



Confucius Institute at The University of Manchester

Programme

Spring 2020

2020年春季计划

FILM SCREENINGS • 电影

Girls Always Happy

To welcome in the Year of the Rat, we are collaborating with Chinese Film Forum UK to bring you a screening of Chinese drama 'Girls Always Happy'. This engaging portrait of the often tense relationship between mother and daughter is the debut feature film of Yang Mingming, director of short film 'Female Directors'. After the screening, you are invited to join us for FREE pizza!

6pm | 27 January | HOME, 2 Tony Wilson Place, Manchester



INTERCULTURAL ACTIVITIES • 跨文化活动



CI Cookery Classes

We are hosting three fun and hands-on cookery classes led by Sam Sin from Koi Kitchen. Each class will have a different theme and focus, allowing you to create a variety of authentic dishes and learn new cooking techniques. All sessions are suitable for vegetarians.

15 February – Chinese New Year dumplings

14 March – Go veggie Chinese style

16 May – Make your own noodles

2 - 5pm | Price: £15 (£10 for UoM Students) | Manchester Deaf Centre, Crawford House

Global Harmonies Choir

The Confucius Institute Global Harmonies Choir is returning 27 January. With rehearsals every Monday, our Choir showcases songs from around the world and is a wonderful way to experience a new language.

We hope to promote wellbeing through song with our 'natural voice' approach. Anyone is welcome and no previous experience is required.

5:30 - 7pm | Mondays beginning 27 January | Room A4, Samuel Alexander Building, Oxford Road

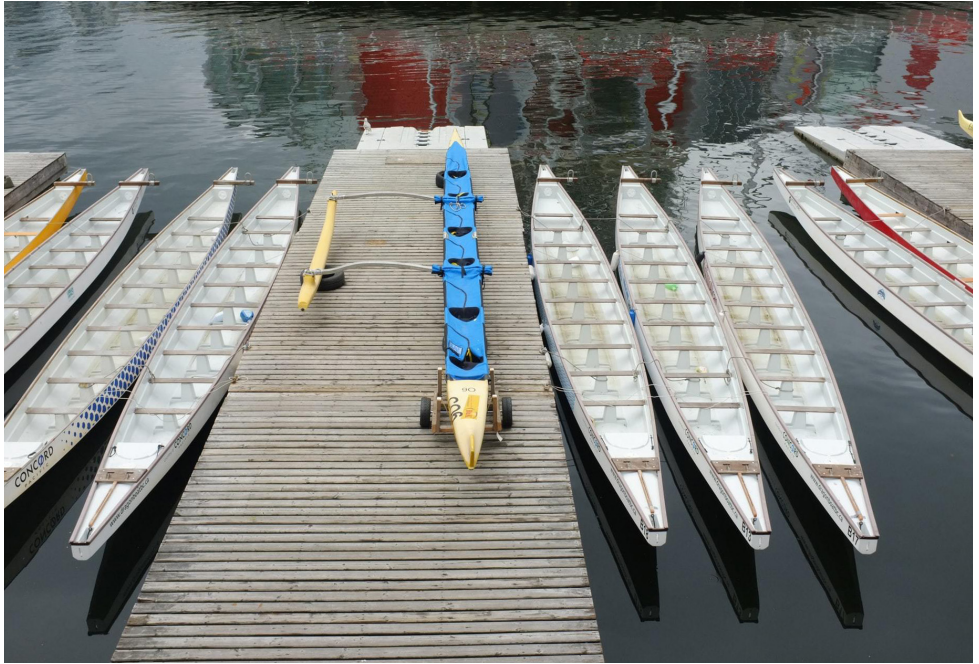


Dragon Boat Paddling

As spring approaches, students will have the chance to take part in dragon boat paddling sessions with Paddlers for Life. If you can swim at least 50 metres and have plenty of team spirit, come along and try your hand at this exciting

sport. We will be competing in the annual Confucius Institute race in May so these sessions are the perfect training opportunity.

**10am - 12:30pm | 29 February, 28 March, 25 April
| Debdale Outdoor Centre**



Chinese Brush Painting and Calligraphy

We will be holding drop-in sessions of Chinese brush painting and Calligraphy. Our Chinese brush painting sessions will focus on introducing students to the fundamentals in addition to the history and philosophy behind this art form. Calligraphy is the traditional art of writing Chinese characters and our drop-in sessions are designed to teach you the basics of this beautiful technique. No experience of art or Chinese is required for either, so our fun, informal sessions are for everyone and a lovely way to unwind after a busy day.

**6 - 8pm | 11 & 25 February, 10 & 24 March,
7 & 28 April, 12 & 26 May | Confucius
Institute | 180 Waterloo Place**

EXHIBITIONS • 艺术展览



The Soul of the Black Earth Exhibition

We are delighted to bring this fascinating exhibition to Manchester which showcases printmaking from the Heilongjiang Province of China. Featuring contemporary Chinese woodblock prints, it tells the story of four generations of printmakers and, in doing so, provides a look back at 60 years of history that this area of China has experienced. This exhibition is presented in collaboration with Dr Weimin He, Heilongjiang Museum of Art in Heilongjiang and Confucius Institute at Oxford Brookes.

19 February – 13 March | Alliance Manchester Business School



PUBLIC TALK SERIES • 公共讲座



Contemporary Chinese Printmaking

To celebrate the launch of our Contemporary Chinese Woodblock Print Exhibition, we will be joined by artist Dr Weimin He from Oxford. Dr He is one of the artist printmakers featured in the exhibition. Having lived in the Heilongjiang Province, his origins have very much influenced his artistry. During his talk he will further explore the printmaking process and its history, with insight into the area that has inspired the prints on show. His talk will be followed by the official launch of the exhibition at 6pm.

4.30 - 5.30pm | 19 February | Alliance Manchester Business School

Upcoming Talks

We will have two additional public talks this spring which will take place at Manchester Central Library on 16 March and 18 May. Details will be announced on our website and across our social media channels.

CHINESE NEW YEAR • 春节庆祝活动

Celebrate the Year of the Rat with the Confucius Institute!

Chinese New Year is undoubtedly Manchester's most bright and colourful annual celebration. The streets of Manchester will be awash in a sea of red lanterns, with plenty of things to see and do. The Confucius Institute will be part of the City Centre celebrations by running the following activities:



Saturday 25 January



Manchester Chinatown Chinese New Year 2020

Time: 3 - 4pm - We are excited to be a part of Manchester Chinatown's Chinese New Year celebrations taking place over the weekend. During Saturday's festivities, three musicians from the Confucius Institute will contribute with performances of the Guzheng, Dizi and Erhu; three traditional Chinese instruments.

Manchester Arndale Centre

Time: 11am - 5pm - Join us as we celebrate The Year of the Rat with a host of family friendly activities. We will be teaching Chinese paper folding along with crafting activities centred on the Chinese zodiac that are sure to keep children entertained.

Selfridges Exchange Square

Time: 1 - 5pm - Enjoy a traditional Chinese tea ceremony which will be performed throughout the day at Selfridges Exchange Square store. During this time there will also be a Calligraphy session taking place.



CHINESE NEW YEAR • 春节庆祝活动

Sunday 26 January



Selfridges Exchange Square

Time: 1 - 5pm - Our teachers will be using traditional Chinese calligraphy to write names and blessings onto tags for people to hang on Selfridges' wishing tree and to take home .



Virgin Money Lounge

Time: 12 - 3pm - Visit VML on King Street to decorate your own keepsake fan or lantern using traditional Chinese brush painting. This workshop is designed for adults and booking is required through VML or our website.

Manchester Art Gallery

Time: 12 - 4pm - We have performances taking place as part of Manchester Art Gallery's celebrations. Additionally, there will be opportunities to take part in live drawing sessions during the dance and tai chi performances.

- 12 - 1pm - Chinese dance performance**
- 1 - 2pm - Guzheng performance**
- 2 - 3pm - Tai chi performance**
- 3 - 4pm - Chinese flute (Dizi) performance**

Central Library

Time: 12 - 4pm - We will be hosting two drop-in Chinese tea ceremonies between 12 - 4 pm, with workshops and musical performances taking place simultaneously for you to enjoy.

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- 2 - 3pm - Chinese flute (Dizi) performance**
- 3 - 4pm - Tai chi workshop**

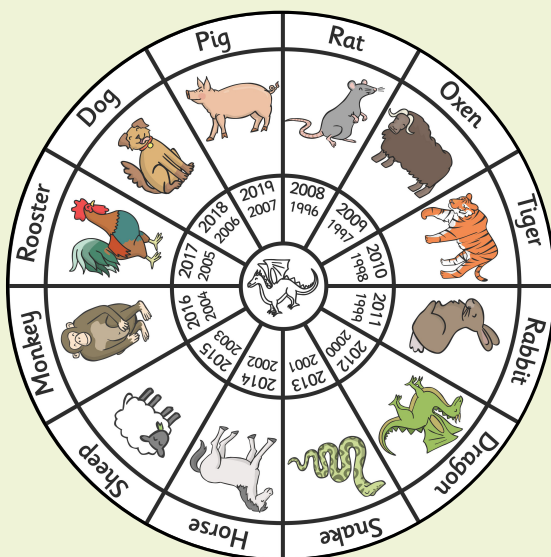
THE CHINESE ZODIAC: YEAR OF THE RAT

The Chinese Zodiac, or Sheng Xiao, is a 12 year cycle with each year represented by an animal sign. Your Chinese zodiac is the animal from the year in which you were born and typically you are believed to possess the attributes of that animal.

It is often used as a guide as to which zodiac animals are compatible with each other, with many Chinese people historically basing their relationships off this. Although this isn't very common today, it can be useful to identify conflicting personality traits and have a better understanding of others.

Those born in the Year of the Rat are said to be clever and quick thinkers; they are successful, but content with living a quiet and peaceful life. They are usually very likable, energetic and optimistic people. Despite their kind nature, their poor communication skills often mean that their words may seem impolite and rude. They tend to be suited to more creative careers as they are imaginative, and as such group work can be difficult. Many also find that technical jobs are a good fit due to their meticulous nature.

This year, the Lunar New Year starts on Saturday, January 25th and ends on February 11th, 2021. We would like to wish you all a happy, healthy and prosperous Year of the Rat!



LUCKY THINGS FOR RATS

Colours: blue, gold, green

Numbers: 2, 3

Flowers: lily, African violet, valley lily

Directions of auspiciousness: southeast, northeast

Directions of wealth: southeast, east

Directions of love: west

UNLUCKY THINGS FOR RATS

Colours: yellow, brown

Numbers: 5, 9

Unlucky direction: west

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