



Le Plateau-Mont-Royal  
**Montréal** 

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## **MÉMOIRE DE LENTILLES**

### **Photo Exhibition**

*Montreal, March 23, 2006* — Festival Accès Asie collaborates with Maison de la culture Plateau-Mont-Royal, as part of the Asian Heritage Month, to present from May 10 to June 10, the original photo exhibition *Mémoires de lentilles* by Babak Salari, May Truong and Will Lew. Unique opportunity for the local public to take a glance at three distinct Asian communities through the lenses of those three photographers originating from Iran, Vietnam and China. Young, dynamic, colored, technicians, historians, Canadians, exiled and cultural activists, they expose Asian cultural eclecticism.

**Babak Salari** is a documentary photographer and a cultural activist. He is presenting *Children of Diaspora* which documents the “post-exile” experience of second generation Iranian Canadians. Salari has worked with Médecins du Monde using photography as a tool to bear witness to the aftermath of the war in Afghanistan and the occupation of Iraq and its daily effects in people's lives particularly the environment, children and women.

For her part, **May Truong** presents *Waiting for Sunday* which reveals loneliness related to ageing. “As my grandmother has aged, her dependency on others has grown. The roles have become reversed.” Her work has been touring in **Europe and North America** along side work by Annie Leibovitz, Tierney Geron and Peggy Sirota in the Beauty Beyond Compare exhibit brought to you by Dove.

**Will Lew** is a product of Chinese immigrants and the North's most vibrant city - Montreal. After his diploma in photography, Will immediately gained the attention of the local photography community, winning a finalist nod in the prestigious **LUX-Graphica** photography competition. Just two years later he would be awarded a **Grand Prize**. With his project *Lonely China*, Will Lew wants to make us realize that even with a population of over a billion people in China, it's easy to get lost and alone.

Vernissage on May 10 at 5pm / RSVP at (514) 523-1047  
Exhibition at Maison de la culture Plateau-Mont-Royal from May 10 to June 10  
465 Mont- Royal East, Montreal  
Information: (514) 872-2266 [www.ville.montreal.qc.ca/maisons](http://www.ville.montreal.qc.ca/maisons) [www.accesasie.com](http://www.accesasie.com)  
Free entrance

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