

Crossing Borders, Breaking Boundaries

子午線 Meridian

Opens Saturday 4th August 2pm

Volcano, 27-29 High St, Swansea, SA1 1LG

Continues until Sat 1st September

As a part of the elysium gallery led Beep International Painting Biennial during the Swansea city wide painting festival, a group of contemporary artists from Xi'an (Chang-an) China will be exhibiting paintings on paper at the Volcano Theatre Gallery, Swansea.

Mr Mu YaWei Shaanxi Art Museum China

Mr Zhao BaoShan freelance painter & sculptor Xi'an Shaanxi China

Mr Chen Ye freelance painter & Illustrator Xi'an Shaanxi China

Mr Dong HuiFeng College of Art & Design Xi'an Peihua University

Mr Dong Tao Xi'an Academy of Fine Arts

Mr Qiang ShiJun Xi'an Academy of Fine Arts

Mr Wang LinTong freelance painter Xi'an Shaanxi China

Mr Yuan FengHui College of Art & Design, Eurasia University

Mr Zhang Yun College of Art & Media, Xi'an Technological University

Mr Zhao HaiLong College of Art & Media, Xi'an Technological University

Mrs Meng Jie freelance painter Xi'an Shaanxi China

Mrs Gao Rong School of Architecture, Changan University

Mrs OuYang YuLing Ceramics-Printmaking Sichuan Institute of Fine Art Chongqing China.

"Meridian" is the result from the Sino –Welsh collaboration instigated by Jonathan Powell of Elysium Gallery and Robin Martin of Famay Cross Cultural Communications Xi'an China. The exhibition will herald the beginning of a year long Swansea/China artist and exhibitions exchange culminating in a large UK/China multi-media exhibition at Swansea College of Art in August 2019.

"Between two points, Line minimum, after starting from the beginning, dream I am to build the Bridge."

Wang Xiao 2013

Meridians are an integral part of traditional Chinese Medicine. The word also describes the connecting points of equal longitude which reflects our aim in establishing an ongoing connection with Welsh and China artists.

Robin Martin in collaboration with Miao Xin from the Shaanxi Government International Cultural & Economic Exchange Centre Xi'an has directed annual visiting exhibitions since 2011 to Wales of Chinese contemporary art and bilateral Art & Cultural workshops with the visiting Chinese artist in schools and Colleges in Wales.

There is already a vibrant Chinese Community within Swansea and Chinese students from Wuhan and Beijing are studying at Swansea College of Art and other Educational Institutions.

The aim of Meridian is to build and strengthen cultural and artistic exchange between Xi'an and Swansea Artists.

The Artists:

The Xi'an Artists who will be exhibiting recent work in the exhibition (Meridian) has been personally selected by R. Martin who has collaborated in China with Mr Mu Yawei -Qiang Shijun – Zhao Baoshan – Chen Yi - Dong Hufeng – Dong Tao – Meng Jie – and Ouyang Yuling and the other participant's.

A number of the artists have shown work in previous exhibitions held in Wales and directed by Mr Martin. In their home country they have received prestigious awards from the Chinese Government Central Academy for the Arts.

The majority of the artists apart from pursuing a professional career within the fine arts Lecture in Universities Department of Fine Art in Xi'an, Beijing and Sichuan. Presently one of the artists Mrs Ouyang Yuling has been appointed the Visiting Scholar at Dundee University Depart of Fine Arts Scotland and Mr Dong Tao has just recently completed a Scholar in Residence in Paris.

The Meridian exhibition will demonstrate the vibrant and dynamic and artistic, contemporary cultural landscape of Chang-an Xi'an which was the ancient capital of China and has been renowned as a city of outstanding artistic achievement for over five thousand years.

We look forward to strengthening further bilateral cooperation between the City of Swansea and Xian Shaanxi China, and we hope to have the opportunity to host an exhibition of Welsh painters in the very near future.

Timetable

Year	Activity	Location
Aug 2018	Meridian – China Artists exhibition	Volcano Theatre, Swansea
Apr/May2019	China AIR	Elysium Studios, Swansea
Jun/Jul 2019	China AIR	Elysium Studios, Swansea
Aug 2019	China AIR show	Elysium gallery, Swansea
Aug 2019	China/UK show	Swansea College of Art
2019	Welsh artists visit	Xi'an, Shaanxi, China
2019	Beep Painting China Show	Xi'an, Shaanxi, China

