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### Yangzhou Paintings Exhibition at the Chinese University Art Gallery

An exhibition of "Paintings by Yangzhou Artists of Qing Dynasty from the Palace Museum" will be held at the Art Gallery of The Chinese University of Hong Kong from November 24, 1984 to January 9, 1985.

The exhibition features one hundred paintings by eighteen representative artists who were active in Yangzhou during the late seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. All the exhibits are from the collection of the Palace Museum in Beijing.

Among the eighteen artists, the "Eight Eccentrics" were the most well known. There are also quite a few contemporary Yangzhou artists whose works are included in the present exhibition. Their works display an equally high degree of technical proficiency and versatility, which have been very much overlooked in the past. The current exhibition will provide an opportunity for a re-evaluation.

In the eighteenth century, Yangzhou was a prosperous city and provided a favourable economic environment for the flourishing of culture. The large number of artists were patronized by the rich salt merchants, the gentry and the literati. This exhibition aims to illustrate the artistic atmosphere of high Qing Yangzhou and it is hoped that a better understanding of the development of Chinese painting in the city during the eighteenth century may be achieved.

A fully illustrated catalogue has been published to accompany the exhibition and a seminar chaired by Yang Boda, Deputy Director of the Palace Museum, Beijing, will be held at the Fine Arts Department of The Chinese University of Hong Kong. Please call the University Art Gallery at 0-6352218 for details.

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