

BURRELL'S BRONZES UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

Friday 2nd November, 11:00AM - 6:00PM

Location: Riverside Museum, Pointhouse Place, Glasgow G3 8RS

Free, but booking essential. Contact: burrellbronzes@gmail.com

We are hosting a symposium to coincide with the visit of the Chinese ancient bronze project team from Shanghai Museum on Friday 2nd November. Shanghai Museum has an endowment from the National Social Science Fund of China to catalogue all the bronzes in UK collections. The Burrell has more than 170 Chinese ancient bronzes, many of exceptional quality.

Chinese bronzes were a significant area of collecting for Sir William Burrell (1861-1958) and he was passionate about spectacular objects with inscriptions from the era of the Shang and the Zhou dynasties (c.a. 1200 to 200 BC). This symposium will explore the meaning of inscriptions cast on ritual bronzes and cultural memory. Established authorities include Professor Zhang Maorong from Xi'an and Dr Maria Khayutina from the University of Munich.

11 am: Arrival and welcome

11.15 am - 1 pm: Session I History

Chair: James Robinson, Director, Burrell Renaissance

Professor Zhang Maorong (张懋镕) Northwest University, China

The elegance and significance of bronze inscriptions 金文的典雅与隽永

Dr Hu Jialin (胡嘉麟) Curator of the Ancient Bronzes Department, The Shanghai Museum

Appreciating bronzes in the Shanghai Museum 上海博物馆藏青铜器粹赏

1 pm - 2 pm: Lunch

2 pm - 3.45 pm: Session II Object provenance, preservation and documentation

Chair: Professor Joachim Gentz, Head of Asian Studies, University of Edinburgh

Dr Yupin Chung, Curator of Chinese and Far Eastern Civilisations, The Burrell Collection, Glasgow
Collecting Chinese bronzes and ink rubbings

Dr Qin Cao, Curator of the Chinese collections, National Museum of Scotland

Ritual or lethal: metalwork wear observations on Chinese Shang weapons in the British Museum

Stephanie de Roemer, Conservator (3-D Art), Glasgow Museums

The patina of bronzes

3.45 pm - 4.30 pm: Tea/Coffee

4.30 pm - 5.30 pm: Closing lecture

Chair: Dr Nathan Woolley, Director, Confucius Institute, University of Glasgow

Dr Maria Khayutina, University of Munich

Ritual bronze vessels and cultural memory in ancient and modern China

5:30 pm - 6.00 pm Q & A