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DIAF2006 Beijing/Background

"Contemporary art connects the world; Beijing is energized!"

The Dashanzi International Art Festival (DIAF) is a showcase for cutting-edged contemporary art in Beijing and has been since it began in 2004.

The theme for the 2006 edition, which begins on April 29, will be Beijing/Background. It will be focused on urban dynamics and the influence of Beijing as an extraordinary metropolis and its potential to become a modern classical city.

The festival will also allow curators and artists to think about issues related to Beijing specifically, but it will also address issues concerning the world's other megacities.

Past themes for the festival included Light.Sound/Time in 2004, which explored the possibilities of using light, sound and time in the specific physical vicinity of 798. The event attracted 80,000 people altogether in four weeks. In 2005, the theme was Language/Fable. It delved into the influence of language, literature and fables on art and art production.

More than 20 events will take place during the 2006 DIAF; more than 50 foreign artists will be invited; and more than 100 Chinese artists will be

NOTE: There is a bus service running between 798 Art District and the F2 Gallery in Caochangdi from Noon to 5 p.m. every weekend. The bus stop is next to the "At Cafe." For further information please contact Meng Fan at +86 10 6432 8831.



Schedule:		
Opening	Sounds of the City: Drum concert	April 29
Visual Art	Intimate Beijing Photography exhibition	April 29-May 30
	Photoblog	April 29-May 30
	Beijing 1966 Photo	April 29-May 21
	Metropolis Rise: Installation	April 29-May 21
	Mapping your City: Installation	April 29-May 21
	Brush Hours II: Painting	April 29-May 10
	Endless Clone: Multimedia	April 29-May 10
	Video productions: A new generation of video makers	April 29-May 7
Architecture	Soldiers at the Gates: (International) Forum & Exhibition	May 8, 19-21
Film	Documentary: Exploring the City	May 1-6
	Sinking & Floating	May 14-May 18
	DKFF: Dashanzi Korean Film Festival	Every Saturday night
	ImPulse Minutes: The One Minutes Jr. Video Workshop	May 12-May 15
Performance	A Nest in the Metropolis No. 2: the chimney plan	May 1-10
	Transborder Language / fourth edition	April 30-May 2
Music	ImPulse Opening reception / Workshop sessions /DJ parties	May 14-20
	Second-hand Roses	April 30
	SambAsia in Beijing	May 2
	Royal Hartigan's Blood Drum and Spirit Jazz	May 5
	Fusion/Tradition Mars & Li Shan	May 11
	Dance & Theatre	Modern Bal—Rosas
Cool Cave (Contemporary Chinese theatre)		May 13-14
Mine		Weekend afternoon
Phoenix		May 19-21
Confluence of Spirits		May 4
Young [Inter]nationals		May 19-20
Italian Festivities	Space of (F): Italian Area	May
	29: Concert	April 29 or May 3
	The Kitchen Theatre	After May 10
	Videoteca Italiana	April 29, May 7