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Vince Ungvary presents: "Jesuit mapping of China: 1600-1800"

The earliest Westerners who came to China were the Jesuit Missionaries in the mid 1500's and were accepted into the Emperor's Court as foreign literati with their advanced knowledge of astronomy, calendar-making, mathematics, hydraulics, and geography. They soon turned to creating amazing maps of both China and the world by adapting to local culture. These detailed maps of China ignited huge interest in Europe about the Chinese civilization & its power. Who were these men? Why were they given royal privileges to make detailed maps of China by successive Chinese Emperors? What amazing gift did Kangxi receive from a Jesuit in 1672?

Vince will take you on an incredible journey to the Ming & Qing Dynasty period through the maps created by the Jesuits.

Original, rare & beautiful maps of China from 1600-1800's will be on display and available for purchase after the talk.

Tuesday, November 25th 7:30pm @ Grub and Groove Grub and Groove (G&G), Building 2, 283 Jianguo Xi Lu, near Jiashan Lu 建国西路 283 号,尚街 X 楼, 近嘉善路 (最近地铁站:9 号线 嘉善站)

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