

Buddha Birth Day Festival 2008

Free Entry

Bodhi Tree Project

Date: 3 May 2008

Time: 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Venue: Royal Brisbane International College
South Bank Parklands

Artist Lee MingWei

**Discussing his work Bodhi Tree Project
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✦ Lee Mingwei, who is a practicing Ch'an Buddhist, draws on philosophical concepts underlying Buddhism: awareness, compassion, and self-knowledge. Shared experiences and interactions are often crucial in his work.

His new work, the Bodhi Tree Project, is located in front of the Gallery of Modern Art, and was dedicated in a blessing ceremony as part of this year's Buddha's Birthday Celebrations.

Lee's artistic focus is on conceptually-based participatory installations that elicit the emotional and interpersonal content of ordinary experience, often dealing with themes of trust and self-awareness in settings that create the potential for active exchange. Past works such as The Dining Project, the Sleeping Project, and the Letter Writing Project have sensitively shaped aspects of everyday life into opportunities for self-discovery and renewal.

