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24 September – 21 November 2004

Preview: 23 September 2004 6-8 pm

Live Performance of *Happy and Glorious* – 7pm

Happy and Glorious is the first full-scale exhibition by Cai Yuan and JJ Xi, presenting fusion of new and existing work.

The title *Happy and Glorious*, taken from the National Anthem, evokes the upbeat, patriotic language of Maoist China, revealing an unexpected affinity between Maoist and British imperialist rhetoric.

Central to the exhibition is the enactment of citizenship as bizarre spectacle in their new performances. Using the Union Jack as a symbolic device, the artists reveal how other cultures are obliged to remain performers in the context of

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ARTIST

Cai, Yuan, artist; Xi, Jian Jun, (b. 1962), artist; Chinese Arts Centre, 1989-2013; Hill, Katie, curator; Doocey, Alyson, CAC marketing manager (2003-2008); Lai, Sally, Curator; Mad For Real