

TWILIGHT GARDEN PARTY

CHINESE GARDEN OF FRIENDSHIP

Saturday 14 February, 2015. 7PM - 11PM

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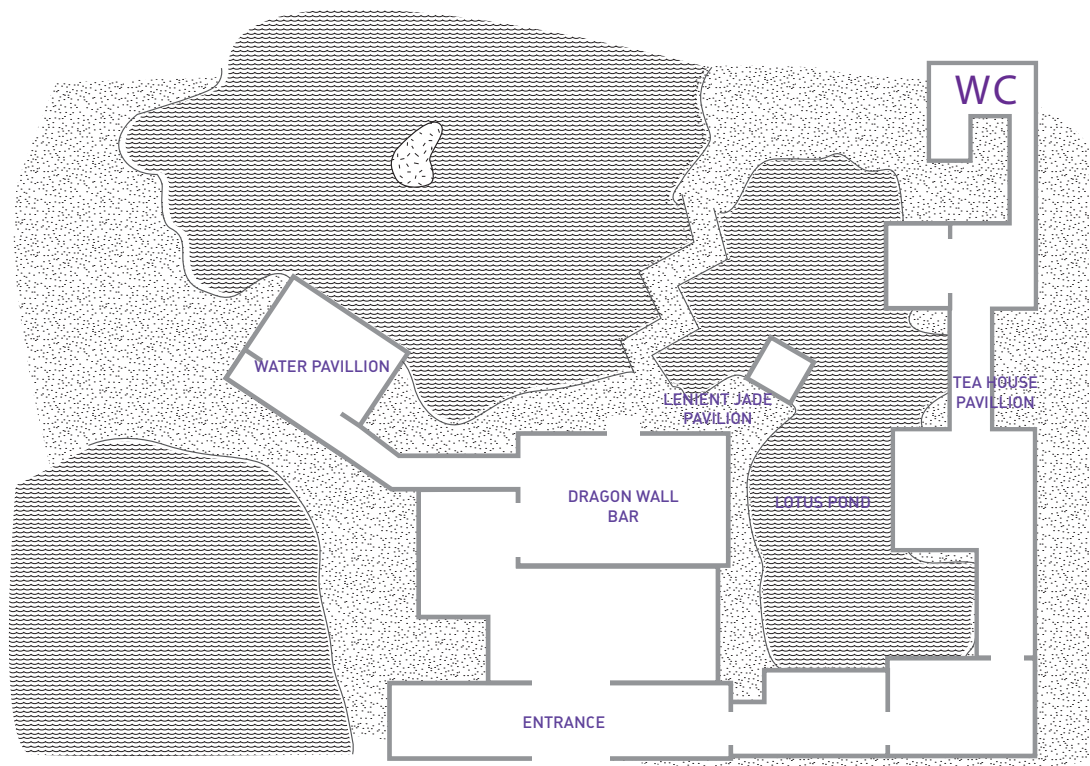
Welcome to 4A's Twilight Garden Party at the Chinese Garden of Friendship, Darling Harbour.

This one-night-only special event features live art performances by the Chinese art collective Yangjiang Group. Explore the wonders of the Chinese Garden of Friendship and discover Yangjiang Group's unique brand of art and reveries with a series of performances and encounters that take calligraphy off the page and into the party.

As you wander through the garden be sure to visit each of the food stations and bar, presented by Grasshopper Bar & Eating House to enjoy your seven course tasting menu and complimentary Choya cocktail, together with wines by Tinklers Wines and Goldenhorn Estate. You can find the full menu and location of each food station on the insert.

The enclosed map marks out the areas for tonight's activities, with a full schedule of the performances, installations and music.

Enjoy!



MAP LEGEND

Dragon Wall
Ink on Your Face 7.00 – 8.00PM
Grasshopper Bar

Water Pavilion
Writing Spring in Spring
7.00 – 8.00PM

Tea House Pavilion
After Dinner Shu Fa 8.30 – 9.30PM

Tea House Pavilion
Tea Garden 9.45 – 10.45PM

Food stations by Grasshopper
Wine by Tinklers Wines and
Goldenhorn Estate

ABOUT THE ARTISTS

Yangjiang Group are Zheng Guogu, Chen Zaiyan and Sun Qinglin and tonight are joined by specialist calligraphers Li Pengxi and Chen Zhengang.

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 and participatory 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.

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PERFORMANCE PROGRAM

Ink on Your Face 7.00 – 8.00PM

Dragon Wall

Roll the dice in this game of chance with Yangjiang Group. Based on a traditional Cantonese game, *Ink on Your Face* pits the guest against the artist. Win and you can make your way to the bar to collect your complimentary cocktail. Lose, and have your face marked with ink.

Writing Spring in Spring 7.00 – 8.00PM

Water Pavilion

Using the traditional form of *duilian* (auspicious phrases written during the Spring Festival), specialist calligraphers Li Pengxi and Chen Zhengang will create over 300 pieces of writing to celebrate the beginning of the Chinese New Year. Watch as the Water Pavilion is transformed into a space of celebration and poetic splendour.

After Dinner Shu Fa 8.30 – 9.30PM

Tea House Pavilion

Shu Fa, the Chinese term for calligraphy, has long been considered as an art of the Chinese elite. With *After Dinner Shu Fa*, Yangjiang Group bring a sense of humour and energy to the medium with a live performance that incorporates social observation, free form calligraphy and food scraps to create a sensorial and visually arresting work of art.

Tea Garden 9.45 – 10.45PM

Tea House Pavilion

Inspired by the architecture of the Chinese Garden Tea House, *Tea Garden* is an intimate experience and a rare chance to share tea with Yangjiang Group. The performance is centred on the preparation and consumption of a cycle of teas, selected by the artists for their medicinal and therapeutic qualities. Be prepared for an experience that will shift you sensory and spiritual perception.

This performance is strictly limited capacity.

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MENU

Dragon Wall Bar

Complimentary cocktail on arrival

Goldenhorn Estate and Tinklers Wines

cash bar

Water Pavilion

Cucumber, funghi, lotus root and black sesame cup

Spicy eggplant and silken tofu cup

Peace Boat Pavilion

Vermicelli, Chinese Broccoli, carrot and egg net salad

Jellyfish and baby octopus wasabi salad

Tea Pavilion

Peppered beef and rice box

Sweet potato and rice cake yakitori

Sherry, soy and sesame crispy chicken wings

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Music

Lenient Jade Pavilion

DJ Leo Tanoi 7.00 – 9.00PM

Victoria Kim 9.00 – 11.00PM