulse to cage and categorise as a basis of his investigation into the changing relations of natural history to post-colonial British Culture. He aims to look into ideas of anthropocentrism and its effects on animal habitats, and how humanity thinks itself as progenitors of aesthetic ideas.

During his PRODUCTION residency at Chinese Arts Centre, he has traveled extensively throughout the UK to numerous Zoos and Museums to study Natural History. On 17 May, Ma Yong Feng will open his studio to the public to show his work in progress. He will also include other recent photography, video art and animation that he finished before embarking upon his residency. His brand new work incorporates mobile installation that links to his previous photographic work. Featuring volcanoes erupting and floods, Ma attempts to encompass the phenomenon of re-mediation in contemporary art. In his cutting-edge interactive animation Ma highlights the relationship between everyday life and anthropology.

PRODUCTION is a new residency scheme that is a collaboration between **Chinese Arts Centre** in Manchester and **ArtSway** in Sway, Hampshire. PRODUCTION will attempt to bridge the Urban Environment with the Rural Environment providing an artist an opportunity to discuss this relationship within the confines of a split-site 5 month Artists Residency.

Notes for editors

About Chinese Arts Centre

Chinese Arts Centre started in 1986 as a small community arts organisation in Manchester's Chinatown. Through a programme of innovate and challenging work it has repositioned itself as the national agency for Chinese arts and culture and is recognised internationally as the leading organisation for contemporary Chinese arts.

Chinese Arts Centre Development

In November 2003, following a successful Lottery award, Chinese Arts Centre opened a purpose built Centre to act as the national flagship for Chinese arts. Through our exhibition and education programmes and **our unique international "Breathe" artist residency scheme** and VITAL International Chinese Live Art festival, Chinese Arts Centre has received huge critical acclaim. After winning a RIBA award for architecture, we were also very proud to be finalists for the RIBA accessible building of the year in 2004. Chinese Arts Centre has enjoyed recent success during 2006 winning a Pearl Award for our dedication in the field of creative excellence and we are looking forward to celebrating 21 years of our organisation during October 2007.

About Breathe

As part of Chinese Arts Centre's commitment to developing artists of Chinese descent, Breathe is our organisation's residency programme for emerging artists. The residencies are open to up to four visual artists, with each residency lasting up to three months. The residencies' aim is to give the artist freedom to create, allow them time to reflect on their practice and to make new work. Resident artists have 24-hour access to a dedicated project space with on-site, self-contained living space available to them, making their residency, uniquely, a live/work one. Their 24 hour presence makes them part of the working fabric of Chinese Arts Centre. The Breathe residency also offers other artists and the general public the opportunity to view the artist at work through open studio time.

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For interviews with **Ma Yong Feng** or further information on breathe artists, please contact Alyson Doocey or David Hancock at Chinese Arts Centre on 0161 832 7271

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