SSPS Screening Series:

Exploring local history and culture in Hong Kong (2024)

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Speaker: Ms. Dora Choi (Director)



Discussant: Prof. Tai-Lok Lui

Date: 29 Feb 2024 Time: 11:00-13:20

Venue: C-LP-11

Language: Cantonese, English (Chinese, English Subtitles)

Synopsis:

Convenient, tired and vapid, 'East-meets-West' is a cliché that has for decades been used to sell the 'Hong Kong story' to the world. Yet in the forgotten legend of Harry Odell, Hong Kong's first impresario, a rediscovery of the city's soul awaits.

Flamboyant and cigar-chomping, Odell was a Cairo-born, Shanghai-bred Russian Jew who stamped his mark on the cultural life of post-war Hong Kong. His hopeful, if chronically loss-making adventures pushed the cultural frontiers of his adopted home, capturing the open, dynamic and inclusive spirit of a bygone era to leave a legacy that resonates to this day.

What began as a grassroot conservation campaign to save the iconic State Theatre in Hong Kong morphed into five years of research and interviews with those who witnessed Odell in action. The result: a film that is as much a study of one indomitable pioneer as it is a soul-

searching journey of what defines Hong Kong.



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