

YOU'RE INVITED TO  
*Perfect Imbalance: Exploring Chinese Esthetics*



As part of The Big Read literacy project focusing on Amy Tan's *The Joy Luck Club*, the Northeast Cultural Coop & the Southern NH Seven (a coalition of seven local town libraries) invite you to enjoy a fascinating exploration of Chinese Art at the Peabody Essex Museum.

The Peabody Essex Museum houses a large collection of Asian Export Art, as well as the Yin Yu Tang House, a 200 year-old Chinese home that has been reconstructed on the Museum grounds. Join us for a guided tour of *Perfect Imbalance: Exploring Chinese Esthetics*, which offers an approach to understanding Chinese culture through a study and celebration of the esthetics of Chinese art. The exhibition features 30 objects that date from the Neolithic era to 2004 in a range of media including painting, jade, textiles, porcelain and prints.

The day will begin with a guided tour of the Yin Yu Tang House and Gallery, followed by a lecture in the Morse Auditorium presented by PEM assistant curator of Chinese Art, Bruce MacLaren, who will give insights into the diverse art objects on view in both the special exhibit and Yin Yu Tang. After a break for lunch (on your own—not included with registration fee), the tour will resume with a docent-guided tour of *Perfect Imbalance*, followed by free time to explore other galleries or to visit the lovely shop.

Date: Thursday, November 1, 2007

Departure from The Meeting Place, Rt. 101, Amherst, NH at 8:30 am.

Please plan on arriving by 8:15 as the bus will depart promptly at 8:30a.m.

Departure from the Peabody Essex Museum at 3:00 pm.

Registration Fee: \$40 per person

Fee includes bus fare and driver gratuity, museum entrance, entrance to the Yin Yu Tang House, guided tours by museum docents and a special lecture by Peabody Essex Museum Curator, Bruce MacLaren.

Please register by October 20<sup>th</sup>

For additional information, please visit [www.NortheastCulturalCoop.org](http://www.NortheastCulturalCoop.org)

**REGISTRATION FORM**

\_\_\_\_\_ I want to visit the Ying Yu Tang House.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will visit the Asian Export Galleries to view other new objects and exhibits.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Tel#: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* Registration form and payment of \$40 per person (checks payable to: NCC) should be mailed to: Northeast Cultural Coop

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