



Fact Sheet 2/24/23

Eternal Offerings: Chinese Ritual Bronzes

Target Gallery

March 4 - May 21, 2023

Curator: Yang Liu

Organized by Minneapolis Institute of Art

Bronze vessels held great ritual significance in ancient China. Used to make offerings to heavenly and ancestral spirits, these exquisite objects were also symbols of power. Mia's Chinese art curator Liu Yang and world-renowned art director and film designer Tim Yip (*Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*) will create an experiential exhibition that engages the senses. Featuring some 150 Chinese bronze objects from Mia's collection, "Eternal Offerings" offers an immersive experience designed to evoke the mystery of heavenly and ancestral worship. Each gallery will embody a facet of the rituals enacted to honor the divinities, from the solemnity of the temple, to the intoxication of lavish banquets.

Lighting Design by A.J. Weissbard.

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ADMISSION

Tickets

Contributor Member+ on-sale date: Monday, January 30, 2023

Explorer Member and public on-sale date: Monday, February 13, 2022

Staff Tickets: Please email visit@artsmia.org or stop by a visitor experience desk

\$20 Adults

Free Youth 17 and under

Free Members*

*Contributing Members receive at least one free admission, plus discounts on additional tickets. Explorer Members receive free tickets on Member Days (tentatively: March



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16,31; April 9, 22). Please check your membership level for all benefits: artsmia.org; 612-870-3000.

Patrons circle and above receive unlimited free tickets.

Patron's, Director's, and Chairman's Circle members, through the member cards, are allowed complimentary admission for their group at any time.

FREE Youth 17 and under

Other ongoing discounts

FREE Active Duty military and families – Blue Star Museums

FREE Qualifying Discount*

*To qualify you must be at least 18 and enrolled in one or more of the following: TANF, MFIP, WIC, General Assistance, Medical Assistance, MinnesotaCare, Supplemental Security Income, Social Security Disability Benefits, Food Stamps, Section 8, or Free/Reduced Price School Meals

Member Days

All members enjoy free “Eternal Offerings: Chinese Ritual Bronzes” tickets during Member Days.

*On a member day, Explorer and Contributor level receive up to two free tickets. (Instead of \$20 each for Explorer, they will receive two free tickets. Instead of one free and one discounted for Contributor, they will receive two free tickets.)

Thursday, March 16th

Friday, March 31st

Sunday, April 9th (family day)

Saturday, April 22nd

EVENTS DURING OPENING WEEK

Press Preview

Thursday, March 2, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Target Gallery, followed by curator-led tour by Yang Liu

Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon Screening and Q&A with Tim Yip

Thursday, March 2, 6:00 p.m. This event is sold out.



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Join Oscar-winning art director and film designer Tim Yip and Mia's Chair of Asian Art and Curator of Chinese Art Liu Yang for a screening of *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* followed by a Q&A.

Patron Preview & Preview Celebration

Patron Preview:

Saturday, March 4, 5:30 - 8 p.m.

Remarks in General Mills Lobby, followed by cocktail reception in 2nd floor corridor

Talk

A Conversation with Tim Yip

Sunday, March 5, 2pm

Free, ****Presented by the Friends of the Institute****

Tickets available February 5.

Join Liu Yang, Mia's chair of Asian art and curator of Chinese art, and Tim Yip, multi-disciplinary artist, director, and art director, for a conversation moderated by Matthew Welch, Mia's Mary Ingebrand-Pohland Deputy Director and Chief Curator.

EXHIBITION PUBLIC DATES, GALLERY AND HOURS

Public Dates

March 4 - May 21, 2023

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Thursday: 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Mia is closed on Mondays.

FOOD SERVICE

Agra Culture Restaurant on the Mezzanine level will ONLY be open during Art in Bloom during the run of "Eternal Offerings," from 11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., April 27-30.

Agra Culture Café will be open regular museum hours:

Tuesday-Friday 10:00 am - close

Saturday, Sunday 10:00 am - close



PHOTOGRAPHY: Photography by public visitors to the Exhibition is permitted unless noted, with no flash. Tripods and selfie-sticks cannot be used in the galleries.

PROGRAMMING

Advance registration for related programs, except Family Day, is required. Find the latest details on all programs and register at artsmia.org.

Mia adheres to the Covid-19 guidelines endorsed by the CDC, State of Minnesota, and City of Minneapolis. Please refer to artsmia.org for more information.

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Stop and Chat will be offered Thursdays through Sundays, March 9 - May 14, 1-3 PM. The cart with stationed guides will provide learning materials and objects to touch. Visitors will learn about how bronze is cast, how vessels are used to connect with ancestral spirits, what specific forms or symbols represent, and more.

Family Day: Eternal Offerings: Chinese Ritual Bronzes

Sunday, April 9, 10am-5pm

Free; all are welcome to attend this free event.

TOURS

Public Tours

Due to the experiential nature of the exhibition, we will not offer public tours. Instead, as with *Power & Beauty in China's Last Dynasty*, we will provide a Stop & Chat station for visitors to interact with guides before and/or after they see the exhibition. The station will be under the marble staircase on second floor.

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There will not be any private tours of the exhibition.

Virtual Tours

Mia Guides will not do virtual tours

Museum Guides Training

Lecture by Yang Liu: Thursday, February 16, 1-3 pm, Pillsbury Auditorium

Stop & Chat station overview by Mia educators: Tuesday, March 7, 1-2:30 pm

Visitor Experience Training Team:

Monday, February 27, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Reception Hall

No staff tour in galleries

Private Donor Tours

Complimentary tours of "Eternal Offerings: Chinese Ritual Bronzes" led by Yang Liu, chair of Asian art and Curator of Chinese Art at the Minneapolis Institute of Art.

Thursday, March 9, 5:30-6:30pm

Friday, April 7, 10:30-11:30am

Thursday, May 18, 3-4pm

Check-in will begin 15 minutes before the tour outside of the Target Galleries