

PALACE OF PUZZLES

The Legacy of J Legge: China and the West

Saturday 26 September 09

1 pm Exhibition Opening

James Legge House, 9 The Square, Huntly

2 pm Palace of Puzzles

Public Parade - The Utopia Group
Deng Defai and He Hai, Beijing/China

Start: James Legge House, 9 The Square, Huntly

4 pm Chinese Tea Ceremony and Discussion

The Legacy of Legge: Understanding, Misunderstanding, Belief and Amnesia –
China and the West

Chair: Natascha Gentz, Director of the Confucius Institute for Scotland

Norman Girardot

Lehigh University, Bethlehem, USA

Author of *The Victorian Translation of China: James Legge's Oriental Pilgrimage*

The Legacy of James Legge

Gu Zhen Qing

Curator Li Space, Beijing

Editor Visual Production Magazine

Art in China: Now and Then

Glen Dudbridge

Emeritus Prof of Chinese, University of Oxford

Religious Beliefs in China

Ewen MacDonald

Emeritus Rector of the Gordon Schools, Huntly

James Legge in Huntly

7.30 pm Ceilidh with Chinese food interventions

Gordon Arms Hotel, tickets £10
proceeds to the Gordon Dancer Beijing appeal

Exhibition Palace of Puzzle – Drawings and Paintings

James Legge House, 9 the Square, open Sat & Sun 26/27 Sept, 1pm – 4 pm

Planning to attend Palace of Puzzles? Why not make a day of it and visit Lumsden beforehand with an Arts Breakfast at SSW with Peter Jenkinson OBE of Channel 4's Big Art Project www.ssw.org.uk

James Legge: born Huntly 1815 | Missionary + Translator in China 1837-1873 | Prof of Sinology / Oxford 1875-1897

James Legge left his Huntly birthplace in Aberdeenshire as a missionary to the Far East. Believing that he had to understand those he sought to convert, he learned Chinese and began a lifelong study of their language and culture. Later occupying the first chair of Sinology at Oxford, he published numerous monumental volumes of the Chinese Classics - including the Confucius Analects and the Book of Changes or Yijing. This opened channels of exchange that led to a deeper understanding of China and seeded early modern globalisation.

The Utopia Group (Deng Dafei and He Hai) from Beijing are in residence with Deveron Arts between July and Sept 2009. During this time they developed a body of work celebrating Huntly's famous son – the great Sinologist and translator James Legge. The work includes a treasure hunt game in the town and an exhibition of paintings and drawings in James Legge's House of childhood. The climax of the project will lead the towns' folk on a parade from the house to the river celebrating a fusion of Eastern and Western, Chinese and Scottish culture and the legacy of James Legge.

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