

Festival Accès Asie, in collaboration with OBORO, presents



Photo credit : Parker MAH, 2011

12 Characters by ***Parker Mah***

Friday, May 11, 2012
at 7 pm

OBORO
4001, Berri street, # 200
(Between Mont-Royal & Sherbrooke stations)

Admission cost : \$10

Montreal, March 1st, 2012 – In its efforts to encourage artistic endeavors and discover new talents, **Festival Accès Asie** is delighted to partner with **OBORO** (www.oboro.net), to present the work of a young and talented multidisciplinary artist, Parker MAH. For this new edition of the Festival, Parker will present his new multi-media work titled *12 Characters*.

On Friday, May 11th, 2012 come to **OBORO** to discover *12 Characters*, this dual series of original portraits based on the 12 signs of the Chinese zodiac, inspired by jazz pianist Mary Lou Williams' seminal 1945 album *The Zodiac Suite*. Woven together as a continuum of aural and visual vignettes, these oblique yet concise portraits borrow much from tradition while remaining flagrantly modern. By layering current experiences over past histories, *12 Characters* becomes a potent living statement on mixed self-identities and the diverse qualities that unite us, presented through video projections and live musical performances.

Parker MAH was born in Vancouver in the year of the Rooster. A trained jazz pianist, he also counts photography and multimedia installations among his creative endeavors. In the field of music, Parker emerged as a talented young sideman for local jazz, funk and soul groups in his native Vancouver. Since he moved to Montreal in 2007, he has become an in-demand keyboardist in the local world music scene.

A diversified visual approach, drawing inspiration from techniques of jazz improvisation and oral history, has marked his photographic works which range from the journalistic to the participatory. His images have been exhibited both in Canada and internationally. He is currently working on a documentary about the identity of young Chinese in Quebec.

With such a multiple artistic background, it's not surprising that Parker MAH is offering us a new multi-media creation that mixes both his talents of musician and visual artist. Let yourself be taken by the new visual experience by discovering these multisensorial portraits of 12 people from all walks of life within the intimate confines of the Oboro Studio.

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