



# CHINESE CULTURAL FOUNDATION

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The Chinese Cultural Foundation announced today that it will be co-hosting a major art exhibition at the National Arts Club in New York City. This Exhibition is being conducted in conjunction with the China Artists Association and the Beijing International Cultural and Creative Industry Co Ltd. The title of the Exhibition is: **"Ink - Chinese Dream"**.

A special Awards Ceremony will be held at the National Arts Club on October 30th honoring those who have made significant contributions to the cultural exchange between the US and China. As **Sir James D. Wolfensohn**, former head of the World Bank said at the 10th Anniversary of the Chinese Cultural Foundation: "In our very small world, it is culture in all forms that unites us. Art, music, dance, literature -- are the elements that transcend our daily lives and make us realize that we are all part of a single global community, and that beauty has no national boundaries." **Mr. Liu Dawei**, Chairman of the China Artists Association will be the recipient of the Chinese Cultural Foundation's "Special Cultural Legacy Award" for his lifetime dedication to the Chinese art and culture. **Mr. Xinle Ma**, Artistic Director of the Beijing International Cultural and Creative Industry Co., Ltd., and **Ms. Xiaowen Qiu**, Partner at the New York office of the prestigious international law firm of Sidley Austin LLP, will both be receiving the "Award for Cultural Excellence" for their significant contribution to this Exhibition and the Chinese Cultural Foundation.

A number of international celebrities are expected to attend the Opening Ceremony, including Chinese Consul General, **Ambassador Sun Guoxiang**, **Steven Rockefeller, Jr.**, **James Wang**, Chairman of V-Media Group and **Ms. Ingrid Stange**, Chairman of the Partnership for Change Foundation of Norway, who will be coming from Norway especially for this event and many other leaders of finance, culture, education and diplomacy.

**Mr. John W. Allen**, Trustee of the Chinese Cultural Foundation, will serve as host for this ceremony. **Ms. Elizabeth B. Wang**, President of the Chinese Cultural Foundation, will be reading the personal welcome remarks and congratulatory message from New York City **Mayor Michael Bloomberg**. In his message Mayor Bloomberg highly praises the Chinese Cultural Foundation for its important contribution to New York City's diversity of culture over the past ten years.

**Ms. Dianne Bernhard**, President of the National Arts Club and **Mr. Michael Gormley**, former Editorial Director of the *American Artist* magazine will provide their welcome remarks on behalf of the National Arts Club including memories of **Mr. Chen Chi**, the world renowned Chinese watercolor artist who in 1966 became the first Chinese to win the NAC Medal of Honor for lifetime achievement (Mr. I.M. Pei was the second Chinese winner).

While in New York the delegation from the China Artists Association will visit **Columbia University** to conduct academic seminars and on-site demonstrations. They will also participate with top U.S. artists in an instructive "Art Salon" at the **National Arts Club**.

An interesting sidelight of this tour is that some of the artists and their works will be displayed on the giant LED screen in the **One Times Square building**. This is the first time that any artists will have their works displayed to the world in the dramatic Times Square setting - where the falling crystal ball announces "Happy New Year" on each New Year's eve. This facility is being provided by **V-Media**, a leading Chinese outdoor display company.

The Exhibition is part of the tradition of the National Arts Club to present important Chinese artists and several of the works of Chen Chi will also be on display during this Exhibition.

The Exhibition will run from October 28th through November 3rd in the Grand Gallery at the National Arts Club. The location is 15 Gramercy Park South (at 20th Street off Park Ave.) in New York City.

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