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BIOGRAPHY

Born in 1984 in Kaifeng, China, Xi Zhang completed his studies in painting at China's Beijing Institute of Art and Design. He moved to the United States to further his artistic training at Denver, Colorado's Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design. He received his Bachelor of Fine Arts in painting from RMCAD in 2008, and that same year was recognized by then Denver Post art critic Kyle MacMillan as the "Emerging Artist of the Year" for his "well developed, surprisingly mature vision." Zhang continued from there with his masters studies in painting at the University of Colorado, Boulder, receiving his MFA from the institution in 2011. That same year he was named one of the "12 Best Colorado Artists Under 35" as well as one of seven "Pathfinders" in the arts also by MacMillan in the Denver Post.

Zhang's work had notable shows including Song Zhuang Multimedia Art Exhibition at Song Zhuang Art Museum in Beijing (2006), URRRA in Argentina (Buenos Aires 2012), Ornaments at White House (2012), and Biennale of America in U.S. (2013). His work was featured on media as CNN (2011), Art Ltd Magazine (2012), PBS (2013), NPR (2013), and Juxtapoz Magazine (2014). Zhang also was awarded Emerging Artist of Year (2008), The Pathmaker (2011), Top twelve artists under age 35 (2012), The Catherine Doctorow Prize in Contemporary painting (Nominated 2015), The John Moores Painting Prize (China, Finalist 2016), Gold Award Winner in painting from Art Forward Contest (2016). Zhang is represented by PLUS Contemporary Fine Arts Gallery in Denver and Marc Straus Gallery In New York.

EDUCATION

2011 MFA Painting and Drawing, **University of Colorado at Boulder**, Boulder, CO
2008 BFA Painting and Drawing, **Rocky Mountain College of Art + Design**, Denver, CO

GALLERY REPRESENTATION

Marc Straus Gallery, New York City, NY
PLUS Contemporary Gallery, Denver, Colorado

EXHIBITIONS

SELECTED SOLO SHOWS:

2017 Shelter of Desire, Arts Brookfield, Denver, CO
2016 Xi Zhang's New Paintings, Marc Straus Gallery, New York City, NY
Xi Zhang's New Paintings, 33 Contemporary Art Museum, Guang Zhou, China
2015 Metallic Leaf Garden, Grey Matter Gallery, Milwaukee, WI
New Work, Hyperlink Gallery, Chicago, IL
2014 Bone, Plus Gallery, Denver, CO
Samples, Hyperlink Gallery, Chicago, IL
2013 21st DNA: Xi Zhang's Retrospective Exhibition, McNichols Civic Center, Denver, CO
2012 11 ceremonies, Plus Gallery, Denver, CO
2011 Awakening Dreams, Plus Gallery, Denver, CO
No One's Wonderland, CU Art Museum, Boulder, CO
2010 The Promise, Denver International Airport, Denver, CO
2009 Convulsions, Fleming Art Space Boulder, CO
2008 12921 Rule Gallery, Denver, CO
2007 Never Land (Peace Project) Museum Of Contemporary Art, Denver, CO
2006 Arts Alliance of Littleton's featured artist Littleton Historical Museum
The New world, Remmi Fine Art Gallery, Denver, CO

SELECTED GROUP SHOWS:

2017 Celeste Prize winners exhibition, The Bargehouse, OXO Tower gallery, London, UK
100 Asian artists from all around Asia, (Jurors: Sun Kyung, owner of Gallery LVS) Gallery LVS, Seoul, South Korea
National Juried Competition - Works on Paper 2017, (Juror: Jane Panetta, Associate Curator, the Whitney Museum of American Art, NYC), Long Beach Island Foundation of the Arts & Sciences, Loveladies, NJ
Time Zone Converter, (curator: Joo Woo/ sponsored by the Korean government's Ministry of Culture, Sports, and Tourism and Embassy of the Republic of Korea), Korean Cultural Center in Beijing, China
FRESH PAINT Biennial at Manifest, (Jurors: Manifest Gallery community), Manifest Gallery, Cincinnati, OH.
2016 The 2016 Combat Prize Exhibition, Museo G. Fattori Museum, Italia
The 2016 John Moores Painting Prize Exhibition, Shang Hai Art Museum, Shang Hai, China
31st Chelsea International Fine Art Competition Exhibition, Agora Gallery, New York, NY
New American Paintings: Midwest Edition, Elmhurst Art Museum, Elmhurst, IL
Scope Art Fair (Four Persons Exhibition), Rare Gallery, New York, NY
2015 The Fantasy of Representation, Beer Contemporary Gallery, London, England
Writing Portraits, 33 Contemporary Art Museum, Guang Zhou, China
21st Texas National, (Juror: Zhi Lin, Professor of Painting and Drawing, Co-Chair of the Art Division, and the painting and drawing program at the UW School of Art), SFA Art Galleries & Cole Art Center, Nacogdoches, Texas
2014 Everyone's Time Is Their Own, Alter Space, San Francisco, CA
2013 Open Space/Private Space, China Central Academic of Art, Beijing, China
A BETTER WORLD, University Golyavar, Budapest, Hungary
Home land, Dar al-Kalima College Bethlehem, Palestine
2012 Ornaments, White House, Washington DC
Open Studio, G14 Gallery, Argentina
Urta, Galeria Del Infinito Arte, Argentina
Faces, Places, & Space, The Arvada Art Center, Arvada, CO
2011 Ripple, CNN, CNN.com/911ripple
Illuminations, Boulder Contemporary Art Museum, Boulder, CO
2010 Xian Shan Xiao, Art Museum of He Nan University (China)
Art Bush, Robischon Gallery, Denver, CO
2009 Bollywood, Denver Art Museum, Denver, CO
Red @RULE, Rule gallery, Denver, CO
2008 Santa Fe Art Fair, Santa Fe, NM
Salon du Musée, 1261 gallery, CO
2007 Flow Art Fair, Miami, FL
Summer Group Show, Rule Gallery, Denver, CO
Red dot fair, New York, NY
44th RMCAD student show, Steele Gallery, Denver CO
2006 Wall, Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art, Boulder, CO
Young Guns Plus Gallery, Denver CO
Kaleidoscope, Colorado Gallery of the Arts, Littleton, CO
The New Landscape Remmi Fine Art Gallery, Denver CO
New Medias, SongZhuang Gallery of Contemporary Art (China)
Heave Breathing Capsule Gallery, Denver, CO
2005 Three, Song Zhuang Contemporary Art Gallery, Beijing, China.
Outsider, Pirate Gallery, Denver, CO
2004 Untitled, Gallery of Johnson & Wales University, Denver, CO
New Art, Museum of Henan University, Kai Feng, China
2001 Prayers, Gallery of school of Art + Design in Beijing, Beijing, China.

SELECTED REVIEWS

2017 "Xi Zhang" (Juror: Brock Brake, Co-Owner and Curator of Athen B. Gallery, the Curator and Director of First Amendment Gallery in San Francisco / Oakland) Create! Magazine Issue VI .
"Xi Zhang: Shelter of Desire" By Susan Froyd. Westword, Denver Local Newspaper.
"The Combat Prize 2017 in Painting" Catalog, Italian, Finalist. Exhibition Catalog
"Manifest 2017" art catalog
2016 "The John Moores Painting Prize Catalog" (China, Finalist), Exhibition Catalog
"The Combat Prize in Painting" Catalog, Italian, Finalist. Exhibition Catalog
"Under the Radar," Art Slant
"Gold Award in Painting from ArtForward" Blouin Gallery Guide, International Summer Issue
2015 "New American Paintings", Issue #119/Cover of the Content page
"A Mile High State of the Arts", ARTslant, March 9
"China National Arts", Issue Sep 2015
2013 "21st DNA" PBS TV program, on air July 18th, 2013
"Rising Star", Denver Post, May 13th, 2013
"Xi Zhang" Bliss (L.A.) Magazine, May issue, 2013
2012 "11 Ceremonies", Art Ltd, Page 27, May/June issue, 2013
"Outside the Lines," 5280, September
"Facts and Figures," Michael Paglia, Westword, April 4
"Set to Stun," Susan Froyd, Westword, March 7
"Psychadelic Prospector.....ZHANG!" Elliot Riis, 303 Magazine, March
2011 "Ripple", CNN, September 11 2011, CNN.com
"Dream Dust Milkshakes", Press by PLUS gallery
"Di it", Press by Steel gallery and Rocky Mountain college of Art and Design.
"Ripple", CNN, Denver Post Blog

- "Plus Gallery 10th Anniversary", 303 Magazine, July 14
- 2010 "Yi Shu (艺术)" International Chinese Art Magazine Page 63, July issue
- 2008 "Emerging Artist of the Year", Denver Post, December 28
 "Emerging artist Xi Zhang delves into notion of identity in masses", Denver Post, Page 15, May 02
 "DADA(Denver Art Dealers Association magazine)", No.2, Cover
- 2007 "One More Show", Denver Post Page 4, Friday, October
 "Art Status"(Chinese) Vol. 1 Issue 1 Edition
- 2006 "Xi Zhang" Mile High News (interview) Vol. 82 Issue 50
 "Burn This" art magazine Vol. 2 Issue 7
 "New Art in China" Vol 11 magazine cover
 "Form and Content" Chinese art textbook, Henan University Press
- 2005 "New Art in China" Vol 9 p 26--29 (Chinese)
 "Art in Dong Jing" p 54-55 (Chinese)
 "The Day after Tomorrow" Vol 1(Chinese Contemporary Art magazine) p256

SELECTED AWARDS

- 2017 The Celeste Prize in Painting Finalist, London, UK
 The 2017 ArtSlant Grand Prize Finalist, (Jurors: Janet Dees-the Steven and Lisa Munster Tananbaum Curator of Modern and Contemporary Art at the Mary & Leigh Block Museum of Art, Northwestern University./ Michelle Levy, Director of EFA Project Space/Chris Cook is the Executive Director of Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts) www.artslant.com
 The 2017 Combat Prize in Painting Recommended Artists from The Jury, Livorno, Italia
- 2016 Gold Award Winner in painting, Art Forward Contests
 Excellence Award in Painting, 31st Chelsea International Fine Art Competition
 The Combat Prize in Painting Italian, Finalist
 The John Moores Painting Prize (China, Finalist)
 The Top Five Artist in Denver, CBS TV Channel
 The Master of Art International, Finalist, London, England
 Artist in Residence, Marc Straus Gallery, New York City, NY
- 2014 The Catherine Doctorow Contemporary painting prize, (Nominated)
- 2012 Finalist of "The Self" from Artist Wanted, August 01
- 2011 The 12 Best Colorado artist under 35, Denver Post, May 20
 2011 Pathmaker, Denver Post, January 02
 Top 10 Art Shows in 2011, Illiterate media Magazine
- 2009 Top 50 national MFA student, My ART SPACE, www.myartspace.com
- 2008 Emerging Artist of the Year, Denver Post
 The Best of Department, "45th Student Show" Rocky Mountain College of Art + Design, Denver, CO
 The Silver Medal, "45th Student Show" Rocky Mountain College of Art + Design, Denver, CO
- 2007 1st Place Award Winner, "Untitled Show", Space Gallery, Denver, CO
 President's Award Winner, "44th Student Show" Rocky Mountain College of Art + Design, Denver, CO
 Featured artists, My Art Space, www.myartspace.com/weekly/week070914.html
- 2006 Featured Artist, Arts Alliance of Littleton, Littleton Historical Museum, CO
 1st Place Award for the "Kaleidoscope" (Annual Juried Exhibition, Juror, Michael Paglia, Westword Critic), CO Gallery of the Arts, Denver, CO
 Featured artist, "Art staut" magazine, Vol 1
 Featured artist, "New Art in China" magazine 2005, 2006
 Featured artist, "Burn This" art magazine, 2006
 Chuck Mattow Scholarship Award, Rocky Mountain College of Art + Design, Denver, CO
- 2005 Chuck Mattow Scholarship Award, Rocky Mountain College of Art + Design, Denver, CO
 Honorable Mention Nomination Award, Hou Tian Art Foundation, China

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2015 Visiting Artist, Illinois College, Jacksonville, IL
- 2012 Visiting Artist, Urra Art Program, Argentina
- 2011 Visiting Artist, Logan Lecture-Xi Zhang, Denver Art Museum, CO
 Visiting Artist, Boulder Contemporary Art Museum, CO
- 2010 Visiting Artist and Art Curator, He Nan University, China
- 2007 Art Editor, Chinese Contemporary Art and Critique (Chinese Online Art Forum)
- 2006 Art Editor, Mei Shu Tong Meng (Chinese Online Art Forum), 2006-2007