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Invitation to an Exhibit, Opening Reception and a CCFS Presentation

Chinese Calligraphy: The Beauty of Chinese Characters



Friday November 7, 2014
15:00-17:00 Opening & Reception
Hosted by Chinese Embassy
17:00 Presentation on Calligraphy
Hosted by CCFS-Ottawa

Gatineau City Hall, Festival Hall,
25 Laurier Street, Gatineau

Everyone is welcome.

Chinese calligraphy is a symbol of Chinese culture and an unique form of art, reflecting Chinese philosophical thinking, human spirit and aesthetic standards.

In 2009, Chinese Calligraphy and Chinese Seal-Cutting were listed by the UNESCO as an Intangible Cultural Heritage of Mankind.

The exhibition includes forty pieces of original calligraphic works created recently by contemporary Chinese calligraphers based on famous poems and articles of ancient times.

There will be on site demonstration of Chinese calligraphy by the visiting artists

In his **CCFS-O presentation Professor Nie Chengwen** will introduce the audience to the concept and historical development of Chinese calligraphy. In China the art of writing Chinese

characters is considered to be central to the development of other visual arts. When the art of calligraphy is combined with suitable subject matter the resulting written work is viewed as embodying a pure expression of morality. Prof Nie will also discuss the differences between the art of writing in China and the West.

Professor Nie Chengwen has been the Vice-Chairman of the 4th, 5th and 6th session of the China Calligraphers Association (CCA). He is the Director of the Cursive Committee of the CCA and a professor at its training centre. He is a nationally recognised artist and has been exhibited widely in major Chinese and international exhibits.

Professor Nie has also published extensively on Chinese calligraphy in the academic literature and articles on a wide range of topics and on the teaching of Chinese calligraphy

**No pre-registration. For this event entry is free for both CCFS and non-CCFS members. Memberships are available at the door. Annual membership is \$20 for individuals, \$30 for a family, \$12 for students and \$17 for a student family. Membership forms are available at www.ccfs.org. For further information about the Society or this event, please consult our web site or www.facebook.com/ccfs.ottawa, send an email to ccfs.ottawa@gmail.com or phone 613-789-3318.*