



## Twilight Garden Party at the Chinese Garden of Friendship

2015 Sydney Chinese New Year Festival  
Saturday 14 February 7PM–11PM



Chinese Garden of Friendship, Darling Harbour, Sydney

### ***Chinese artists Yangjiang Group to take over Sydney's Chinese Garden of Friendship for unique celebration of Chinese New Year***

This one-night-only special event will feature live art performances led by Yangjiang Group, a contemporary art collective hailing from the coastal city of Yangjiang in China's southern Guangdong province.

With DJs, food, and bar by pioneering Sydney laneway outfit Grasshopper Eating House and Bar, this is a rare opportunity to experience a night of contemporary art and performance from one of China's most exciting artist groups, set in the beauty of the Chinese Garden of Friendship, Darling Harbour.

The evening will include a number of performances by Yangjiang Group in which audiences can participate, including their trademark 'After Dinner Calligraphy', where the artists will create a large-scale piece of calligraphy using the food scraps that will be collected from guests throughout the evening.

Audiences can also participate in a number of performances including calligraphy face-painting and a temporary studio where the artists will create bespoke pieces of rhyming couplet calligraphy for party-goers. The artists will end the night with 'Tea Garden', an intimate performance designed especially for the Chinese Garden of Friendship where guests will sample 4 kinds of tea prepared by the artists which, when consumed in a particular sequence, offer a shift in physical and spiritual perceptions.

4A's Director, Aaron Seeto says "Yangjiang Group have taken their experimental calligraphy to major exhibitions and art fairs around the world. We are thrilled to be bringing the artists to the spectacular Chinese Garden of Friendship for their first live art performance in Australia"

The Chinese Garden of Friendship in Darling Harbour was built as a symbol of friendship between Sydney and Guangzhou, the capital of Guangdong province, to mark Australia's bicentenary in 1988. The Garden was built by Chinese landscape architects and gardeners observing a 3000 year old tradition of imperial park design.

The Twilight Garden Party at the Chinese Garden of Friendship is presented by 4A Centre for Contemporary Asian Art and the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority in association with the 2015 Sydney Chinese New Year Festival.

This is a special ticketed event, presented as part of the major exhibition, [Yangjiang Group - Actions for Tomorrow](#), at 4A.

#ActionsforTomorrow

**TICKETS:** \$45 per person

**BOOKINGS:** [www.4a.com.au/twilight-garden-party/](http://www.4a.com.au/twilight-garden-party/)



Left: Chinese Garden of Friendship, Darling Harbour. Photo: Pedro de Almeida. Right: Yangjiang Group, *After Dinner Shu Fa at Cricket Pavilion*, 2012, Eastside Projects and Grizedale Arts, Birmingham. Courtesy the artists and Vitamin Creative Space

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### ABOUT YANGJIANG GROUP

Yangjiang Group are Zheng Guogu (b. 1970, Yangjiang, China), Chen Zaiyan (b. 1971, Yangchun, China) and Sun Qinglin (b. 1974, Yangjiang, China). Founded in 2002 the group name themselves after their home town, a city in Guangdong province, where their principle studio is located. Their work is dedicated to reaching the widest possible audience often through creating ephemeral works. Yangjiang Group have been widely exhibited at prestigious galleries and museums such as the San Diego Museum of Art, USA; Tate Liverpool, UK; Kunthaus Graz, Austria; Mori Art Museum, Japan; and Guangdong Museum of Art and He Xiangning Museum of Art, China. They also participated in Art Basel in 2008, 2010 and 2012; the Venice Biennale in 2003; and the Gwangju Biennale in 2002.

### ABOUT 4A

From early beginnings as an independent space on Sussex St incorporated in 1996 to its present location on Hay St in Sydney's Chinatown, 4A has come a long way to being recognised as one of Australia's foremost contemporary art organisations. 4A is committed to creating opportunities for artists, developing platforms to exhibit and encouraging critical discussion along the way. 4A is known both within Australia and internationally as an authority on the contemporary art from the Asia Pacific Region.

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