

Children at Play



May Cheong-Sabgal, Hong Kong

Two different groups of children at play. One was in the month of February during the Chinese New Year where children would play with fire crackers, do the lion dance with accompanying music. The other was during the spring month of May where the children are playing an ancient game of sedan-chair, whereby two children would interlock their hands together to form a "chair-like" support and a third child would climb on board and be carried around like in a sedan chair. Some day I will get around to painting the other ten months of "Children at play" series.

First Fire

Line drawing of the children and background is panned on using Burnt Umber and black.

Second Fire

Portrait Transparency is used to paint faces and hands of

children. As the children are in a festive mood, various bright colors like Pompadour, Yellow Red, Golden Ochre, Mixing Yellow, Ochre, Violet of Iron and Meissen Green are used for their clothes. Patterns were either previously panned on or are wiped out after paint is applied to create different patterns. Back-ground is painted using Sienna Brown and Black Green for the roofs as well as trees and for the river, Delphinium Blue and Light Blue Green was applied. The foreground was painted in a mix of Ochre and Black Green. Yellow Red was lightly dabbed on for the sky.

Third Fire

Blush and lipstick is applied on to faces of children using Pompadour. Dark colors were strategically applied throughout to provide contrast.

