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### Believed to Be Bingham's First Chinese Art Exhibition Celebrates Culture, Community and Belonging

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Traditional Chinese art will take centre stage in Bingham this summer as **Notts Through Chinese Brush** opens at Long Acre Arts, bringing together professional artists, local schoolchildren and the wider community in what is believed to be the town's first exhibition dedicated to Chinese art.

Organised by **NBH Studio CIC (Neighbourhood Studio)**, in partnership with **The Jan Parnham Trust (Long Acre Arts)** and **Word Heart Studio**, the exhibition explores how traditional Chinese artistic practices continue to evolve across cultures and landscapes.

Featuring works by **Dr Tsz Wun Kwong**, **Mr Ping-Kin So**, and **Ms Jin Wu**, the exhibition showcases three distinctive Chinese art forms: **Chinese Calligraphy**, **Traditional Shan Shui (Landscape) Painting**, and **Mogu Painting (沒骨畫)**—a refined painting technique that creates form through colour rather than ink outlines.

Although each artist comes from a different background, they now share a common home in Nottinghamshire. Through their work, they reflect on place, memory, identity and belonging,

demonstrating how centuries-old artistic traditions continue to respond to contemporary life in Britain.

Alongside the professional exhibition, **The Magic Brush Community Gallery** invites visitors to experience the creativity of local schoolchildren. Inspired by the origins of Chinese pictograms, pupils from local schools have transformed ancient Chinese characters into imaginative artworks, creating a collaborative installation celebrating cultural curiosity, creativity and community participation.

The exhibition explores a simple but powerful question:

**What happens when one of the world's oldest artistic traditions encounters the everyday landscapes and communities of Nottinghamshire?**

For curator **Josephine Ng**, the answer lies not simply in cultural exchange, but in the stories carried by each artist's brush.

*"A brush is more than an artist's tool—it carries memory, culture and lived experience. Through this exhibition, we hope visitors will discover that traditional Chinese art is not something distant or unfamiliar, but a living language that continues to evolve as artists find new homes, new landscapes and new communities."*

Visitors will have the opportunity to explore original works by the featured artists, discover the expressive beauty of Chinese calligraphy and painting, and experience the collaborative creativity of **The Magic Brush Community Gallery**, where young artists from across the local community exhibit alongside established practitioners.


The exhibition also reflects Neighbourhood Studio CIC's commitment to promoting cultural understanding, creativity and community connection through the arts.

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## Exhibition Information

### Notts Through Chinese Brush

 Long Acre Arts, Bingham

 25–26 July 2026

Admission: [Free / Ticket information]

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# About Neighbourhood Studio CIC

Neighbourhood Studio CIC is a Nottinghamshire-based community interest company dedicated to building stronger communities through creativity, storytelling and cultural engagement. Working with artists, educators and local partners, the organisation creates opportunities for people of all ages to connect through meaningful artistic experiences.

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