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## Dragon's Evolution

Chinese Contemporary Photography, curated by Zhu Qi

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Opening reception: May 10, 2007, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

**ChinaSquare** presents “**Dragon's Evolution**,” an eye-opening, provocative look at Chinese contemporary photography. Taking its cues from conceptual arts and performance art, Chinese photography from the 1990s to the present explores the dramatic changes taking place in China's cultural consciousness.

The images in this exhibition range from the shocking to the surreally beautiful, from the most private perspective, to the most historically sweeping. These images explore consumerism, neo-scene criticism, feminism, youth art and their affects on contemporary Chinese culture. The term “dragon's evolution” is an expression meaning a dramatic change in the life and culture of a people. This exhibition portrays the wonder, the bewilderment, and the exhilaration of a culture struggling with a profound change in consciousness.

The artists in this exhibition depict, in their work, the subjects of social and urban scenes, dynamic population flow, emotional drama and intense consumerism. Exploring themes such as grand-scale urban construction, changes in faith and business philosophy, sexual liberation and globalization, these artists focus on all aspects of this cultural metamorphosis. How these profound changes are affecting individuals is a charged, inspired, and ultimately, open-ended question.

With over 50 artists participating, including Ai Weiwei, Cui Xiuwen, Ma Liuming, Sheng Qi, Wang Qingsong and Zheng Lianjie, the breadth and depth of this exploration is dazzling. The show's curator **Zhu Qi**, who, during the last ten years, has curated over a dozen shows in both China and Europe, lends a practiced eye in creating an artistic experience for viewers that is both exciting and thoughtful. As the artwork illustrated in this exhibition, the transformation of Chinese contemporary photography is like a dragon's evolution, brilliant and profound.

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