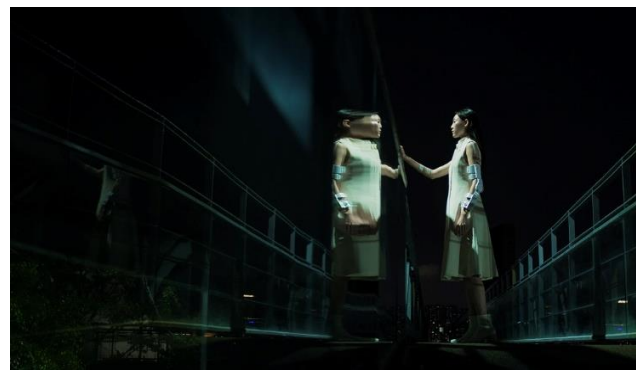


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**Taipa Village Cultural Association Proudly Presents**  
**“Trapped x Escape - An Eternal Theme: Narrative Stills”**  
*Powerful images entice viewers to create their own stories with open endings*



**Macau, 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021 – Taipa Village Cultural Association is delighted to present its second show of the year, entitled “Trapped x Escape - An Eternal Theme: Narrative Stills”. Created by award-winning film director Tracy Choi and cinematographer Simmy Cheong, the exhibition is an open-ended cinematic work comprised of a unique set of narrative still images that offers the essence of stories that could take shape.**

The exhibition reveals a tacit understanding between Tracy and Simmy, who have been working together for more than 10 years, which sometimes brings their ideas into too close an alignment. Through this collaborative new work, they hope to return to the original point of telling a simple story with still images in order to experiment together, revisit the genesis of their ideas, and recapture their original intentions.

“The story-telling is intentionally left up to the judgement of the viewers, based on two highly experimental bodies of work that could be storyboards for future films,” says João Ó, President of the Executive Board at Taipa Village Cultural Association. “One of them is a wall composition made of narrative stills, in which each image is inscribed with an enigmatic thought that conveys the observations of an unknown narrator. The second body of work is an elongated lightbox fixed to another wall of the gallery space that allows the viewer to manipulate film stills to experience what it's like to edit a trailer for their own movie.”

Composed of 20 images inspired by the universe of science fiction, the show tells the story of a woman who is trapped and wants to escape, reflecting the universal urge to confront one's own fears, entrapment by the past or longing for someone as yet unknown. It demonstrates a strong connection to Tracy's familiar movie themes, which address women's issues. From the still images, viewers can interact with the work to weave their own stories and draw their own conclusions. The location in which the photographs were shot can also be freely imagined by viewers themselves.



Taipa Village Cultural Association continues to bring together the endeavours of local and international artistic talents by exhibiting a multitude of artworks at Taipa Village Art Space. Showcasing movie stills using a highly interactive approach, this exhibition further cements Taipa Village's position as a leading cultural and artistic destination in Macau, and its significant contribution to the promotion of the territory's cultural and creative industries.

Exhibition period : 14<sup>th</sup> April 2021 – 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021  
Opening hours : 12.00 pm – 8.00 pm  
Venue : Taipa Village Art Space, 10 Rua dos Clerigos, Taipa, Macau  
Artists : Tracy Choi, Simmy Cheong  
Media : Narrative stills  
Admission : Free

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### **About Taipa Village Cultural Association**

Taipa Village Cultural Association was established in 2016 as a non-profit body comprised of representatives from both the local community and wider Macau. The association aims to highlight the uniqueness of Taipa Village's heritage by raising awareness of its attractions and bolstering its position as a distinctive community that benefits the whole of Macau.

Taipa Village Cultural Association has planned numerous initiatives to preserve, strengthen and enhance the village's position as a tourist and cultural must-go destination, including a diverse range of artistic and cultural attractions allowing visitors and future generations to enjoy a unique experience of the authentic Macau.

### **About Taipa Village**

Located in an historic enclave on Taipa Island, Taipa Village was originally inhabited by fisherfolk – a heritage that lives on today in its quaint village street layout and evocative, pastel-hued shop houses, nestled alongside colonial churches and Chinese temples. The village, with its rich history, offers an inspiring, East-meets-West alternative to Macau's casinos, and is a compelling, rewarding city highlight for visitors and locals alike.

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