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### Gong Yuebin: Site 2801



#### Press Release

The Crocker Art Museum will present the first major American museum exhibition for artist Gong Yuebin in spring 2012 in 'Gong Yuebin: Site 2801.' On display from March 10 through April 29, 2012, Yuebin's massive conceptual installation invites viewers to become archaeologists of the future by confronting

humanity's past and present.

In 'Site 2801,' 200 terracotta warriors based on models of those commissioned by China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang, are displayed rank by rank, having been 'unearthed' in a site that not only includes historical warriors, but additional modern combat troops and nuclear missiles. Inherent in the display is the artist's consternation about the apparent lack of progress in thousands of years of human evolution and empire building. Newborn infants that lie within the missiles offer small indications of hope, yet even hope remains sealed within a capsule of time and destruction. Yuebin therefore asks that we contemplate our behaviour from the perspective of our children's children.

'By looking at the past from a vantage point in the future, Yuebin hopes that all who see his work might be held more accountable in the present,' explains Scott A. Shields, Ph.D., associate director and chief curator, Crocker Art Museum.

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