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### **“Grandpa Grandma Memory Boxes” Exhibition**

*85 year-old visually-impaired elderlies rediscover the joy of art creation with local artists and share a glimpse of their lives through art*

Using expressive art forms, *Art for All* has engaged various groups of elderlies over the past decade, with the clear goal of empowerment and reclaiming joy and wellbeing. As a partnership project with the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, **“Grandpa Grandma Memory Boxes”** exhibition showcases multimedia art works and installations created through an “art-breaking” process between *Art for All*’s team of 6 community artists and a group of 20 elderlies, who are 85 year-old on average, visually-impaired and some facing early stages of dementia.

For the past 2 years, with the support of i-dArt, Tung Wah Group of Hospitals Jockey Club Rehabilitation Centre, the elderlies joined artist-facilitated activities that geared their ageing senses back into creative and expressive operations. As participants and creative collaborators, they overcame limitations of dementia and sight impairment to create big paintings, cos-play costumes, treasure boxes of memories, crafted items, and photographic works taken by the elderlies themselves.

Inspired by the elderlies, the 6 participating artists also created their own art pieces. Hazel Chiu’s photographs captured the beauty of their faces which embed the traces of time and life experiences; Lina Har combined elderly artworks with postboxes and letters in heartfelt dialogues; Evelyn Liang’s painting installations which requires audience interaction is a reminder of the elderlies’ presence; Mak Siu Fung’s monochrome photography portrays the elderlies in a nostalgic film star style; Wong Wing Fung’s collection of elderlies’ sounds and sights documents this vast inheritance of wisdom and culture; Bellini Yu’s light installation looks back at herself through the lenses and memory of ageing elderlies. Exhibits also include Memory Boxes made by participants of the “Embracing the Setting Sun” Project run by the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals, who face chronic, terminal or critical illness, made together with their family members, caregivers and volunteers.

The creative activities have shown that through the awakening of physical sense in various art forms, activities and games, the elderlies are no longer passive observers of their environment. They have become individuals that exercise imagination, expression, creation and command, regaining their dignity and satisfying their cultural and spiritual needs.

#### About Art for All

Art for All is a non-profit Community Art Charitable Organization founded back in 2001 which aims at assisting socially underprivileged people - including those who are (publicly) deprived of the opportunities to encounter arts due to different social, economical or physical limitations. Art for All continues to facilitate the targeted audience groups to recognize and stimulate their creative potentials, to develop their confidence, and (to) encourage their integration towards the public community.



## **“Grandpa Grandma Memory Boxes” Exhibition**

Presented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Organised by the Art Promotion Office  
Curatorial Collaborator: Art for All  
Supported by i-dArt, Tung Wah Group of Hospitals

Date: 6 — 18.9.2012

Time: 10:00am — 9:00pm (closed on Tuesdays)

Venue: L5, Exhibition Hall,

Hong Kong Visual Arts Centre

Address: 7A Kennedy Road, Central

Free Admission

[http://www.lcsd.gov.hk/ce/Museum/Apo/en/programmes201207\\_5.html](http://www.lcsd.gov.hk/ce/Museum/Apo/en/programmes201207_5.html)

Extension activities include Artists Sharing Session: Connecting with Grandpa Grandma through Art (in Cantonese), Art Workshop: My Family Memory Boxes (in Cantonese) and guided tours catered for various physical or language needs. Part of the exhibits will continue to be on display at i-dArt, TWGHs from October to December.

Programme Inquiry:

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Artists' Art Work



Artist: Wong Wing-Fung 黃詠楓

Title: : <記憶的藏寶格>系列 "The Cabinets of Memories series"

Media:多媒介裝置 Multi Media Installation



Artist: Hazel Chiu 趙曦憐

Title: “人比花嬌”

Media: 攝影 Photography



Artist: Bellini 魏貝妮

Title: “旋轉馬木的終端”

Media: Light and Sound Installation 聲光裝置

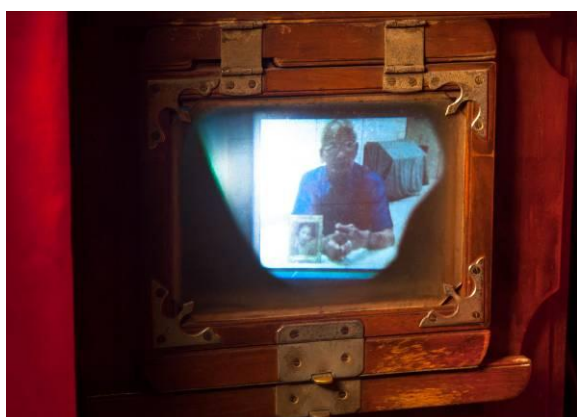


Artist: 麥兆豐 Mak Siu Fung

Title: 「歲月星、尋」--平凡人的人生大事

“Star tracing over a life’s time”- grand event over an ordinary person

Media: Photo Installation 攝影裝置



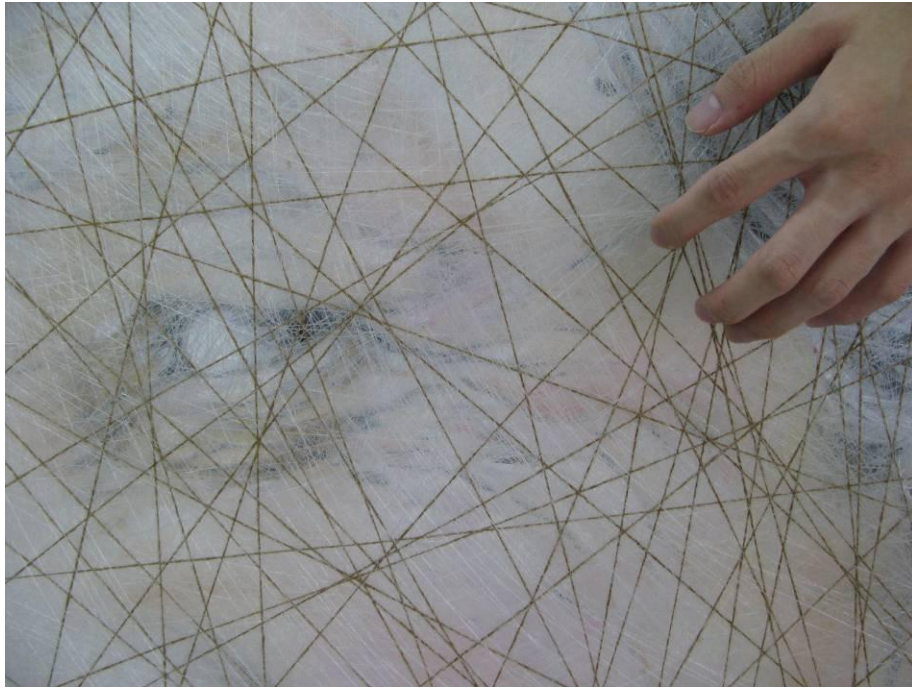


Artist: 夏麗荷 Lina Har

Title: 很高興聽到你的近況！”How nice to Hear from You!”

Media:裝置 Installation





Artist: 梁以瑚 Evelyn Liang

Title: “我仍在此...”

眾裏尋他/她千百度 “I am still here...” Searching for them

Media: 藝術裝置 Painting Installation

