

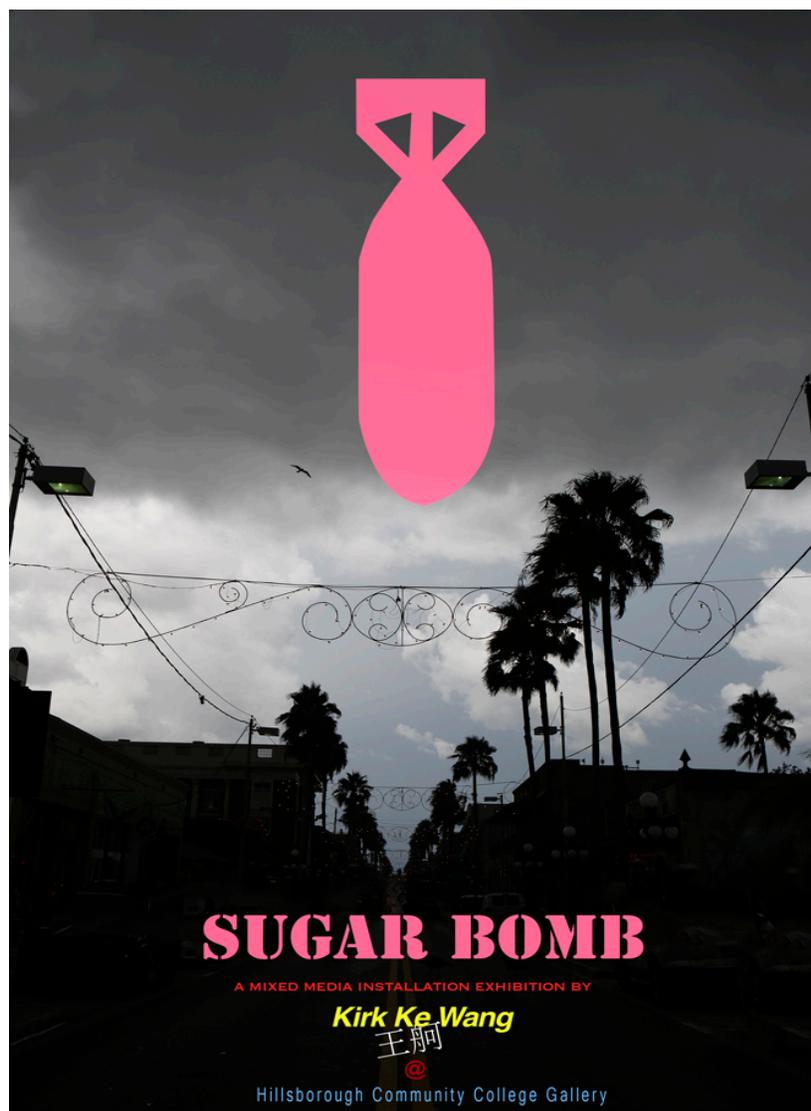


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Kirk Ke Wang "SUGAR BOMB"



Tampa, FL--HCC's Ybor School of Visual and Performing Arts Gallery presents a site-specific installation by artist Kirk Ke Wang born in Shanghai, China. Wang, Professor of Visual Arts at Eckerd College, is a painter, sculptor, photographer, mixed media artist and educational software developer. This project, "Sugar Bomb," was inspired by the artist's recent travel to China and Cuba, his memory of enjoying Cuban brown sugar during the cold war time in China, and the connections Ybor City has with Cuba.

The installation will run Aug 26-Sept 30, 2013. An Artist's Reception will take place Thursday, Sept 12, 5:00 to 8:00pm with a Power Point presentation in the Mainstage Theatre at 6:30pm. The gallery and theatre are located in the Performing Arts Building, Palm Ave and 15th Street. All events are free and open to the public.

Wang has sculpted many "bombs" made of Cuban brown sugar, tobacco leaves, Skittle candies in containers made in China, American made bear bottles, as well as other materials of cultural identity. Those bombs will be showering down from the ceiling, as we are attacked. The bombs are attached to strings that linked to school chairs which are emerging from the wall. When audience pick up the headsets attached to the chair, they will hear revolutionary songs by children of many countries. There will be ambient video/sound of Cuban people singing Western/American songs in the park at night that he recorded in Havana. Quoting Kirk Wang, "The concept of this installation deals with the love-hate relationship between opposite or different societies. Each side wants to benefit politically and culturally with persuasions, influences and propaganda. I hope the paradox and irony of "bombs" made of sugar, candy or tobacco will instigate a debate about the international affairs we are facing today." Wang also states, "Philosophically, there will be a lot of hidden messages that we could discuss in this installation, but I will leave it to the audience."

HCC Ybor Gallery hours are Mon and Weds-Fri 10am to 4pm and Tuesdays noon to 7pm. Parking is available in the HCC visitor lots, the Ybor Garage on 15th St and the Nuccio Parking Garage. For further details or special arrangements for your visit or a group/class visit, please contact Carolyn Kossar, 813.253.7674, ckossar@hccfl.edu.