

The Book Dongne

Celebrating Intercultural Asian Voices
“Fermenting Time, Memory, and Story”

MARCH 6, 2026, 11:00 - 20:30
GOETHE-INSTITUT (1626 Boul. St-Laurent)
Free admission, limited seats. RSVP required.



Ziya Tabassian



Abdul-Wahab
Kayyali

11h00 - 12h00: OPENING CEREMONY

Musical Performance:

Ziya Tabassian (tombak)
Abdul-Wahab Kayyali (oud)

Opening Remarks:

- Helen Lee, Award-winning filmmaker
- Miranda Castravelli, Executive Director of ELAN
- Nadja Furth, Director of Goethe-Institut
- Mi-Jeong Lee, Director of Arts East-West

Awards Ceremony:

For outstanding Asian community builders including Janet Lumb, Mei Chiu, Min-Sik Kim, Louise and Yu-Su Kang

12h00 - 13h30: NETWORKING LUNCH

Lunch & exhibition:

Complimentary lunch for all guests with RSVP.
Exhibition: “Fermenting Time Through Asian Spices.”

Information Tables:

- Canada Council for the Arts (Kakim Goh)
- English Language Arts Network (Antonia Neatby)
- Montreal Asian Film Festival (Arismita Ghosh)
- Many networking opportunities with Canadian artists!



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Guy Rodgers



Cheryl Sim



Janet Lumb



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Jinwoo Park



Kakim Goh

13h30 - 14h40: PANEL DISCUSSION
"Asian-Canadian Artists in Montreal's
Cross-Cultural Landscape: Series I"

Moderator:

Guy Rodgers (filmmaker, founder of ELAN)

Panelists:

- Cheryl Sim (Artist, Director of PHI Centre)
- Janet Lumb (Musician, Founder of Accès Asie)
- Abdul-Wahab Kayyali (Composer, educator)
- Jinwoo Park (Author of Oxford Soju Club)
- Kakim Goh (Artist, Program Officer at CCA)

14h40 - 16h40: ZINE WORKSHOP
"Fermenting Recipes and Stories"

Hands-on zine workshop. Participants will make a zine based on a personal recipe.
Led by Le Lin, multidisciplinary artist and printmaker.



Le Lin

16h40 - 17h00: NETWORKING BREAK & TEA.

17h00 - 18h40: WRITING WORKSHOP
"Fermenting Narratives and Diaspora Stories"

Interactive writing workshop that explores diaspora storytelling through creative frameworks.
Led by Jinwoo Park, Director of Book Dongne and author of *Oxford Soju Club*.



Jinwoo Park



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Helen Lee



Elmira Laki



Sally's Beauty Spot



BAM



Between: Living in the Hyphen



Can You See Me?

18h40 - 20h10: FILM SCREENINGS
"Fermenting Time from the 1990s to 2020s"

4 short films by Asian-Canadian filmmakers,
with artist talks and director Q&A.

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(2015 / 5 mins / animation)

by Howie Shia

Between: Living in the Hyphen

(2005 / 43 mins / documentary)

by Anne-Marie Nakagawa

Can You See Me?

(2023 / 1.5 mins / experimental)

by Elmira Laki (in attendance)

Sally's Beauty Spot

(1990 / 12 mins / B&W)

by Helen Lee (in attendance)

20h10 - 20h30: NETWORKING & WRAP-UP.

OUR TEAM:

- Mi-Jeong Lee (Director of Arts East-West)
- Jinwoo Park (Director of Book Dongne)
- Arismita Ghosh (Coordinator)
- Stacy Jung (Communications & Programming Intern)
- Tia Shibly (Marketing & Programming Intern)

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