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Abstract: **Charles Liu**

Chinese born American artist Charles Liu is an award winning painter, art curator and art writer who resides in Sugar Land with his wife Shirley, a senior research technician at Rice University. His mother, Priscilla Liu, is 100 years old this year. He has traveled the world teaching art, creating and showing his art and curating exhibitions for various museums.

His daughter, Josephine, is a skilled musician and music educator and son, Albert, earned a doctorate and works in education policy research. Charles and Shirley enjoy sitting by the lake behind their house to enjoy the quiet and beauty. He feels that Sugar Land is closer to his ideal city cultural blueprint which he describes in this interview.

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Interview Summary

People (in alphabetical order)

Huang Hsin-Chien – Taiwanese artist

Lindsay Davis – Sugar Land Cultural Arts
Manager

Denise Leung – daughter in law

Albert Liu – son

Chi-Chiao Liu – father

Chow Chi-Liu (Priscilla) – mother

Josephine Liu – daughter

Maddie Liu – granddaughter

Shirley Liu – spouse

Audrey Moerschel – granddaughter

Zoe Moerschel – granddaughter

Jonathan Moerschel – son in law

Places / Businesses

Events

Charles' father was in the Chinese military after WWII. Later the family moved to Taiwan where his father worked for the national government. He died when Charles was in high school. His mother, Priscilla, graduated from college and was a translator in Japan for the United Nations. She will celebrate her 100th birthday in September.

Charles and his wife left Chicago after 20 years and moved to Sugar Land because of its diversity and quiet beauty. They met in Taiwan and married in Madrid, Spain where he was studying art.

He is a world-renowned painter, art author and curator who has traveled around the world.

They raised a son and daughter who both have successful careers.

Charles feels that Sugar Land has developed a cultural blueprint that meets his expectations.

Chicago, Illinois

China

Herbert F. Johnson Museum

Hong Kong

Japan

Madrid Spain

National Endowment for the Arts

Rice University

Smart Financial Center

Sugar Land Children's Discovery Center

Sugar Land Heritage Foundation
Museum

Sugar Land Museum of Natural Sciences

Taiwan

Taiwanese Ministry of Culture