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MEDIA RELEASE

SFU Public Square 2017 Community Summit explores connection between China and Canada with Culture/Diplomacy

Mark Rowswell, the most famous foreigner in China, performs at Burnaby campus

March 01, 2017

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SFU Public Square and the [Vancouver Art Gallery](#) present an exclusive showcase featuring six artists who are defining, building, and shaping the connection between Canada and China.

WHAT:**Dashan Live**

Drawing on three decades of working in the People's Republic of China, Dashan will share insights on learning Chinese, how to navigate Chinese media, and being a cultural celebrity in one of the most dynamic, fastest-growing economies in the world.

Culture/Diplomacy

Mark Rowswell (Dashan/达达), Chan Hon Goh, Wen Wei Wang, Hank Bull, Zheng Shengtian, and Howie Tsui. The evening will be moderated by Jan Walls.

The evening features five short performances and a discussion on how China-Canada relationships inform each artists' work.

WHEN:

- Wednesday, March 1, 2017
- **Dashan Live** – 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- **Culture/Diplomacy** – 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

WHERE:

- **Dashan Live** – Leslie and Gordon Diamond Family Auditorium, 8888 University Drive, Burnaby, BC
- **Culture/Diplomacy** – Hotel Vancouver, 900 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, BC

WHY:

- China is Canada's second largest trading partner.
- In 2012, Mark Rowswell was named Canada's Goodwill Ambassador to China

ADDITIONAL DETAILS:

Mark Rowswell will be available for interviews from 12:40 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. in front of the Leslie and Gordon Diamond Family Auditorium.

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