



Press Release

Talks, Tours and Public Events at “Spectrosynthesis” The first LGBTQ exhibition in an art museum in Asia at MOCA Taipei

(Hong Kong, 18 August 2017) Co-hosted by Sunpride Foundation and the Museum of Contemporary Art, Taipei (MOCA), “Spectrosynthesis - Asian LGBTQ Issues and Art Now” (Spectrosynthesis) will be held at MOCA from 9 September to 5 November 2017. This groundbreaking show will be the first exhibition dedicated to LGBTQ themes to go on show at an art museum in Asia. Around 50 works created by 22 artists from Hong Kong, Taiwan, Mainland China, Singapore, and also ethnic Chinese artists based in the United States and Canada will be presented. In addition, a series of tours, talks and public activities will be held at MOCA throughout the exhibition period, calling for public participation in order to start an open dialogue, and stimulate thoughts on human equality. Guest speakers include Taiwanese writer and scholar **CHI Ta-wei**, writer **Hikaru LEE**, playwright **CHIEN Li-ying**, and LGBTQ activist and political candidate **Jennifer LU**.

On Saturday, 9 September, a number of participating artists will attend the ‘Artists Face-to-Face’ sections, sharing the stories behind the works, and their values and perspectives towards the LGBTQ theme. Participating artists will include WANG Jun Jieh, Xiyadie, HOU Chun Ming, TZENG Yi-Hsin, Ming WONG, WEN Hsin, Ho TAM and SU Hui-Yu.

Guided tours will be held at 2pm on four selected Sundays, led by Sean HU, the curator of “Spectrosynthesis” (17 September); Betsy Lan, theater artist (1 October); Dr. Diao/ Comedy Club Taipei (15 October); and Michael Chen, Art Advisor of Sunpride Foundation (29 October).

During the exhibition, a series of “MOCA Lectures” will be held to discuss different topics. On Sunday, 24 September, the guest speakers will be CHI Ta-wei, Taiwanese writer and scholar; Hikaru LEE, Taiwanese writer; and CHIEN Li-ying, Taiwanese playwright. Joined by Jennifer LU, Legislative Office of Democratic Progressive Party, Legislative Yuan member Chiao-hui SU and Zero Chou, Taiwanese director, the second lecture is scheduled on Saturday, 21 October. On Sunday, 22 October, the third lecture will be conducted by Tsai Kun-Lin, host of E-Classical FM; and YC Johnny Ku, Standing Conductor of Taipei Philharmonic Chamber Choir.

Eslite Dunnan Store will hold three special editions of “the eslite dunnan forum @ night” on selected Saturdays, inviting different participating artists to discuss LGBTQ art practice. Artists in attendance will include CHUANG Chih-Wei (30 September), Shih-Pin HSI (14 October), Jun-Jieh WANG and CHEN Chien-Pei (21 October).

The outdoor square of MOCA and the neighborhood will also host a series of public events including an outdoor screening event titled “Who says we cannot be together - MOCA Art Night”

at 6pm in the evening of Saturday, 7 October; and “Spotless Heart Spectrosynthetic MOCA Art Day” starting from 4pm on Saturday, 21 October, where audiences can experience live performances, visit the art market and enjoy other special events.

Throughout the exhibition between 9 September and 5 November, MOCA Taipei will organize “Art Map of Spectrosynthetic Night Tour” with the support of shops and institutions nearby the museum.

Artists Talk

Participating artists will share the stories behind the works, and their values and perspectives towards the LGBTQ theme.

Saturday, 9 September 2017

1:30pm to 3:30pm Artists Face-to-Face (Part I)

Venue: Activity Hall, 1F, MOCA Taipei

Moderator: **Sean HU**, curator of the exhibition

Artists: **WANG Jun Jieh, TZENG Yi-Hsin, Ming WONG, Ho TAM**

Language: English & Chinese

3:50pm to 5:50pm Artists Face-to-Face (Part II)

Venue: Activity Hall, 1F, MOCA Taipei

Moderator: **Sean HU**, curator of the exhibition

Artists: **Xiyadie, HOU Chun Ming, WEN Hsin, SU Hui-Yu,**

Language: Chinese

Guided Tours

Experts from different backgrounds will guide the audience around the exhibition and provide the opportunity to appreciate the exhibition from diverse perspectives.

Sunday, 17 September 2017

2:00pm to 3:30pm A tour lead by **Sean HU**, the curator of “Spectrosynthesis”

Sunday, 1 October 2017

2:00pm to 3:30pm A tour lead by **Betsy Lan**, theater artist

Sunday, 15 October 2017

2:00pm to 3:30pm A tour lead by **Dr. Diao/** Comedy Club Taipei

This tour will be presented in a lively “talk show” style, incorporating the content of the exhibition and the works in the script to inspire audiences to further explore the exhibition through this humorous, ironic, and direct way.

Sunday, 29 October 2017

Venue: Exhibition Hall, MOCA Taipei
2:00pm to 3:30pm A tour lead by **Michael Chen**, Art Advisor of Sunpride Foundation

MOCA Lectures

Experts and scholars will investigate and unpack the subject matter of the exhibition, providing diverse perspectives to appreciate the exhibition from.

Saturday, 24 September 2017

2:00pm to 4:00pm

Venue: Activity Hall, 1F, MOCA Taipei
Speakers: **CHI Ta-wei**, Assistant Professor, Graduate Institute of Taiwan Literature
Hikaru LEE, Taiwanese writer
CHIEN Li-ying, Taiwanese playwright

Saturday, 21 October 2017

2:00pm to 4:00pm

Venue: Activity Hall, 1F, MOCA Taipei
Speakers: **Jennifer LU**, Legislative Office of Democratic Progressive Party
Legislative Yuan member Chiao-hui SU
Zero Chou, Taiwanese director

Sunday, 22 October 2017

2:00pm to 4:00pm

Venue: Activity Hall, 1F, MOCA Taipei
Speakers: **Kun-Lin TSAI**, host of E-Classical FM
YC Johnny Ku, Standing Conductor of Taipei Philharmonic Chamber Choir

Art Workshops

Family workshops will be held for the general public to experience the fun of creating art.

Saturday, 4 November 2017

2:00pm to 5:00pm Planet Factory: Create Your Shining Star

Venue: Activity Hall, 1F, MOCA Taipei
San Chen, Artist

the eslite dunnan forum @ night

To inspire further discussion on the topic, MOCA will collaborate with Eslite Bookstores to invite readers to exchange dialogues with artists and the curator.

“Spectrosynthesis – LGBTQ Art Practice”

Saturday, 30 September 2017

8:00pm to 9:30pm

Venue: Eslite Dunnan Store (No. 245, Section 1, Dunhua South Road, Da’an District, Taipei City, Taiwan 106)
Host: **Sean HU**, curator of the exhibition
Panelist: **Michael Chen**, Art Advisor of Sunpride Foundation
Artist: **CHUANG Chih-Wei**

Saturday, 14 October 2017

8:00pm to 9:30pm

Venue: Eslite Dunnan Store (No. 245, Section 1, Dunhua South Road, Da’an District, Taipei City, Taiwan 106)
Host: **PAN Sheau Shei**, Director of MOCA Taipei
Panelist: **Patrick Sun**, Executive Director of Sunpride Foundation.
Artist: **Shih-Pin HSI**

Saturday, 21 October 2017

8:00pm to 9:30pm

Venue: Eslite Dunnan Store (No. 245, Section 1, Dunhua South Road, Da’an District, Taipei City, Taiwan 106)
Host: **Sean HU**, curator of the exhibition
Artist: **Jun-Jieh WANG, CHEN Chien-Pei**

Public Events

Art is created from daily life. MOCA Taipei invite the public to join themed events at the museum’s outdoor square.

Saturday, 7 October 2017

6:00pm to 10:00pm “Who says we cannot be together - MOCA Art Night”

Venue: MOCA PLAZA - Outdoor square of MOCA and the neighborhood
Details: Evening outdoor screenings

Saturday, 21 October 2017

4:00pm to 9:00pm “Spotless Heart Spectrosynthetic MOCA Art Day”

Venue: MOCA PLAZA - Outdoor square of MOCA
Details: Fashion show, art market, live performance and special art events

9 September to 5 November 2017

“Art Map of Spectrosynthetic Night Tour”

Details: Throughout the exhibition period, MOCA and the nearby shops and institutions will provide special discount offers

About “Spectrosynthesis”

Titled “Spectrosynthesis”, which combines two words “spectrum” and “photosynthesis” and explores “spectrum of light” as a central theme, the exhibition will shine a light on the LGBTQ community’s rich and diverse history. As the very first thematic exhibition on LGBTQ issues at a government-run art museum in a Chinese society, “Spectrosynthesis” features works of art that span nearly half a century of creation. Brought together under the vision of independent curator Sean HU from Taiwan, the exhibition presents a slice of art history particularly looking at the life stories and related issues of the post-war Chinese LGBTQ community. The exhibits touch upon a profusion of subject matters such as identity, equality, mass media’s propensity to hunt for novelty, social oppression, stigmatization, lust, as well as life and death.

Click [here](#) to download the exhibition announcement release and images with caption.

About MOCA Taipei

Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA), Taipei was inaugurated on 26 May 2001 and is the only museum of contemporary art in Taiwan. The red brick building was built in 1921 and was a former Japanese elementary school. The museum’s mission is to promote diverse artistic creation and exhibitions, to encourage the public’s new perspective and thinking and to continue injecting creativity and energy into the city. Through presenting exhibitions of both international and local Taiwanese artists, MOCA commits to inspire and encourage heterogeneous voices, opening more possibilities to collectively create an unlimited future for Taiwanese arts and culture.

<http://www.mocataipei.org.tw/>

About Sunpride Foundation

Sunpride Foundation was launched in 2014 with the mission to embrace and promote the rich creative history of the LGBTQ community. The foundation aims to foster a stronger, healthier and more equitable world for LGBTQ people and their allies; and to encourage and inspire a generation of young artists to take action and create positive changes to the LGBTQ experience by exhibiting and preserving art that speaks to the society at large.

<http://sunpride.hk/>

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