

Shee Highland Musée - Taipei

Opening ceremony celebrates the birth of creative ideas



Dr. Gloria Groom and husband Dr. Joe Berton, Lisa Lin, Dr. & Mrs. Sam Shee

The Shee Highland Musée of Chicago from Highland Park, Illinois established a Taipei branch, located in a suburb of the famous Yangmingshan National Park. For the opening ceremony on March 2, 2014, nearly 400 guests attended this groundbreaking event. The guests were enthusiastic and joyful, and in high spirits despite the cold weather and light rain. At this unusual celebratory feast, the guests witnessed the birth of a new concept for creating art and culture in the mountains.

The ceremony started with the acclaimed pianist, Professor Anna Fujita, founder of the Chopin Foundation in Taiwan, playing "Hero Polonaise". Her exuberant music filled the air inside and outside the museum. The atmosphere of art and music, along with the beautiful surroundings, formed an ideal setting for the celebration.

When Shee took the stage, we saw an idealistic man, full of energy, hope and satisfaction. He thanked all the guests first and reiterated his dream of creating an Art and Cultural Park in the foreseeable future. Shee regards his museum here as the beginning for a much bigger project and movement, a goal that involves the entire art community in Taiwan.

As an expert in contemporary European arts to commemorate this special occasion, Dr. Gloria Groom, Senior Curator of The Art Institute of Chicago addressed the audience. She praised Sam Shee, the artist who has held more than fifty solo exhibitions on four continents for the last 20 years.

Shee shows his colorful, vibrant paintings to promote his art and convey his message of love, peace and hope. Dr. Groom said that Shee's art is unique and full of life. His positive energy is abundant and his powerful creative efforts continue to spring forward. His spirit is admirable. When he gave up his lucrative medical practice for oil painting, he was determined to create good artwork. He started with paintings and then sculptures. In his current stage of life, he still strives to create more and be innovative. Shee's art depicts his dreams, with endless possibilities.

Dr. Huang Haiming, President of the Taipei Fine Arts Museum, has viewed all the paintings on display at the musée. He focused on two paintings, entitled "Life" and "Commitment", for an in-depth discussion. He expressed his admiration for these paintings, in particular, and helped the audience understand their meaning and the artist's philosophy. Later, Senator Dagmar Yu, a great lawyer and human rights activist, praised Shee for his legendary vision for creating an arts center in the mountains, surrounded by the beauty of Yangmingshan.

After the ceremony, the Kantary chorus group gave a superb concert performance to make this art and music festival a memorable one. From beginning to end, the opening ceremony of Shee Highland Musée - Taipei was heartwarming and a huge success.



Dr. Groom and Dr. Berton, Lisa Lin, Senator Dagmar Yu, Dr. & Mrs. Sam Shee and guests



Honorable guests, academic and political dignitaries, with Dr. Groom, center, at the ribbon cutting ceremony



Sam & Isabel Shee, Golden Chen with daughters, Gloria Groom, Anna Fujita, Joe Berton



Shee dedicates museum



Dr. Groom with Nien,Anna,Shee,Island & guests



Shee & Secretary Iko Chen



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Shee and Huang Haiming



Shee interacts with guests at Shee Highland Musée -Taipei