



TAIWAN HAPPENING

SING FOR TAIWAN

BACKGROUND

Few people in Europe are aware that there are aboriginal tribes in Taiwan. Even fewer know that their language is the origin of the Austronesian language group, spoken by people from the Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia, New Zealand(Maori) and as far away as Easter Island.

Through decades of discrimination and neglect, the Formosan language is in danger of disappearing.

ART EVENT

Art Forum Gallery has been working for many years with **Taiwanese artist Yao-Tang Huang**, who had previously organized a charity art project in Taiwan, with the participation of European and Latin American artists, to raise the awareness of the indigenous heritage (see Taiwan-Paint a Future).

In the context of the current **exhibition** of this contemporary artist at the Antwerp Business Suites Hotel, curated by Art Forum, a **Taiwan Happening**, will be organised. The concert is supported by donations and sales of art works.

Part of the proceeds of the sale of art works will be used to finance Huang's next project in Alishan, Taiwan: art classes, given by European and Latin American artists, for the aboriginal Tsou children who love art but are unable to find art teachers.

Taiwanese singer Yabong Bulong(Yu-Cheng Lu) will perform indigenous tribal music and traditional Taiwanese songs.

With this event, we hope to introduce Taiwanese culture and history and the connection of their indigenous people with Europe to a wider public in Belgium/Europe.

About Yao-Tang Huang



Huang has been researching on the relationship between architecture and narratives in abstract painting. In his recent works he combines the pictorial essence of 'De Stijl' and 'Constructivism' with architectural elements to produce a narrative potential.

To demonstrate this potential, he made a series of paintings to tell the story of the Spanish Dominican Missionary in the 17th century Formosa and their relationship with the local indigenous tribes.

About Yabong Bulong (Yu-Cheng Lu)



Yabong Bulong comes from the Truku tribe in Taiwan. After studying in Taiwan and France, she started her singing career at the 'National Experimental Choir of Taiwan' performing in both Taiwan and the USA.

Yabong sang solo roles in the Opera of Liège and La Monnaie Brussels and is currently teaching at the Koninklijk Conservatorium Brussel.

OTHER PARTICIPANTS

Guus JOOS: sculptor, in current exhibition

Mei LEE: Taiwanese jewelry designer

MIST Teas: tea tasting with Taiwanese tea

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