

## **The Fish King – Mr Chen Hong**

### **Painting Demonstration**

Town Hall Galleries, Ipswich  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2010, 10am – 12.30pm  
FREE Event

Explore Chinese culture and tradition with Colchester and Ipswich Museum Service this spring. Chen Hong, renowned calligrapher and painter of fishes from Beijing, is our artist-in-residence during April 2010.

Regarded as a 'cultural treasure' in his homeland, Mr Chen is an expert painter of traditional Chinese motifs and is particularly famous for his images of fish.

This is a chance to see through the eyes of the artist. Watch how this unique style of eastern painting is created; examine the skill, precision and artistry that go into this unique experience. This is a fascinating hands-on experience of the ancient arts of china. This is a free event, so drop-in to the Town Hall Galleries, Ipswich on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April, between 10am – 12.30pm.

Tom Hodgson, community History Manager at Colchester and Ipswich Museum Service said, "It is a real coup to have such a significant Chinese artist staying with us and delivering painting masterclasses. His presence builds on the links that we have already made between the museum service and China which will continue grow."

Chen Hong has been invited as part of the Stories of the World project, one of the major projects of the London 2012 Cultural Olympiad, exploring Chinese culture through new ways of engaging with the collections and offering different perspectives and experiences.

Also do not miss the rare opportunity to see Chen Hong's exquisite art on display at the University Campus Suffolk (UCS), Ipswich Waterfront, Foyer Building from 14<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> April.

## **Shoes Through the Ages**

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

High Street Museum, Ipswich  
Drop-in 2pm – 4pm  
**FREE Event**

Do you believe that you can tell a lot about people from the shoes that they wear? Come and join Costume Curator Danielle Sprecher for a closer look at the shoe collection at the High Street Museum, Ipswich.

During this unique experience you will be able to see shoes from various periods of history and cultures. You can explore the shoes on display at the museum and some that aren't. This is a chance to discover and discuss the shoes and where they've come from with our resident expert Danielle Sprecher.

Some shoes within the collection are around 200 years old! You can take a peek into history with a pair of beautiful silk brocade shoes from the 1700s and explore the differences in children shoes through time and cultures. Use your imagination whilst looking at pairs of everyday boots, what job did the wearer do? Where did the wearer live? What kind of life

did the wearer have? Then explore the glamorous world of high heels and dancing shoes from 1920s and 1930s and gaze at a pair of 1970s platform shoes, would you have been able to walk far in a pair of these?

You will be able to see and marvel at a variety of the wonderful and amazing things that people have put on their feet for the sake of fashion!

Danielle Sprecher, Costume Curator at Colchester and Ipswich Museum Service said, “I really enjoy getting things out of the store so that visitors can see close up some of the great things we have in the collection. Talking with people about the collections inspires me and I learn things from them as well.”

So come along to our ‘Shoes Through the Ages’ event at the High Street Museum, Ipswich on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

This is a **FREE** event and there’s no need to book, just drop-in between 2pm – 4pm.

High Street Museum, Ipswich

**FREE admission**

Tel: 01473 433691

Opening times:        Tuesday to Saturday 10am – 5pm  
                                 All year round

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