



BIRMINGHAM

BIG SCREEN, VICTORIA SQUARE

FEATURED ARTISTS:
DJ Phat and Suki Mok,
blaZain breakdancers

ON SCREEN: 12-6pm

Amongst Birmingham's films: the story of a young woman adopted as a child, caught between two cultures and two fathers; a Birmingham solicitor from the Welsh valleys whose English partner knows more about Chinese culture than she does; a young BBC (British Born Chinese) student compares his life to young people of his age in China.

LIVE: 2pm-6pm

A spectacular Qilin (pet of the deities), dragon dancers and flag bearers circle Victoria Square bringing together the talents of Birmingham's Pak Ming Cantonese Opera with dance, martial arts and Tai Chi groups. Breathtaking breakdancers join cutting edge sounds from DJ Phat and Suki Mok. Journey through Chinese myths and legends with local writer Tina Freeth, try your luck at Mahjong and create your own origami boat to float in the fountain.

PARTNERS in Birmingham include Birmingham City Council, Birmingham Chinese Society, Birmingham Chinese School, Birmingham Chinese Women's Association, Birmingham Chinese New Year Committee, Overseas Chinese Association School, Pak Ming Cantonese Opera.



GLASGOW

BIG SCREEN, GLASGOW RIVER FESTIVAL, BBC PACIFIC QUAY

FEATURED ARTISTS:
Fong Lui, Harmony Music Ensemble and The Mauchline & District Caledonia Pipe Band

ON SCREEN: 1-6pm

Films made in Glasgow include preparations for Chinese New Year; fortune cookie making with a recipe for China's future; a young women's love of Chinese dance takes her to the Scottish Parliament; a Chinese student shares her impressions of Scottish family life.

LIVE: 2pm-6pm

A Giant Turtle represents Glasgow's 'Water' element in a live spectacle based on a Chinese myth, "The Eight Immortals Crossing the Seas". Yuet Ming Cantonese Opera Harmony Music Ensemble, young local performers and a brilliant pipe band blend Scottish and Chinese musical traditions. Meet Ricefield artists and create your own sea creature whilst Fong Lui takes you on a journey through China with song.

PARTNERS in Glasgow include BBC Scotland, China Now in Scotland, Glasgow City Marketing Bureau, Culture and Sport Glasgow, Glasgow River Festival, Ricefield Chinese Arts and Cultural Centre, Chinese Community Development Partnership, Glasgow Chinese Women's Association, Glasgow Chinese School, Dragonet Youth Group, Yuet Ming Cantonese Opera Association, Glasgow Oriental Dancing Association. Further information: www.glasgowriverfestival.co.uk



LONDON

BIG SCREEN, LEICESTER SQUARE

FEATURED ARTISTS:
Coco Zhao and the CMC Jazzers, London Jingkun Opera Association, True Heart Theatre Chloe Li, Master Liu Quanjun and The Tai Ji Circle

ON SCREEN: 12-6pm

See film contributions from a family who historically made clothes for the Imperial Court and are now part of the London fashion trade; from Connie and Leslie, two of the oldest members of London's Chinese community; Chinese rap artists; worshippers at the Buddhist temple.

LIVE: 2pm-6pm

Leicester Square will be abuzz. Join masters of Mahjong, Tai Chi and calligraphy as the characters and words of moral sage Confucius reveal their importance. China's celebrated singer Coco Zhao re-awakens favourite 1930's Shanghai jazz numbers as the spectacular Firebird stalks the site!

PARTNERS in London include Westminster City Council, River Cultures, Chinatown Arts Space, The Meridian Society, Camden Chinese Community Centre, Chinatown Community Centre, Chinese Association of Tower Hamlets and Islington Chinese Association. Coco Zhao appears by arrangement with River Cultures supported by Arts Council England. River Culture's East London Workshops and Calligraphy project is supported by The National Lottery through Awards for All.



MANCHESTER

BIG SCREEN, EXCHANGE SQUARE

FEATURED ARTISTS:
Der Shing Hwang; Kimho Ip; Fenfen Huang; Goldie Webb Cheung

ON SCREEN: 12am-6pm

Involving participants from Liverpool and Manchester, the films here include a story about being a Chinese 'scouser'; a film about a weekend Chinese school; Chinese dancer Fenfen; a young man's identity is expressed in his passion for motorbikes.

LIVE: 2pm-6pm

Join the Chinese Arts Centre in the transformation of Exchange Square from concrete to jungle to oriental garden. Look out for appearances of the White Tiger as it weaves through the crowd, accompanied by 12 metre dragons and martial arts groups. Live performances include contemporary and traditional Chinese dance, Chinese pop songs and uplifting Shanghai jazz.

PARTNERS in Manchester include Manchester City Council, Chinese Arts Centre, Wai Yin Chinese Women's Society, North West Chinese School, The Manchester Chinese Christian Church, Huaxia Chinese School, West Lancashire Tai Chi Group, Imagine Dance Group, China Pearl, Sheun Lok Elderly Club, Red Fan Chinese Dance Society, Jin Long Academy, Samantha Ho.

SILK SCREENS

PRODUCTION CREDITS

SILK SCREENS is a first time collaboration between the BBC, Arts Council England, British Chinese, municipal authorities and artists, community participants and independent producers.

SILK SCREENS – PRODUCTION TEAM

SILK SCREENS FILM – BBC Video Nation:
Silk Screens Producer **Rosemary Richards** with **Leonie Collier**, **Tariq Aziz**, **Alyson Fielding** and all **Regional Video Nation** producers • Filmmaker **Peng Wentan** 子



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SILK SCREENS LIVE – EMERGENCY EXIT ARTS
EEA is one of the UK's leading street arts companies producing celebratory events, participatory projects and unusual spectacle; a company of visual artists, performers, musicians, composers, puppeteers, pyrotechnists, designers and inventors.

Company Artistic Director **Deb Mullins** • Silk Screens Live Artistic Director **Hi Ching** • Project Manager and Programmer **Catherine Boyd** • Project Co-ordinator **Ameneh Enayat** • Chief Production Manager **Ben Raine** • Production Management Glasgow **Gareth Hance** • Production Management London **Andy Cheeseman** and **Sarah Morton** • Production Management Manchester **Roy Fernley** • Lead Designers **Gordon Allum** and **Jane Ripley** • Design Team **Tracy Benner**, **Jennifer Lewis**, **Max Marshall**, **Cristina Ottonello** and **Sue Westergaard** • Pyrotechnics Team **Mathew Nicholls** and **Frank Earle-Whiffen** • Health and safety advisor **Adrian Bristow** • Silk Screens Live Soundtrack composed and created by **Hi Ching**
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In addition we gratefully acknowledge those listed on the individual city pages and the many individuals, artists and community groups who have given SILK SCREENS their time, talent and enthusiastic support.

For further information about SILK SCREENS visit www.bbc.co.uk/videoNation/feature/silkscreens www.chinanow.org.uk

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With attention turning to Beijing and the 2008 Olympics, **SILK SCREENS** celebrates Chinese heritage closer to home. Free open-air events in **BIRMINGHAM, GLASGOW, LONDON** and **MANCHESTER** reveal the rich fabric of British Chinese lives across the country.

SILK SCREENS takes place simultaneously at **BIG SCREEN** locations in all four cities on Saturday 19th July and marks the end of the 6-month nationwide festival **CHINA NOW**. A wonderful series of video portraits of and by Chinese communities in Britain, made with the support of **BBC VIDEO NATION**, will be screened throughout the afternoon. They will be interspersed with live acts, community activities, dance, martial arts, music and outdoor spectacles inspired by Chinese philosophy and designed by one of the UK's leading street arts companies – **EMERGENCY EXIT ARTS**. Each city has its own distinctive Chinese 'element' as well as themes in common. What they all share is the promise of a day to remember.

Look out for Confucius and the 'heavenly creatures', join in workshops, and catch yourself on screen as **BBC VIDEO NATION** cameras capture the 'thousand joys' of this summer afternoon and beam **SILK SCREENS** live events from city to city.

Guest appearances at **SILK SCREENS** include China's celebrated singer Coco Zhao, whose international festival credits include performing with legendary jazz star Betty Carter. Here with the CMC Jazzers, Coco's fresh versions of 1930's Shanghai classics will be captured live in London and transmitted to other Big Screens locations. Kimho Ip and Der-Shin Hwang, evoking Chinese golden melodies, dancer Fenfen, the Harmony Music Ensemble, and the Mauchline and District Caledonia Pipe Band are just some of the other artists joining the host of talented local performers, elders and young people participating in this celebration of all that is enduring and evolving about the culture of British Chinese.

Silk Screens films can be seen on city centre Big Screens on Saturday 19th July in Liverpool, Hull, Leeds, Bradford and Swindon from 12 noon to 6pm and in Rotherham from 10am to 3pm with a locally organised, Chinese themed event. All the Silk Screens films are available for online viewing at bbc.co.uk/videoNation/feature/silkscreens



Descendants of the Yellow Emperor surprise
In a day to enjoy dim sum –
the 'little hearts' of life
Confucius is the moral sage who rocks!
Secrets and delights will be unlocked!
HI CHING – SILK SCREENS LIVE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

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