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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.

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 (Denver Post 2008), The Pathmaker (Denver Post 2011), Top twelve artists under age 35 (Denver Post 2012), The John Moores Painting Prize (China, Finalist 2016), Gold Award Winner in painting from Art Forward Contest (Los Angeles 2016), Celeste Prize in Painting (Italy, Finalist 2017), and Grand Prize in Painting from See Me (New York 2020)

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, USA.

2008 BFA Painting and Drawing, **Rocky Mountain College of Art + Design**, Denver, CO, USA.

SELECTED HONORS AND AWARDS

2020 Grand Prize in Painting, SeeMe Community and Sotheby's Institute, New York City, NY, USA
Jurors: Jerry Saltz, Christine Kuan, Poppy Simpson, Brendan Ciecko, Marine Tanguy, and Ariel Adkins.

2019 The Peter S. Reed Foundation Grant in Painting. The Peter S. Reed Foundation, New York, NY, USA.

URC Faculty Research & Creative Grant. University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT, USA.

2017 Celeste Prize in Painting, Celeste Prize Network, London, UK.

Jurors: Harriet Loffler, Fatoş Üstek, Ovul O. Durmusoglu, Nav Haq, Emiliano Valdés, Ilaria Puri Purini, Rózsa Zita Farkas, Attilia Fattori Franchini, and Ben Vickers

Juried Winner, The ArtSlant Prize Round 6 ArtSlant.com

Jurors: Janet Dees and Michelle Levy

2016 Finalist, The Master of Art International, London, England.

Excellence Award in Painting, 31st Chelsea International Fine Art Competition, New York City, NY, USA.

Jurors: Marisa Kayyem, Irene Tsatsos, Xiaoyun Zhang, and Holly Myers

Gold Award Winner in Painting, Art Forward International Contest #5, CA, USA.

The Top Five Artist in Denver, CBS TV Channel, Denver, CO, USA.

- 2014 **Nominated, The Catherine Doctorow Contemporary Painting Prize**, Utah Museum of Contemporary Art, Salt Lake City, UT, USA.
- 2012 **Finalist of The Self from Artist Wanted**, Long Island, NY, USA.
- 2011 **The 12 Best Colorado artist under 35**, Denver Post, May 20, Denver, CO, USA.
- 2010 **2011 Pathmaker**, Denver Post, January 02, Denver, CO, USA.

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS:

- 2020 **Xi Zhang: Dream Dust Milkshake**, Kimball Art Center, Park City, UT, USA.
- 2018 **Xi Zhang**, Marc Straus Gallery, New York, NY, USA.
Imagine, ATC DEN, Denver, CO
Purgatory and Paradise, Wabash College Gallery, Crawfordsville, IN, USA.
- 2017 **Shelter of Desire**, Arts Brookfield, Denver, CO, USA.
- 2015 **Metallic Leaf Garden**, Grey Matter Gallery, Milwaukee, WI, USA.
- 2014 **Samples**, Hyperlink Gallery, Chicago, IL, USA.
Bone, Plus Gallery, Denver, CO, USA.
- 2013 **21st DNA**, McNichols Civic Center, Denver, CO, USA.
- 2012 **11 ceremonies**, Plus Gallery, Denver, CO, USA.
- 2011 **No One's Wonderland**, CU Art Museum, Boulder, CO, USA.
Awaking Dreams, Plus Gallery, Denver, CO, USA.

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS:

- 2019 **The 2019 Combat Prize Finalist Exhibition**, *Museo G. Fattori* Museum, Italy.
Looking for America, The City Library, Salt Lake City, UT, USA
Transcontinental: People, Place, Impact, Rio Gallery, Salt Lake City, UT, USA
- 2018 **Art Central Hong Kong Art Fair**, Marc Straus Gallery, Hong Kong, China.
COLLECTIVITY, Galleries of Contemporary Art GOCA, Los Angeles, CA, USA.
Yeah Maybe/YM#29, *Minneapolis*, MN, USA.
- 2017 **100 Emerging Asian Artists / ASYAAF 2017**, Gallery LVS, Seoul, South Korea.
Celeste Prize Finalist Exhibition, The Bargehouse, OXO Tower gallery, London, UK.
FRESH PAINT Biennial at Manifest, Manifest Gallery, Cincinnati, OH, USA.
Time Zone Converter, Korean Cultural Center in Beijing, China.
National Juried Competition - Works on Paper 2017, Long Beach Island Foundation of the Arts & Sciences, Loveladies, NJ, USA.
Remix, Ann Arbor Art Center, Ann Arbor, MI, USA.
First Date, Edward J. & Helen Jane Morrison Gallery, Morris, MI, USA
Together With, The Bubbler Gallery, Madison, WI, USA.
- 2016 **The 2016 John Moores Painting Prize Finalist Exhibition**, Shang Hai Art Museum, Shang Hai, China
The 2016 Combat Prize Finalist Exhibition, *Museo G. Fattori* Museum, Italy.
Scope Art Fair, Rare Gallery, New York, NY, USA.
Peoplescapes, Republic Plaza, Denver, CO, USA.
New American Paintings: Midwest Edition, Elmhurst Art Museum, Elmhurst, IL, USA.
- 2015 **Making Fun Of Each Other - A Double Edged Sword**, Triumph Art Space, Beijing, China.
Writing Portraits, 33 Contemporary Art Museum, Guang Zhou, China.
21st Texas National, SFA Art Galleries & Cole Art Center, Nacogdoches, Texas, USA
- 2014 **Everyone's Time Is Their Own**, Alter Space, San Francisco, CA, USA.
TEXT, DAVA Downtown Aurora Visual Arts, Aurora, CO, USA.
- 2013 **Soft Subversion**, Pirate Contemporary Art, Denver, CO, USA.
- 2012 **Open Studio**, G14 Gallery, Argentina.
Urra, Galería Del Infinito Arte, Argentina.
Ornaments, White House, Washington DC, USA

- 2010 **Xian Shan Xiao**, Art Museum of He Nan University, Henan, China.
 2009 **Bollywood**, Denver Art Museum, Denver, CO, USA.
 2008 **Santa Fe Art Fair**, Rule Gallery, Santa Fe, NM, USA.
 2007 **Flow Art Fair**, Rule Gallery, Miami, FL, USA.
Red dot fair, Rule Gallery, New York, NY, USA.
 2006 **New Medias**, SongZhuang Gallery of Contemporary Art, Beijing, China.

SELECTED MEDIA CITATIONS

- 2018 **New American Paintings** Issue #138, ISSN 1066-2235, Page 11, 150, 151, 152, 153.
 October/November 2018
Juried by Alison Hearst (Associate Curator at the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth).
Two art exhibits open Friday at Wabash College *Journal Review*, Online. 09/11/2018
Portrait of The Artist: Xi Zhang Jan/Feb Issue, By Norman Kolpas, *Colorado Homes Magazine*,
 ISSN 1539-7726, Page 49 to 52. January/February 2018
Xi Zhang By Harry Newman, *Delicious Line*, Online. 3/28/2018
Xi Zhang En La Marc Straus Gallery De Nueva York *By Art Select*, Online. 03/31/2018
Challenging Locations, Intriguing Shows for ATC/DEN and Alto By Michael Paglia, *Westword*,
 Denver Local Newspaper and Online. 04/25/2018
- 2017 **Create! Magazine Issue VI** ISBN 2475-9198, Page 126-129.
*Juror: Brock Brake, Co-Owner and Curator of Athen B. Gallery, the Curator and Director of First
 Amendment Gallery in San Francisco / Oakland*
MEA s14 Exhibition Catalog. *Estimated ship date for MEA s14 is early 2020*
Xi Zhang: Shelter of Desire By Susan Froyd. *Westword*, Denver Local Newspaper and Online.
 02/14/2018
- 2016 **The John Moores Painting Prize Catalog** Exhibition Catalog, ISBN 978-7-5671-2099-0, ISBN
 978-88-8374-896-3, Page 78, 79.
The Combat Prize in Painting 2016 Exhibition Catalog, ISBN 978-88-8374-896-3, Page 34, 45.
Under the Radar *ArtSlant Newsletter*. ArtSlant.com, Online.
Gold Award in Painting from ArtForward Blouin *Gallery Guide*, International Summer Issue,
 Front Page.
- 2015 **New American Paintings** Issue #119, ISSN 1066-2235, Cover of the Content page and Page
 178 - 181.
A Mile High State of the Arts By Lauren Tresp, *ARTslant*, ArtSlant.com, Online. 03/09/2015
Metaphor in Metallic Leaf Garden Series *National Arts China*, September 2015 Issue, ISSN
 2074-9732, Page 92 - 99.
- 2014 **New Directions** By Susan Froyd, *Westword*. Denver Local Newspaper and Online. 05/29/2014
Word Play By Susan Froyd, *Westword*. Denver Local Newspaper and Online. 05/15/2014
- 2013 **21st DNA Art District**, PBS TV program, on air 07/18/2013
Hyperlinks To The Past KUNC Radio, on air 07/18/2013
Rising Star By Ray Mark Rinaldi, *Denver Post*, Denver Local Newspaper and Online. 05/13/2013
- 2012 **11 Ceremonies** By Michael Paglia, *Art Ltd*, May/Jun Issue, ISSN 1941-8558, Page 27.
Outside the Lines By Daliah Singer, *5280 Magazine*, September Issue, Page 70 - 71.
Facts and Figures By Michael Paglia, *Westword*. Denver Local Newspaper and Online,
 04/04/2012
Set to Stun By Susan Froyd, *Westword*. Denver Local Newspaper and Online. 03/07/2012
Psychadelic Prospector.....ZHANG! By Elliot Riis, *303 Magazine*, March Issue, Page 62.
- 2011 **Ripple**, CNN, CNN.com, Online. 09/11/2011
**2010 The Cult of Origin: Identity Politics and Cultural Capital in Contemporary Chinese
 Art** By JP Park, *Yi Shu (艺术)*, International Chinese Art Magazine, Volume 9, Number 4,
 July/August 2010 Issue, ISSN: 1683-3082, Page 63.

2008 Emerging Artist of the Year, By Kyle MacMillian, *Denver Post*, Denver Local Newspaper and Online. 12/28/2008
Emerging artist Xi Zhang delves into notion of identity in masses, By Kyle MacMillian, *Denver Post*, Denver Local Newspaper and Online. Page 15. 05/02/2008