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The Queen, the Chairman and I

Kurt Tong

16 December 2016 to 18 March 2017

Marking the twenty-year anniversary of Hong Kong's return to China from British rule, *The Queen, The Chairman and I* is a fascinating journey into the entwined histories of China and the UK, traced through the family history of photographer Kurt Tong.

The Queen, The Chairman and I was made over four years across three continents. Described by Tong as a photographic 'who do you think you are', the artist uncovers family secrets in this story of love, hope and tragedy. He reveals the impact of the British Empire and Chinese Communism - embodied by Queen Victoria and Chairman Mao of the title - on the lives of individuals.

Drawing on Tong's Chinese, Hong Kong and British connections, the exhibition combines new large-scale photographs, alongside old family photographs and rare colour film footage from the 1940s. Visit the artist's Chinese teahouse to sample Chinese tea, read his book and share your own family stories.

This exhibition is part of **Views from China**, a six month programme of exhibitions and events at Impressions, taking a fresh look at Chinese culture and the long standing links between the UK and China.

To find out more come along to Kurt Tong's Artist Talk on Saturday 21 January or attend a tea ceremony or workshop as part of our special cultural events programme presented with the Business Confucius Institute at The University of Leeds.

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Kurt Tong (Born Hong Kong 1977) is an award winning photographer whose work has been exhibited internationally. He gained his Masters in documentary photography at the London College of Communications (University of the Arts) in 2006. Awards include the Jerwood Photography Award (2008); the Troika Editions/FORMAT Exposure Award (2010); and International Discovery of the Year at Houston Fotofest (2010). His work is held in public collections including the Victoria Museum in Liverpool, Cleveland Museum of Art in the USA, and the Chinese Collection at Compton Verney Museum. Tong teaches at Baptist University, SCAD Hong Kong and at the Hong Kong Art School.
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