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Asia Fine Art presents

## Faces of the Chin Women, Myanmar

Exhibition Period : 11<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2009

Venue : Starstreet, UG Lobby, Three Pacific Place,  
1 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong



Asia Fine Art is proud to curate this very special photographic exhibition by **Jens Uwe Parkitny** featuring the Chin women in Myanmar, from his new book.

The Chin tribes live in difficult to access territory in the North and North-West of Myanmar. Their cultural signature includes the practice to tattoo the faces of their young girls and women, a ritual always conducted by other women.

The complex patterns, hammered into the skin with thorns or needles using a mixture of soot and sap for colour, have their origin in a centuries old tradition. The abstract designs are inspired by the plant and animal kingdom.

The comprehensive photographic documentation of the different tattoos by **Jens Uwe Parkitny** is the first of its kind worldwide and therefore unique . His 7 year research is invaluable as the facial tattooing practice among the Chin groups is a vanishing tradition.

For Asia Fine Art gallery, who are Hong Kong's leading exponents of Burmese art, this photographic exhibition giving exposure to the intriguing lifestyle of the Chin people, is the latest in their continuing series of Myanmar exhibitions.

Tattoos have long been more than about just body decoration. They serve to distinguish a group of people in tribal societies and are often indicative of age, social or marital status. This is the first time, portraits of Chin women with facial tattoos, some of them never documented before, will be displayed through photographs at the **Starstreet UG Lobby of Three Pacific Place**.

Parallel to the exhibition, the book titled Bloodfaces will be launched from 5:30 – 7:00pm Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November at the Kelly & Walsh bookstore at Pacific Place.

The proceeds from the sale of prints & books will go to an orphanage in Yangon.

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