

MEDIA RELEASE

For immediate release

mga
monash gallery of art

Li Gang: in the grey scale

to be opened by

Jason Yeap

Trustee, National Gallery of Victoria

3.00pm Sunday 26 September 2010

exhibition dates: 24 September–28 November 2010



LI GANG Seoul Subway no.4 2008 chromogenic print
courtesy of the artist

Monash Gallery of Art is proud to present the work of acclaimed Chinese artist Li Gang.

Curated by the Australian artist Tony Trembath, **Li Gang: in the grey scale** surveys the recent photographic work of this Australian-trained Chinese artist. Li Gang is a graduate of Victorian College of the Arts. Since returning to Beijing in the late 1990s, he has maintained a diverse practice, which includes painting, sculpture and photography.

Using hand-built cameras, Li Gang produces large and complex images of contemporary East Asian urban spaces including Beijing and Seoul. His images of people moving in these large cities are enigmatic and poetic. As Dr Isobel Crombie, Senior Curator, Photography, National Gallery of Victoria states in the accompanying exhibition catalogue, Li Gang “finds in the raw material of the world around him the elements of another reality that is atmospheric, ambiguous and highly expressive.”

The use of hand-built cameras introduces risk and accidents to Li Gang's work. In his photographs, instead of control and mastery, there is magic and mystery. The photographic darkroom was always a place of magic and mystery, where alchemy and science turned silver halides into pictures. Li Gang returns to these roots.

Visitors to the MGA will experience photographic works that reveal a remarkable poetic sensitivity. Visitors will also see examples of Li Gang's extraordinary hand-made cameras that are essential to his working process. They are in themselves like sculptures.

Exhibition Curator Tony Trembath is hosting **Brunch with the Curator**
10.30am Saturday 2 October 2010. Bookings essential ph 8544 0500.

Media enquiries:

Mark Hislop (Communications Coordinator)

T: 03 8544 0500 M: 0411 964 382

Email: markh@monash.vic.gov.au



MGA is the City of Monash's premier cultural facility

MGA 860 Ferntree Gully Road, Wheelers Hill Victoria 3150 Australia
T: + 61 3 8544 0500 E: mga@monash.vic.gov.au W: mga.org.au
Tue-Fri: 10am-5pm, Sat-Sun: 12pm-5pm, Mon/public holidays: closed

ARTS
VICTORIA

Victoria
The Place To Be

CITY OF
MONASH