



## THE ORIENTAL CERAMIC SOCIETY OF HONG KONG LIMITED

### “THE ENIGMA OF NI ZAN (1306 – 1374)”

**Dr Stephen Little**

**Date:** Tuesday, 20 July 2010  
**Venue:** The Hong Kong Club, Jackson Road, Central, Hong Kong  
**Time:** 18:30 registration; 19.00 Presentation; 20:15 Dinner  
**Cost:** Lecture HK\$100 for non-members  
Dinner Members HK\$450 and Guests \$500

Ni Zan (Ni Tsan) is famous as one of the greatest painters in Chinese history, and as one of the “Four Great Masters of the Yuan Dynasty”. He lived during the Mongol occupation of China in the 14<sup>th</sup> century, and painted landscapes that were intensely personal and poetic, and deceptively simple in style. Today his original paintings are rare; the majority of his surviving works are owned by the National Palace Museum in Taipei, Republic of China. Six of his paintings are owned by American museums.

In 1996 Stephen Little, while working as Pritzker Curator of Asian Art at the Art Institute of Chicago, acquired Ni Zan’s largest known painting for the museum. The painting was purchased from the great 20<sup>th</sup> century painter and collector, C. C. Wang.

This lecture will tell the story of the painting’s history and acquisition, and Little’s foray into the enigmatic world of this 14<sup>th</sup> century Chinese master.

**Dr. Stephen Little** has recently stepped down as Director of the Honolulu Academy of Arts, where he remains as a consultant. He graduated with a PhD in art history from Yale University in 1987, and since then has held a series of increasingly prominent and responsible positions in major museums in the USA.

Dr Little is widely published in his areas of research interest, which include Chinese painting, calligraphy and ceramics, Daoist art, Japanese painting and woodblock prints, Tibetan Buddhist painting and Southeast Asian sculpture and ceramics.

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  - Please reserve \_\_\_ seat(s) for members at HK\$450 each and \_\_\_ seat(s) for guests at HK\$500 each for dinner.
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