

Bearing Witness: Documenting China's Rise Introduction of Ryan Pyle

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Je suis très heureuse de vous souhaiter tous la bienvenue à l'Université d'Ottawa dans le cadre de la tournée nationale entreprise par Ryan Pyle qui va faire une présentation intitulée *Bearing Witness: Documenting China's Rise*, qui a été commandité par l'Institut asiatique de l'Université de Toronto et par le Dialogue national sur l'Asie de la Fondation Asie Pacifique du Canada.

Last Friday, Ryan launched this tour at the Asian Institute of the University of Toronto in front of a packed room. Two days ago, Ryan was at McGill University. After Ottawa, Ryan will continue on to the University of Alberta, U.B.C., and end the tour at the University of Manitoba.

It is important for me to mention that this event is also a fitting celebration of the 10th anniversary of the declaration of May as Asian Heritage Month in Canada.

Né à Toronto, Ryan Pyle a d'abord vécu au Canada pendant sa jeunesse. Après avoir décroché son diplôme en politique internationale de l'Université de Toronto en 2001, il a réalisé un de ses rêves et est parti sillonner la Chine.

In 2002, Ryan moved to China and he has been there ever since. Ryan initially picked up the camera because he was mesmerized by the visual aspect of China. He was fascinated by the country's "sheer size, complexity, cultures – the atmosphere, the air, the smells, and the colours". The following year, Ryan began taking freelance newspaper and magazine assignments. In 2004, Ryan became a regular contributor to the New York Times. Three years ago, Ryan was listed by Photo District News (PDN) Magazine as one of the 30 emerging photographers in the world.

Two years ago, Ryan and his brother Colin, produced and directed a documentary film about their 65 day – 18,000 km - Guinness World Record breaking motorcycle journey around China, which will air this summer.

Photographe primé, présentateur à la télévision, réalisateur et auteur, Ryan Pyle habite maintenant à Shanghai, en Chine.