

ARTIST CATALOGUE
SHEN ZI YAO

**WHITE
SPACE**
ART ASIA

est. 1984
HONG KONG

ABOUT US

White Space Art Asia was created in conjunction with the Heng Artland Gallery of Singapore to discover and promote new artists. The challenge we set ourselves is to identify and introduce contemporary ink artists who stand the test of time. We maintain the basic philosophy that when an artist has strong fundamental grounding in art, an impressive story to tell, and with the right cultural context, we have the makings of great art.

To translate this broad statement in reality, we have created a framework based on our decades of experience to evaluate and identify high potential up-and-coming artists. Amidst clashing voices and competing philosophies, in contemporary art, we want to be able to speak to something real and human that engages our intellect and, most importantly, our hearts. At the same time, we want to assist our clients in growing the value of their collections.

SHEN ZI YAO

Biography

- 1985** Born in Nantong, Jiangsu Province
- 2009** Graduated with a Bachelor's degree from the Central Academy of Fine Arts, Chinese Ink faculty under the tutelage of Professor Yao Ming Jing, Zheng Wei, Chen Ping, Qiu Ting and Liu Rong.
- 2014** Awarded a full scholarship, graduating with a Master's degree from CAFA, Chinese Ink faculty under the tutelage of Professor Yao Ming Jing.
- 2015** Appointed as a teaching assistant at the Li Keran Academy of Painting, Beijing

Awards & Exhibitions

- 2024** Art Miami, Florida, USA, White Space Art Asia
A Thousand Blended Notes", A Solo Exhibition by Shen Zi Yao, Singapore, White Space Art Asia
- 2023** 1900 Gallery August Online Auction
Hong Kong Zhenguan International Auction 2023 Autumn Art Auction, Grand Hyatt Hotel, Macao
Poly Xiamen Autumn Auction Contemporary Chinese Painting Special, China
The 4th Wuhan Art Fair, Wuhan Convention and Exhibition Center, Wuhan, China
The 3rd Wuhan Art Fair, Wuhan Convention and Exhibition Center, Wuhan, China
Art Fair·Guardian Online and Offline Auction Special-Shen Zi Yao + "Who Feels the Autumn Wind First"
- 2023** Two works participated in the Beijing Huachen Auction 2023 Spring Auction "Seeing All Things, Each Has Its Own Merit-Chinese Contemporary Art" Special, Bohao Radegast Hotel, Beijing, China
- 2022** "Look at Today" - The 6th Poly Academy Star Contemporary Art Exhibition (Poly Building Poly Art Museum Beijing, China
Turning Point - China Contemporary Art Invitational Exhibition (China Collectors Association Online Exhibition)
"Wonder Everywhere" SO ART Online Youth Art Season (Artron 3D Online Exhibition, Ocean New Silk Road)
"Imagine Tomorrow A Dream of Tomorrow" Theme Exhibition (Online Exhibition)
"Light Summer" Contemporary Art Special Auction (Hangzhou Yidong Online Auction)
The Second ESSERE-Vision - International Youth Art Design Exhibition (Online Exhibition, Organized by CSSUI BRERA, Brera Academy of Fine Arts, Milan, Italy)
Works "Night in the Bamboo Forest", "Cold Spring Pear Blossoms after Rain", "Nanshan South", Wuhan Metro Light Box Advertising Project, China
Boomer gallery/Tower Bridge London New Exhibition Vogue 4th Edition, "Meet up Klimt", "Misty Forest No.5" , Boomer gallery London), China
"Resonance: Contemporary Conversations" Echo: Contemporary Dialogue Art Exhibition, The American Club, Singapore

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- 2021** Works participated in the "Art Cross-border Laboratory" of Huayi International, Guangzhou, China
 2021 Spring Auction "Art Cross-border Laboratory of Art Expo"
 Art Taipei, Taipei, Taiwan, White Space Art Asia
 The Second Wuhan Art Fair, Wuhan Convention and Exhibition Center, Wuhan, China
- 2020** The 5th Poly Academy Star "Unknown and Infinite" Poly Time Museum, Beijing, China
 The 1st Wuhan University Student Art Expo, Wuhan Convention and Exhibition Center, Wuhan, China
- 2018** "The Enchanted Forest" Solo Exhibition at ION Art Gallery Singapore, White Space Art Asia, Singapore
 Art Stage Singapore – White Space Art Asia, Singapore
- 2017** Artwork selected and exhibited at the 2nd China Comprehensive Material Painting Biennial Ningbo 2017, Ningbo, China
 "Fast Forward" Joint Exhibition of Young Artist at ION Art Gallery Singapore, White Space Art Asia, Singapore
 Singapore Contemporary Art Show, White Space Art Asia, Singapore
- 2016** Art Kaohsiung, White Space Art Asia, Taiwan
 Art Taipei, White Space Art Asia, Taiwan
 "On the same path" – Joint Exhibition of the Excellence Graduates Residency Programme of CAFA
 "Domino Garden" Artist-in-Residence (Initiative Exhibition)
- 2015** "New Ink New Youth", Contemporary Chinese Ink Invitational Exhibition, Today Art Museum, China
 A DREAM OF YOUTH" Chinese Ink Exhibition, Enjoy Art Museum, China
 Beijing Garden Sketching Exhibition at Li Keran Academy of Painting, China
 Excellence award received from "Ten Years", the Annual Nomination Exhibition for Students of Contemporary Art Academies
 "Genesis", Joint Exhibition of the First Excellence Graduates Residency Programme of CAFA
 Art Shenzhen, China
 Art Beijing, China
 "Ten Fingers", Joint Exhibition of the sixth Excellence Graduates Residency Programme of CAFA
 Professor Yao Mingjing Teacher-student Landscape Series Exhibition
- 2014** Solo Exhibition of the Excellence Graduates Residency Programme of CAFA
 Nantong Young Artists Invitational Exhibition. Published an Art Album.
 A Large-scale Lacquer Landscape painting project for APEC, Beijing Yanqi Lake, APEC Convention hall, China
 Artwork entered The Twelfth National Exhibition of Fine Arts, China

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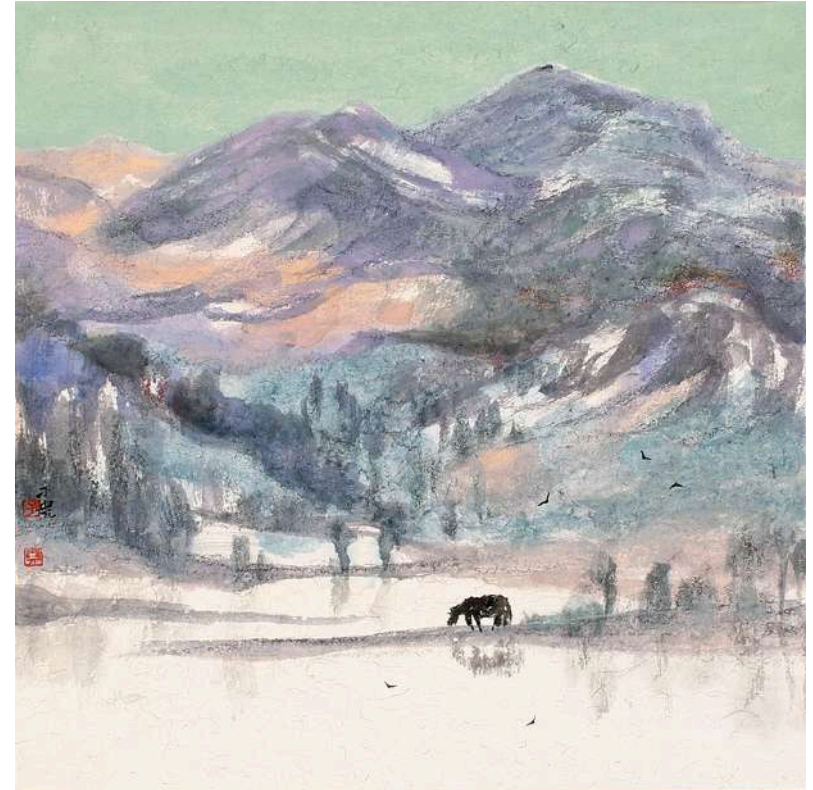
- 2014** Shen Ziyao Solo exhibition at Laiyang Star Art Gallery, China
 Artwork entered "The Realm of Advaita", Annual Nomination Exhibition Students of Contemporary Art Academies
 The Second Teacher-student Invitational Exhibition Tour of Beijing Art School at China National Academy of Painting. Artwork awarded the Li Keran Legacy Award
 Artwork entered the Excellence Graduates Residency Programme of CAFA, 2014
 Graduation Exhibition of Excellent Artwork, CAFA
 Received First Prize for Graduation Exhibition, CAFA. A Series of Artwork were being collected by CAFA Art Museum, China
 Artwork participated in the "Fine Classical Chinese Paintings & Calligraphy Auction" in Chongqing, China
 Artwork entered Professor Yao Mingjing Hainan Teacher-student landscape artwork Exhibition at Hainan Art Museum
 Professor Yao Mingjing Teacher-student Exhibition
- 2013** Participated in the interactive practical activity held by CAFA, Lingnan Fine Art Institute and Guan Shanyue Art Museum. Artwork was being collected and published by Lingnan Fine Art
 Artwork entered Professor Yao Mingjing Teacher-student landscape sketching Artwork Exhibition held by Li Keran Academy of Painting and CAFA, and published in "Professor Yao Mingjing Teacher-student Art Album".
 "Exposition Invitation des Jeunes Artistes Chinois-Francais", A Chinese and French Young Artists Invitational Exhibition held in Loire, France
 Artwork was being auctioned and collected during the exhibition in Yantai Art Expo, China
- 2013** Artwork entered Professor Yao Mingjing Teacher-student Landscape Exhibition. 9 pieces of artwork were being collected by Yantai Art Museum, China
- 2012** Artwork was being published on magazine "ART" by Cultur Alrelic Academy China
 Artwork was being awarded the second prize during the First Beijing Southern City Sketching Exhibition and collected by Beijing Deng Huai Art Museum. Event was held by Beijing Daxing distinct Government, Li Keran Academy of Painting and the Academy of Arts & Design, Tsinghua University.
- 2011** Artwork entered Professor Yao Mingjing Teacher-student Sketching Exhibition held by Foshan Cultural & Art Museum and also published on Yao Mingjing Teacher-student Art Album.
 Artwork was being awarded the Excellence Award during the International Ink Invitational Exhibition held by Kyoto University of Art and Design
- 2010** Artwork entered "College Days", Art Student Category, China Guardian Auction, China
 Artwork entered the Chinese Ink Invitational Exhibition held by Beijing Guan Yin Tang Art Museum for Celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the Founding Beijing Government, China
- 2009** Received the First Prize for Graduation Artwork exhibited during the Graduation Exhibition in CAFA.
 Artwork entered the Teacher-student Exhibition held by Li Keran Academy of Painting and Yantai Art Museum

Awards & Exhibitions

- 2008** Awarded the First Prize for the Autumn Sketching Activity held by the school of Chinese Ink, CAFA.
Awarded the Second Prize for the Spring Sketching Activity held by the school of Chinese Ink, CAFA.
Artworks were being awarded during year-end Exhibition held by the school of Chinese Ink, CAFA and collected by the school
- 2007** Awarded the First Prize for the Spring Sketching Activity held by the school of Chinese Ink, CAFA.
Artworks were being awarded the Third Prize during year-end Exhibition held by the school of Chinese Ink, CAFA and collected by the school
- 2005** Sketching Artworks were being awarded and collected by the school of Chinese Ink, CAFA

ART SYNOPSIS

Cascading arrangements of ink subtly mask forests and signs of human habitation. A poetic sense of abstraction suggests the immensity of all that lies between heaven and earth. Incorporating elements of Western art such as perspective and lighting as well as a judicious application of mixed media to a classic Chinese medium, Shen Zi Yao's artwork is a contemporary re-imagination of the Chinese landscape genre. Shen makes creative use of collage to redefine the concept of brushstrokes and space. The edges of painted pieces of rice paper serve as bold lines, spatially delineating patterns of ink.



Voyager

38 x 38 cm

Ink and Mixed Media on Paper

2024



Stop and Smell the Roses
38 x 38 cm
Ink and Mixed Media on Paper
2024



Red Balloon
38 x 38 cm
Ink and Mixed Media on Paper
2024



Like We Used To

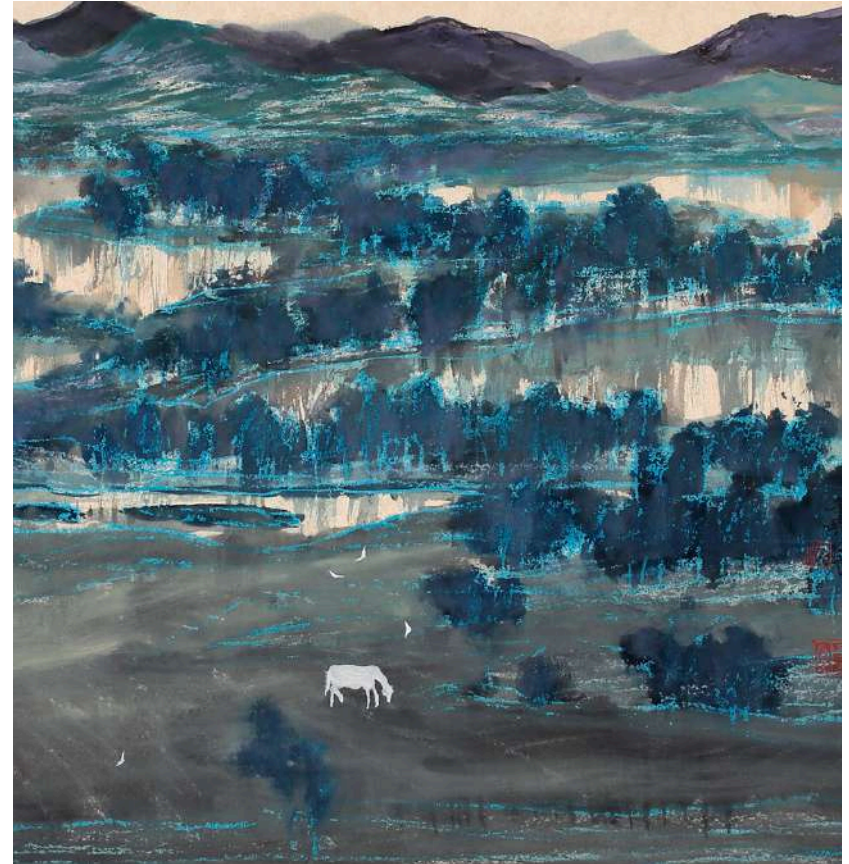
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2024



Jiangnan
38 x 38 cm
Ink and Mixed Media on Paper
2024



Hometown Melody
38 x 38 cm
Ink and Mixed Media on Paper
2024



A Midsummer Night's Dream
38 x 38 cm
Ink and Mixed Media on Paper
2024



Daydream No.1
38 x 38 cm
Ink and Mixed Media on Paper
2024



Mirror of the Sky

69 x 70 cm

Ink and Mixed Media on Paper

2024

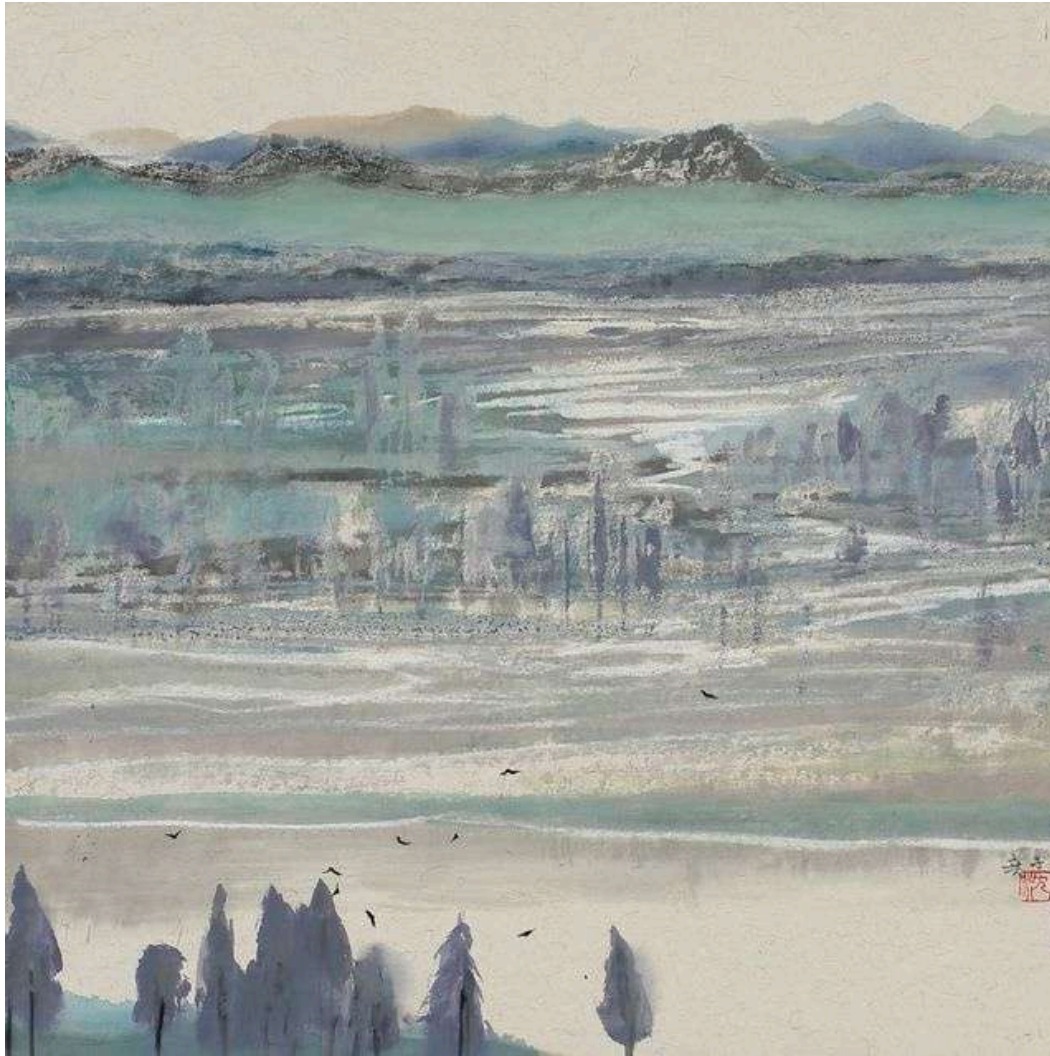


Thinking of You

38 x 38 cm

Ink and Mixed Media on Paper

2024



A Thousand Miles

38 x 38 cm

Ink and Mixed Media on Paper

2024

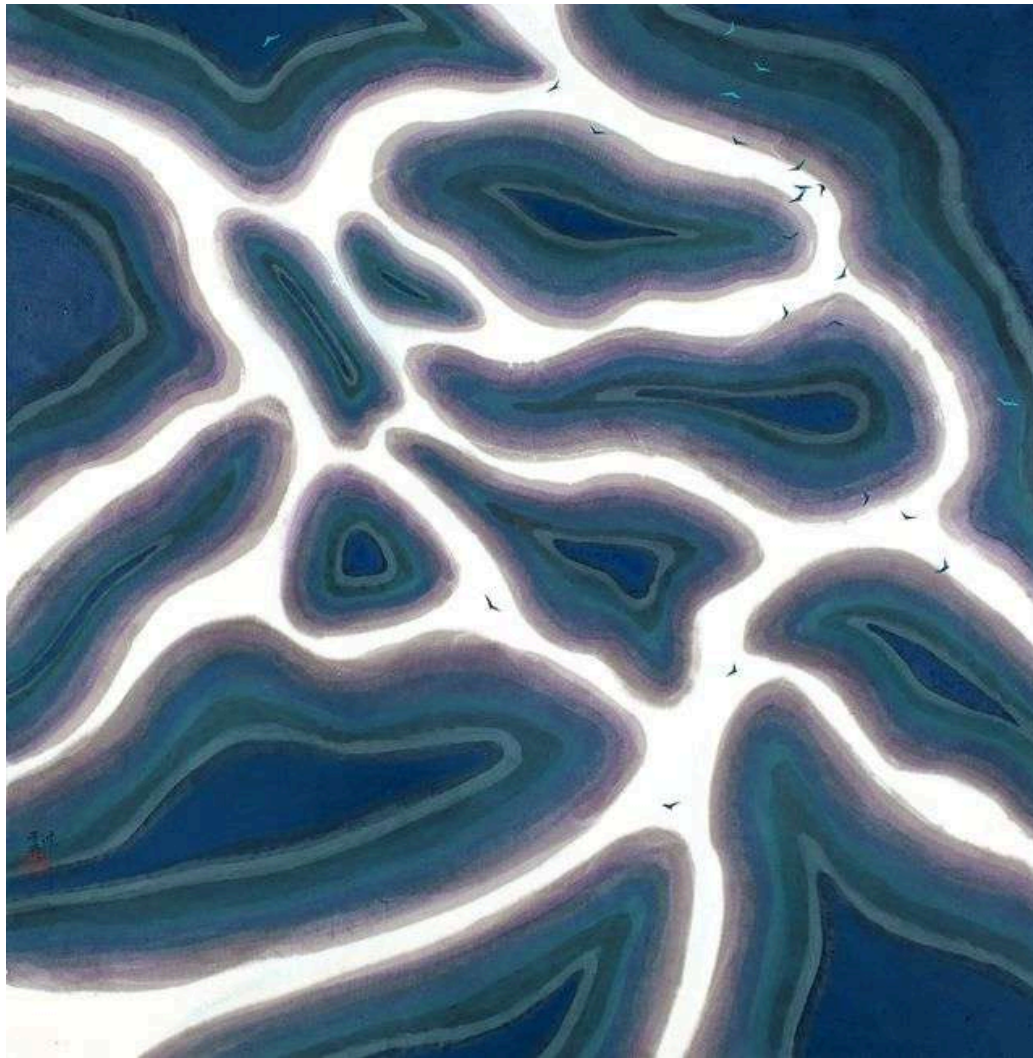


Transcendence

69 x 69 cm

Ink and Mixed Media on Paper

2024



Shimmer
69 x 70 cm
Ink and Mixed Media on Paper
2023



When All the Leaves are Gold
96 x 96 cm
Ink and Mixed Media on Paper
2020



Autumn of Gold
96 x 96 cm
Ink and Mixed Media on Paper
2020



Cascade into Eternity

180 x 48.5 cm

Ink and Mixed Media on Paper

2020



Early Morning Mist

68 x 69 cm

Ink and Mixed Media on Paper

2020



Night of the Deepest Blue
97 x 90 cm
Ink and Mixed Media on Paper
2019



The Quiet Renewal of Winter
69 x 69 cm
Ink and Mixed Media on Paper
2018



Wisdom of the Ancient Forest #3

44 x 181 cm

Ink and Mixed Media on Paper

2018



Light of the Harvest Moon

49.5 x 180.5 cm

Ink and Mixed Media on Paper

2018



In the Shadow's Blue

70.5 x 138 cm

Ink and Mixed Media on Paper

2017

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