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Invitation to an illustrated presentation

## ***Without Haste, Without Fear: Lessons from China's rise to an art world superpower***

Derek Jessop, art advisor specializing in  
Chinese contemporary art, Toronto and Chongqing



**Thursday, October 18, 2012**  
**7:30 p.m.**

**Library and Archives Canada**

395 Wellington Street, Room 156, Ottawa

Refreshments following the presentation and Q&A

**All are welcome.\***

According to Marshall McLuhan, “art, at its most significant, is a distant early warning system that tells... the old culture what is beginning to happen”. Acting as both lecturer and forecaster, Derek Jessop reveals the social, cultural and economic insights that can be drawn from an understanding of Chinese contemporary art. This illustrated lecture will briefly discuss the history of Chinese art since 1979 before exploring how contemporary art provides a framework for understanding the social, artistic and economic tension that defines modern Chinese society.

Formally trained in valuing art by Sotheby's in London, England, Derek has supported and advocated for Chinese art since co-curating his first exhibition of Chinese contemporary work with Zhang Shengtian and Dr. Annie Wong in 1997. Derek has exhibited three generations of Chinese artists; from elder statesmen Yan Peiming and Chen Danqing through mid-career artists Guo Jin and Yang Shu to young talents like Cao Fei and Zeng Hong. Since 2006, he has opened a curatorial office in Chongqing; supported performance art in China; produced an independent Chinese film series; and hosted Canadian visits by the President of the Sichuan Fine Arts Institute and the President of the Ministry of Culture's newly established Contemporary Art Academy of China (CAAC). An advisor, advocate and specialist on Chinese contemporary art and the international art market, Derek provides independent, specialized advice based on a high standard of formal expertise and personal experience for individuals, public institutions and corporations.

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