

► Artist finds illumination in Shanghai residency

# Let there be light



**A light installation created by Peter Vink inside an art space.**  
Photos: Courtesy of an art space

**By Zhao Dan**

**O**n first glance around the art space on Fengxian Road, it's hard to tell there is actually an exhibition showing. The first impression is of nothing more than white, bare walls. However, a closer look revealed some small laser lights being installed on the ceiling by Peter Vink, an Amsterdam-based light artist. He is standing on a ladder, carrying out this task with intense concentration.

**Laser lights**

When the room's fluorescent lights are switched off, the beauty of these laser lights is revealed although this artwork is not yet completely finished.

In the almost pitch-black space, the dim red lights of the lasers are cast onto the walls, outlining the contours of the walls and corners in different lines and directions.

"The gallery is an underground space in this building which was constructed by the British in the 1920s," said Vink. "I feel that this is not a 'straight' space, so to speak, so I would like to create a light art show that is also not regular."

When the show begins, Vink flashes the regular lights on and off to reveal the laser lights and to create a contrast "between a dreamlike space and the real world."

"I will have to try out the time intervals of the normal lights and laser lights," he said. "But I won't make the intervals consistently the same length. I will play with it and make it unpredictable. Ideally I want to create an effect that resembles the flash of a camera."

The director of the gallery Deng Zhiming, better known as Lam, thinks Vink's specially designed artwork suits the space perfectly. "Vink analyzed the uniqueness of the underground space, and examined the relationship between light and the space. Here in the artwork, the space is no longer just the background but it's a part of the action."

**System installed**

Vink has been in Shanghai for two months working on this artwork. "I came here and saw the space, and it was about three weeks later that I had the idea of doing this, and I had this system installed all by myself."

This is the spirit of the "Artist Residence Project" initiated by the gallery – inviting an artist to stay in the space for a period of time, and to create an artwork that suits the space. Lam told the Global Times: "I don't want artists to come here and bring what they have already done. It's not simply an exhibition or display, but an artwork that specially goes along with the space. And during the time when artists are creating the artworks here, visitors of the gallery will also have a chance to see the process and to talk directly with the artists."

Peter Vink's work on the installments began on July 20 and will be completed this Saturday.

**Date:** Until September 10, 11 am to 6 pm (Tuesday to Friday), 1 pm to 6 pm (Saturday and Sunday)

**Venue:** am art space 上午艺术空间  
**Address:** 50B Fengxian Road 奉贤路50号B  
**Admission:** Free (ring at the door)  
Call 6384-2432 for details

**What's On**

**On Stage**

**Trumpet Meet Piano – Concert by Gábor Boldoczki and Gergely Bogányi**

Gábor Boldoczki, a 35-year-old trumpeter from Hungary, won first prize at the National Trumpet Competition in his native land at the tender age of 14. After many years performing around the world, Boldoczki was honored by the German Phono Academy in 2008 as Instrumentalist of the Year. For this concert, he will perform alongside 37-year-old Gergely Bogányi, who is also from Hungary and is one of the youngest ever pianists to have won the famed Kossuth Prize.



The program will include works by Chopin and Liszt.

**Date:** Tomorrow, 7:30 pm  
**Venue:** Shanghai Oriental Art Center 上海东方艺术中心  
**Address:** 425 Dingxiang Road 丁香路425号  
**Tickets:** 100 to 380 yuan  
Call 6854-1234 for details

**Exhibitions**

**Architecture Fuse Fashion**

This joint exhibition between the HDD\_FUN Architecture Studio and a cutting-edge fashion label highlights a rare example of an architect and designer collaborating. Both parties make use of lighting, multimedia, and other experimental materials to illustrate both the design process and the final results.

**Date:** Until September 17, 9 am to 6 pm  
**Venue:** University of Hong Kong, Faculty of Architecture Shanghai 香港大学上海学习中心建筑画廊  
**Address:** 298 Beisuzhou Road

北苏州路298号  
**Admission:** Free  
Call 6307-7018 for details

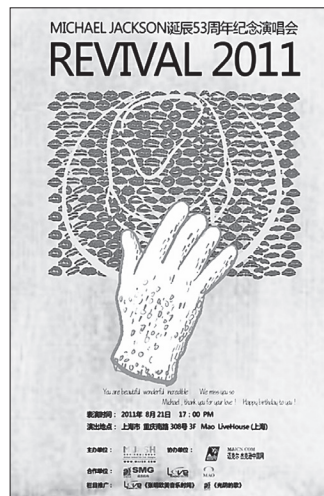
**Mood and Memory**

Chi Peng, a Beijing-based artist who graduated from the Central Academy of Art of Beijing has built an international reputation. This solo exhibition at m97 Gallery features works from three series. A photo on show from his series called *The Best Mood is in Memory* features Chi's hometown Yantai in Shandong Province.

**Date:** Until August 28, 10 am to 6 pm (Tuesday to Saturday); 12 pm to 6 pm (Sunday)  
**Venue:** m97 Gallery m97画廊  
**Address:** 2/F, 97 Moganshan Road 莫干山路97号2楼  
**Admission:** Free  
Call 6266-1597 for details

**Event**

**Revival 2011**  
MJSSH, Michael Jackson Shanghai Fan Club, has celebrated the birthday of Michael Jackson for the last



eight years. At the party named *Revival* last year in Mao Livehouse, fans made a promise to return again in 12 months. This year they plan to hold a party which will include imitators performing Jackson's songs in a tribute to the "King of Pop."

**Date:** August 21, 5 pm  
**Venue:** Mao Livehouse  
**Address:** 3/F, 308 South Chongqing Road 重庆南路308号3楼

**Admission:** 100 yuan  
Call 6445-0086 for details

**Film**

**Cinema Time**  
Ongoing popular films including *The Smurfs*, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* and *Transformers: Dark of the Moon* are playing at Yonghua Cinema City. Every Tuesday tickets are half price for all moviegoers.

**Date:** Every Tuesday, before mid-day or after 10 pm  
**Venue:** Yonghua Cinema City 永华电影城  
**Address:** 6/F, Grand Gateway, 1 Hongqiao Road 虹桥路1号港汇广场6楼  
**Tickets:** 40 to 60 yuan  
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