

“big peep show” by Yuan Shun

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Yuan Shun will present a series of new videos in which he will be playing different roles as a spectator. In fact, he will be interpreting several stereotyped characters (the younger and older brother, the teenage boy, the old man...). All the characters are watching a peep show through a little hole which is the camera. So we watch them watching but we never see the Big Peep Show.

In the ground floor of the gallery the artist will present an installation made out of real sand where he will build a whole cityscape that could represent his own fantasy world. He told me that it could be a representation of the moon or maybe a satellite city, the one we read about in Calvino's books, or in Asimov's bestsellers...

The title refers especially to the videos, which are shown in the basement of the gallery - but it could have also some abstract relationship with the installation on the ground floor. Who knows what these characters are really looking at? Who has the certainty that they're just looking at a peep show? Maybe some of them are imagining a whole fantasy world outside that hole, maybe the peep show is just an excuse to feel they've reached another level of imagination...!

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