Chen Kaige at the Sydney Film Festival

Chinese Director Chen Kaige is one of China's most respected filmmakers. His 1984 feature debut *Yellow Earth* heralded him as a prominent member of the Fifth Generation of Chinese filmmakers. His 1993 film *Farewell My Concubine* was the first Chinese film to win the Palme d’Or at the Cannes Film Festival.

He was voted President of the Jury for the 2011 Sydney Film Festival.

His new film, *Sacrifice*, will be playing as part of the **2011 Sydney Film Festival**.

Chen Kaige Interview

Chen will be interviewed by Shelley Kraicer to talk about his latest film, the historical drama *Sacrifice*, which screens at this year's festival. Shelly Kraicer is a Beijing-based writer, critic, and film curator.

Shelly’s interview with Director Chen Kaige is sponsored by the Confucius Institute.

**Details:**
16:30pm, 18th June at Event Cinemas George Street. Free, no registration is required. More details on the [Sydney Film Festival website](http://www.sff.org.au/).

Shelly Kraicer at Sydney University

On the 20th June, Chinese film festival curator Shelly Kraicer will talk on Chinese Film at a free Confucius Institute event.
**Revolution, Realism & World Cinema Symposium**

On the 21st of June, there will be a free World Cinema Symposium held at the University of Sydney.

Keynote speakers include Professor Lúcia Nagib, Centenary Chair in World Cinemas, Leeds University, Professor Stephanie Hemelryk-Donald, Dean of Media and Communication, RMIT and Shelly Kraicer.

The Symposium is a collaboration between The World Universities Network, the White Rose Consortium, School of Media and Communication RMIT, University of Sydney Confucius Institute and School of Letters, Art and Media at the Faculty of Arts and Social sciences. More information [here](#).

**Chinese Martial Arts Trial Class**

The Confucius Institute is expanding its cultural program with a new Chinese martial arts class. We are looking for 10 people who are fit and healthy, aged between 18 and 40 and are interested in participating in a trial class with our new Chinese Martial Arts instructor Niu Hong Guang. Hong Guang is a young and talented Chinese martial arts instructor, he has won numerous awards in international competitions.

The class starts in the first week of August and will run for 8 weeks every Thursday, 6.30-8pm.

Please [email us](#) if you are interested in signing up.
The Confucius Institute invites you to practice your spoken Mandarin Chinese in a relaxed, informal setting with our free weekly Chinese Conversation Corner.

Venue: Woolley Tutorial Room N408.

**Time:** Every Thursday, 12:30 - 13:30

There will be a Chinese language teacher present to help facilitate discussion for the hour. **Email us** to register your attendance.

**Courses with the Confucius Institute**

Term three registration for Chinese Language and Culture courses with the Institute is now open.

Classes start from the first week of August and continue for 8 weeks.

**Visit our website** for more information and to enrol online now. The following courses are on offer:

- Chinese for Beginners 1 and 2
- Intermediate Chinese
- Tai Ji Beginners & 24 Forms
- Chinese Painting
- Chinese Calligraphy

**Successful Contemporary Overseas Chinese Literature Conference**

From the 15th-18th of May 2011, The Confucius Institute co-hosted the Conference *Contemporary Overseas Chinese Literature: Theory and Practice*, with the School of Languages and Cultures at the Faculty of Arts, the China Studies Centre of the University of Sydney and the Chinese Department of Fudan University.

Leading academics from China, the United States, Germany, Japan and Malaysia gathered to discuss new Chinese immigrant literature in the context of global Chinese literature. Click [here](#) to view the full photo gallery from the conference.

**Upcoming: Artist Shen Mo talk**

On Wednesday 20th July, 6pm, Australian Chinese Artist Shen Mo will deliver a talk on his artwork at Kerrie Lowe Gallery in conjunction with his exhibition *Ink Flows on Rice Paper*. Shen Mo is a landscape artist and has exhibited internationally. Two of his paintings are part of the permanent collection in NSW Parliament House.

The talk is free for Confucius Institute members and friends. Please [RSVP by email](#). Address: Kerrie Lowe Gallery 49 - 51 King St, Newtown

**Upcoming: Gu Qin Concert 6th August**

The Confucius Institute and The Sydney Conservatorium of Music will co-present a Gu Qin Concert and Workshop by Chinese musician Jin Wei on the 6th of August 2011. The gu qin has been played since ancient times in China and has traditionally been favoured by scholars and literati as an instrument of great subtlety and refinement.

Jin Wei is internationally recognised as a world authority and master of the gu qin. Professor Jonathan Stock, Associate Dean (Research) at The Con, will open the concert and give a short introduction on the gu qin. Prof. Stock is currently co-editor of the journal *The World of Music* and is a Chinese music specialist.

Gu qin players and students will have an opportunity to meet Jin Wei at a pre-concert
Guqin Workshop. The Guqin Workshop is 2.00pm-3.30pm and the Guqin Concert is 4.00-4.45pm. To register, click here.

Win two tickets to...The Legend of Shangri La

The Legend of Shangri La marks the official opening of the Year of Chinese Culture in Australia. The Confucius Institute is giving away 2 double passes to the show at the State Theatre on Saturday, 25 June. Email us with the email subject, “Shangri La Giveaway” for your chance to win.

If you don’t strike it lucky in our giveaway, there’s an exclusive Confucius Institute discount offer for you: quote LEGEND when you book tickets at www.ticketmaster.com.au or call 1300 139 588, and you’ll score a 15 per cent discount.

Win two tickets to...the play ‘Peer Gynt’

A Chinese adaptation of Ibsen’s play Peer Gynt will be showing at Sydney’s National Institute of Dramatic Arts (NIDA) as part of the 2011 Year of Chinese Culture in Australia.

The cast includes famous Chinese film star Lu Liping and Sun Haiying, both winners of numerous prizes. This will mark the couple’s return to the stage after twenty years in the film industry, and they will be sharing the stage with fifty members of the Chengde Drama Company from China.

Email us with the subject title “Peer Gynt” for a chance to win a double pass to the show on Sat 9th July.

子曰：有德者必有言，有言者不必有德。Confucius said:"A virtuous person acts on his promise, but a person who acts on his promise may not be virtuous.”