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VIDEO RECENTLY SEEN IN BEIJING:

THE KNIFE'S EDGE

26 March – 15 May 2011

Jin Shan, Kan Xuan, Li Ming, Li Yongbin, Morgan Wong Wing-fat, Wang Qingsong and Zhao Yao
curated by Erin Coates



Wang Qingsong, 123456 Chops, 2008, video with sound, duration: 4 minutes, courtesy and © the artist.

The Knife's Edge: video recently seen in Beijing brings seven of Beijing's most exciting contemporary artists to Fremantle Arts Centre.

Comprised exclusively of projected video works, this exhibition transforms the Main Gallery into a multi-channel screen space.

From hypnotic flashes of Beijing city silhouetted against a never-setting sun, to the slow passing of time measured upon the artist's body, these works present highly individual ways of perceiving and being in the world.

Curated by Perth-based practitioner Erin Coates, **The Knife's Edge** was developed during a six-month residency in Beijing in 2010.

Drawn to artists practicing on the fringe of China's mainstream art market, Coates' research took her to studios in hutong labyrinths and the outskirts of Beijing's ever-expanding boroughs.

The resulting assemblage is a diverse collection of artists, both emerging and established in the international art world.



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The Knife's Edge does not present a survey of Chinese video art, and instead concentrates in on selected artists practicing in Beijing today. The video works focus on simple acts, extracted from the everyday and transformed into moments of wonder and disquiet.

Time is manipulated in many of these videos, as it speeds forwards, slows down or bends back on itself. By manipulating video technology, these artists pull moments from the normal flow of time, and into a space that is both experimental and contemplative.

Throughout this collection of video works there is an intensity in the way the artists seek to articulate their experiences of the world. As viewers we are drawn into these precarious moments, which seem to balance on a knife's edge.

Opening Night Friday 25 March, 6:30pm

Exhibition Saturday 26 March – Sunday 15 May 2011

Floortalk by curator Erin Coates, at Artspoken: Thursday 5 May from 6:30pm

Also on View:

Patrick Doherty *Year of the Wagon*
Benjamin Forster)(
Olga Cironis *Fajr*

About Fremantle Arts Centre:

Fremantle Arts Centre is a multi-arts organisation located in Fremantle, Western Australia. With dedicated exhibitions, residencies, music, events and learning programs, Fremantle Arts Centre is one of the state's premier institutions, delivering high-quality arts programs from local, national and international artists year-round. Fremantle Arts Centre's exhibitions are free to enter and open 7 days, from 10am to 5pm.

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