

Institute for Chinese Studies Lecture Series

Exhibiting Explosive Stuff - Contemporary Artist Cai Guo-Qiang and the Cuyahoga River Fire

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Mendenhall Lab 115



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This lecture will introduce the exhibition *Cai Guo-Qiang: Cuyahoga River Lightning* on view at the Cleveland Museum of Art from 25 May to 22 September, 2019. Dr von Spee will discuss the exhibition's concept and approach that involved collaborating with the Chinese-born contemporary artist Cai Guo-Qiang and commemorating a difficult moment in the history of the city of Cleveland: when the Cuyahoga River caught fire in 1969, and the ensuing recovery of its waterways. The challenge for Cai was to transform the historic event and the following clean-up endeavors into the language of his art. Cai Guo-Qiang's powerful explosion events and ignited gunpowder works offer visitors an inspiring visual experience and new ways of perceiving humankind and our relationship to nature.



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