

Yangming Spring - Shee Highland Musée-Taipei

"Art is love, love without boundaries"

Art and Music Charity Festival of Thanksgiving

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Dr. Shee gave speech to thank the Catholic Sisters of Senior Center



General Manager Dr. Lin Yun-Ching (2nd to right) and Guests purchasing Shee's limited edition prints

On Dragon Boat Festival Day, Shee Highland Musée - Taipei in the Yangming Spring Cultural and Creative Park, organized activity of "Art is love, love without boundaries" Art and Music Charity Festival of Thanksgiving. Dr. Shee at this special event donated dozens of his limited edition prints to participate in the charity sale. All sale amount donated to the

"Foundation for Taiwan New Taipei City Catholic Senior Home" . This was a festival combining true, virtue and beauty visually and spiritually.

"Physicians can heal people; artists can heal the soul"—showing that Shee has both healing capabilities. Practicing medicine with a rich experience for 30 years in United States, twenty-two years ago, he decided to leave the medicine field and use the power of his painting and sculpture to "heal soul". Dr. Shee hopes to use his art work develop dialogue with people, to enlighten conscience and good thoughts, to convey the intention to promote quality culture, to improve the social atmosphere. He sincerely believed that the warmth and strength of civil society, through collection will be able to assist elders to improve their quality of life, to take responsibility for pension, respect, love for the elders and enjoy the joy for caring the elders. Wishing the dignity and the right to live of the elders receive recognition and respect. Wishing get into the community, combine with the crowd, promote universal beauty. He expects "combining the beauty of art and goodness of humanity, igniting the fire of art and life, swaying the human heart and the spiritual world". Under this concept, "Yangming Spring Cultural & Creative Park" and "Shee Highland Musée - Taipei " and "West African Light Percussion Ensemble" jointly contributed to this charity Art and Music festival. Dr. Shee fully donate the total amount of Limited Edition prints to charity. This charity activity in addition to the local public to appreciate works of art, to enhance the spiritual pluralism, the initiate through this effect, hoping to expand the love to more needy people in the community, but also make a contribution to Catholic sisters who selflessly devote to Taiwan Catholic Senior Home.

In the afternoon the weather is nice, old and new acquaintances and art lovers came to "Shee Highland Musée - Taipei" in "Yangming Spring Cultural & Creative Park". They first visited the the courtyard in the park where is full of flowers and trees. Among flowers, trees, poolside, they casually and pleasantly mingle with one and others and taste the exquisite refreshments provided by "Yangming Spring".. In the court yard they also appreciate the 5 art limited edition prints: "Water Lilies in Reflection", " Lady Steinway-Modern Music," " Le Passage " " La Reveuse ", " Glory ". These all are Dr. Shee's limited edition prints of masterpieces. Shee's art work is full of artistic conception, with brilliant, elegance color scheme, ethereal strokes. It combines classical painting masters Rembrandt Rembrandt and Gauguin's talents, and even more full of philosophizing. Dr. Shee has selected these five paintings for this festival; because there is one special significance. One painting "Le Passage "taken from the "Bible" showing two stairs - one to heaven, one to hell. The function of this painting is developing

dialogue with children; let them ponder which stair they want to go. All of the children who saw the painting knew to choose the stair to heaven, even if the stair to heaven is longer and narrower and the stair to hell is wider. To be a good child is more difficult; relatively to be a bad child is easier. "

Then musician Tsz Wan Tu from China Beijing Conservatory played the zither of beautiful sound, murmuring pouring out from the inside of art musée into the court yard wind around the trees. The guests appreciate the art pieces, exchange feeling with each other. they also asked for artist Shee for book signing. Dr. Shi received batch after batch of guests, though busy but always looked happy. It is true that people do good thing always is the happy one.

Two o'clock in the afternoon, the opening ceremony began, the master of ceremonies Daniel John asked Dr. Shee and founder of Yangming Spring Cultural & Creative Park, Chairman ChenJian-Hong to give speeches. They thanked all the guests participating to this charity festival. Dr. Shee specifically requested guests to salute to the three sisters, thank them for letting all to have the opportunity to get together making this charity event taken place. From an action of his opening remarks, he knew what he was also leading us to care for disadvantaged groups. He requested all guests, followed him to give bow to the three Catholic sisters, to thank them coming to Taiwan from foreign countries to be volunteers taking care of helpless old people in Taiwan, also to thank them give us the opportunity to participate in this charity social welfare. This is a new concept of learning for the guests- donations is not paid to but to obtain, is not administered to, but to gain. That love is to know it and to work on it. Love is not only a beautiful word, but it is a continuous process.

Dr. Shee then introduced the Catholic Senior Center, "Foundation of New Taipei City Catholic Senior Center". Founder of the center Sister St. Jeanne Jugan, coming from France in the winter of 1839, hosted an old blind paralysis helpless old woman. Since then she served God and lonely elders became the focus of her life. Her move of charity had received wide respect and response. In 1968, four Catholic sisters of different nationalities came to Taiwan from Hong Kong. In this beautiful island they continued this great charity. They established the Catholic Senior Center in Bali, left bank, New Taipei City, to take care of the lonely and poor elders with no charged, regardless of their religion, race, until God's call. This old center was built in 46 years ago. it is in poor condition and in un-secure situation. It is under rebuilding, transitional period. The center is still has 50 elders, mostly in ill-health, or handicapped, or can not take care of themselves. They are vulnerable groups in need of care. Catholic sisters are

making effort every day going out fund-raising for re-building and the center and for overhead expenses to take care of these elders for the last 46 years. When Shee talked about the sisters' love and humanity, he could not to weep and all guests were deeply touched.

Leading by Ma Yufu, "West African Light Percussion Ensemble" started to perform. Performers were Monbaza, Xu Huan, Xu Liyun. The music combined West African Manding music with new elements, and to strengthen the melody, they used folk instruments Djembe drum which is commonly used in West Africa (Djembe) and Dundun drum (Dunun). Africa is a vast land, lots of ethnic diversity, there are many religions exist. The village folks would dance and play drums for every occasion. "West African Light Percussion Ensemble" performed with the characteristics of the West African cultural heritage. In this charity event they are volunteer to do performances with no charge. This shows, love, culture, art are really merge together across borders and ethnic tolerance.

After six young men started to play drum, when the West African drums sounded, the guests who came to Yangmingshan park, suddenly became quiet. Other than the guests felt the breath of Europe, Asia, North America, South America, but also they were touched by Australia's atmosphere. This is the diffusion of culture, filled every corner of the world, all the space. Its beautiful melodies gradually sharply and added flute and zither beautiful sound, made it more gorgeous. Soon audience enthusiastic got to the high hit, West African drums was pulsating with the original human, awakened guests' hearts, so that we understood when we traced the human origins, it was originally one source. This was what a happy sentiment. Some people dance with music. Musicians of Flute and zither Miss Hua and Tu joined into the performance. It presented another musical ensemble style, bustling incomparable joy.

Charity bazaar began, Dr. Shee first announced the rules of the game, and today he offers five different art works for sale. Each bid - six thousand to ten thousands. Shee would match the first ten contributions. It meant, who is to buy a ten thousands, Dr. Shee would match a same amount. Now the sisters of Catholic Senior Center would issue the receipts and collect the fun directly. The Director of "Spring Art Gallery", chairman Chen Zongyi of Kaohsiung first purchased 20. Former Minister of Education Chairman Huang Jung-tsun, , although not to visit the site, but also purchased paintings and to donate it out again. Followed by the president of the Association of the riverside, Committee Chair Li Ying-yuan, Senator Dagmar Yu, Son of Chairman Henry Hsu, Yuanlin High School alumni and other guests also chip in, really show the love in general. Dr. Shee signed the prints and three Catholic sisters

was on the spot to issue receipts. So for this time, this event raised more than six hundred thousands.

Thanksgiving charity festival is a combination of music, art and charity. All income from the event was giving to Bali Catholic Senior Center to provide and assist the management of this center. The center, particularly take in the homeless elderly people in north of Taiwan and make them be able to live through the day, to avoid the cold and heat. The Catholic sisters in the center, tirelessly and personally take care of these elderly people, to give them a comfortable bed and meal. This love of giving, it is too great, it is more than the average people to take care of their loved ones. It is too frustrating, so touched

The art pass word of artist Shee, is non-staining and endless source of creative exploration journey. He has been painting, large size sculpturing. He returns to Taiwan at least twice a year, in order to appeal the concept to build the Art and Culture Park in Taiwan, and also has chance encounter to do charity activities. His endless supply of power is from the pure faith. His goal of life journey is clear but without timetable. He is to do, do, do, this youthful man without age concern. His ingenious charity concerts festival to raise fund for charity, is refreshing all of us.



Dr. Shee, Golden Chen and guests



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. Flute Musician Ms. Hua



"West African Light Percussion Ensemble" performed



Dr. Shee and youngsters



musician Tsz Wan Tu played the zither



DR. Shee signed the Limited Editions



Dr. Shee and Senator Dagmar Yu



Catholic sisters issued the receipts



Guests and Art lovers purchasing the Shee limited edition prints



Media interviews Dr. Shee, Chairman Golden Chen & Sisters



Dr. Shee and Flute musician Ms. Hua