Council on East Asian Studies

The Council on East Asian Studies at Yale University (CEAS) promotes education about East Asia both in the college curricula and through lectures and workshops, conferences, cultural events, and educational activities open to faculty, students, K-16 educators, and the general public. Support for this day of Chinese arts and cultural programming has been provided by a Title VI National Resource Center Grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

New Haven Museum

The New Haven Museum, founded in 1862 as the New Haven Colony Historical Society, is located in downtown New Haven at 114 Whitney Avenue. The Museum is currently celebrating 150 years of collecting, preserving and interpreting the history and heritage of Greater New Haven. Through its collections, exhibitions, programs and outreach, the Museum brings over 375 years of New Haven history to life.

Yale-China Association

The Yale-China Association inspires people to learn and serve together. Founded in 1901 by graduates of Yale University, we foster long-term relationships that improve education, health, and cultural understanding in China and the United States. We envision a U.S.-China relationship of mutual understanding and profound respect nurtured by collaboration among individuals and institutions.

Lunarfest 2014

Saturday, February 1, 2014
10:00AM-5:00PM

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www.yalechina.org/lunarfest
LION DANCE PARADE
Location: Whitney Avenue between Grove and Trumbull
The Wan Chi Ming Hung Gar Institute’s lion dance troupe will perform down the streets of Whitney Avenue with two lions to celebrate the Lunar New Year. The two lions dance to get a cabbage (a symbol for wealth) and hongbao (a red envelope with money). Lion dance troupes go from shop to shop to bring good luck to the shopkeepers and to ward off bad spirits. Shopkeepers traditionally hang a cabbage with hongbao in their doorway for the lion to eat. The hongbao can also be fed directly to the lion. The performance involves martial arts and collaborative skill to animate the lions.

YALE-CHINA ART EXHIBIT SERIES, 12:00-2:00PM
Location: Yale-China Association, 442 Temple Street
18 works of art by Michael Sloan in the exhibit “Paintings of Hong Kong Street Markets.” Michael depicts portraits, scenes of street markets, and social crossroads within the Hong Kong metropolis.

ARTIST WORKSHOP WITH MICHAEL SLOAN, 2:00-2:45PM
Location: Yale-China Association, 442 Temple Street
Michael Sloan will conduct a workshop at the exhibit “Paintings of Hong Kong Street Markets,” sharing his process, technique, and observations of Hong Kong residents.

NEW HAVEN MUSEUM, 12:00-5:00PM
Location: New Haven Museum, 114 Whitney Avenue
Exhibits include “Beyond the New Township: Wooster Square,” “Maritime New Haven” and “Cinque Lives Here” (Amistad), as well as an array of exhibits and other Lunarfest activities, stop by the arts and crafts table in the rotunda and take your work home!

FAN DANCE, 12:00-12:45PM
Location: New Haven Museum, 114 Whitney Avenue
Members of the Yale undergraduate organization Phoenix Dance Troupe will teach a popular modern interpretation of ancient Chinese court dances, including choreography utilizing colorful fans. Students of learn to express individual artistry as well as coordinated formations needed to perform this dance. Recommended for ages 4-18.

RIBBON DANCE, 1:00-1:45PM
Location: New Haven Museum, 114 Whitney Avenue
Instructors from the XI Wang Dance Troupe will teach a popular modern interpretation of ancient Chinese court dances. Similar to the fan dance, students of this workshop will learn to create flowing patterns and motions with handmade ribbons. Recommended for ages 4-18.

WUSHU WORKSHOP, 2:00-2:45PM
Location: New Haven Museum, 114 Whitney Avenue
Local martial arts instructor Teake will give a demonstration on wushu and present the philosophy and training of wushu. Wushu has similar principles to tai chi and kung fu; wushu promotes non-violence and utilizes coordinated movements among team members to demonstrate acrobatic and athletic agility. Teake is a native of Connecticut and has trained in schools at Shaolin Temple and Wudang Mountain regions in China; he has performed martial arts with the Harvard WuShu Team and Yale WuShu.

MOMMY AND ME, NIHAO NEW HAVEN 12:00PM, 1:00PM, 2:00PM
Location: New Haven Museum, 114 Whitney Avenue
The New Haven Chinese Language School hosts a fun class for toddlers and families. Participants will learn about Chinese traditions, sing songs, and make crafts. Recommended for pre-K and under.

ARTS AND CRAFTS, 12:00-4:00PM
Location: New Haven Museum, 114 Whitney Avenue
While you are on your way to visiting the New Haven Museum exhibits and other Lunarfest activities, stop by the arts and crafts table in the rotunda and take your work home!

STILL LIFE FILM SCREENING WITH REMARKS BY MIA LIU, 12:00PM-2:30PM
Location: Henry R. Luce Hall, 34 Hillhouse Avenue
Dr. Mia Liu studies Chinese cinema and modern art and received her Ph.D. in Art History from the University of Chicago. The film, “Still Life” by Jia Zhangke, is a Winner of the Golden Lion Award at The Venice Film Festival in 2006.

Please note that this film is not recommended for children as there is violence and other adult themes.

DECONSTRUCTING CHINESE OPERA, 12:00-12:45PM
Location: Henry R. Luce Hall, 34 Hillhouse Avenue
An instructor from the Asian Performing Arts presents a 45-minute session on Chinese opera with costumes, props, and a performance of this traditional art form.

PAINTING DEMONSTRATION, 12:00-1:30PM
Location: Henry R. Luce Hall, 34 Hillhouse Avenue
Join Cao Xiaoxing as she demonstrates some of the basic elements that form many notable traditional and modern Chinese artworks. Xiaoxing, a Chinese instructor at the New Haven Chinese Language School, is an acclaimed artist in the traditional Chinese painting style.

PIPA WITH MIN XIAO-FEN, 1:00-1:45PM
Location: Henry R. Luce Hall, 34 Hillhouse Avenue
The pipa (a classical lute) is one of the most popular Chinese instruments and has been played for almost two thousand years in China. Min Xiao-fen is a world-renowned artist in both modern and ancient Asian music interpretation. She will talk about the history, techniques, and repertoire of the pipa, while also providing insight into her background and experiences as an artist, performer and composer. This workshop will feature short excerpts of both traditional and modern compositions for the pipa, sanxian (three-stringed, fretless lute), and children's pipa.

GUQIN WITH JOHN THOMPSON, 2:00-2:45PM
Location: Henry R. Luce Hall, 34 Hillhouse Avenue
Since 1976, John Thompson, the acclaimed performer of early music for ten years, has performed over 200 recitals in Asia, and has published seven CDs of his reconstructions from 15th and 16th century handbooks and has numerous solo performances worldwide. John will give a 45-minute talk on the history of the guqin, modern transcriptions of ancient handbooks, and the inspiration of poetry within guqin repertoire.

CALLIGRAPHY WORKSHOP, 12:00PM, 1:00PM, 2:00PM
Location: Henry R. Luce Hall, 34 Hillhouse Avenue
E-Ching Ng, an expert from World Calligraphy at Yale, will instruct on the art of Chinese calligraphy and brush strokes. Students learn about basic cultural elements that form the underpinning of this art. Students will be able to practice brush strokes and learn a few pictographic characters.

PERFORMING ARTS SHOWCASE, 3:30PM
Location: Henry R. Luce Hall, 34 Hillhouse Avenue

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