

Press release

Fiona Tan

Exhibitions

MIRROR MAKER

The Hall, Project Room

26 January – 20 May, 2007

**Information day is Thursday 25 January from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., during which artist Fiona Tan will be present. The Information event is open to the public Friday 26 January at 12 noon. Exhibition opening is on Friday 26 January at 6 p.m. Welcome!**

The exhibition *Mirror Maker* by video and film artist Fiona Tan in the Hall and Project Room of the Pori Art Museum is all about observing, about the pictorial world of history and modern times, and about the selective subjectivity of the human gaze.

*Who are you?* is the question Fiona Tan asks in her works, which include photography and video footage and move between documentation and fiction, biography and fantasy. Tan considers the camera an unreliable or unnatural way of recording images. She sees it more as an agent provocateur, the presence of which inevitably induces a reaction from its object. Tan's interest in photographing humans grew out of her fundamental suspicion that wholly *objective* documentation may not be possible. Fiona Tan's works are portraits of individuals and groups, people in different cultural settings and from a variety of social strata.

The *Mirror Maker* is Fiona Tan's first solo exhibition in Denmark, Finland, Norway and Austria. Curated by Thorsten Sadowsky and Martin Hochleitner, the exhibition together with its accompanying publication have been realised in cooperation with the Brandts Klædefabrik centre for art and culture, the Landesgalerie Linz, and the Kunstmuseum Bergen. The publisher Kehrer Verlag handles international distribution of the book. Partners and sponsors: The Mondriaan Foundation / Mondriaan Stichting.

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**Fiona Tan** was born in Indonesia (Pekan Baru) in 1966 and grew up in Australia. She now lives and works in Amsterdam.

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