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125th Birthday Celebration Art Presentation to City Council

At the Richmond City Council meeting on Monday, June 14, 2004 at 7pm artist, David Xui, of Vancouver, will make a special presentation of portraits celebrating the 21 Reeves and Mayors of Richmond from 1880 to the present.

The 21 portraits are etched and painted onto brown eggs, using a centuries-old Chinese art form dating from the 4th century B.C. Jin dynasty.

Beginning with Hugh Boyd (1880-1885) to Malcolm Brodie (2001-present), the portraits appear as antique and jewel-like artworks. Mr. Xui, who learned the precision art at his grandfather's side in China at age 12, has had his artwork presented to the Queen Mother, Queen Elizabeth II, the Duke of Edinburgh, Nancy Reagan as well as the families of New York fallen fire fighters of 9/11.

David Xui, continuing the development of this unique and ancient art form, will be teaching children and adults this technique at the Richmond Arts Centre in Fall 2004. He states that the egg represents birth and new life and this is symbolic for the City of Richmond and its citizens. This project has been done in collaboration with the Richmond Arts Centre.

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