



Li Hanwei: New Communication

2022.9.4-10.3

Li Hanwei

Born in Xuzhou, Jiangsu province in 1994, Li Hanwei graduated from the Shanghai Institute of Visual Arts in 2018, and currently lives and works in Shanghai. Li's practice is based on adapting forms of commercial advertisements and films as metaphors. Through the study of communication methods, the artist uses CG images to establish a worldview in the fictional world where counterfeit of the real world and science-fiction coexist, as a way to present the intersection of contemporary cultural forms and individual identities.

Li was nominated for "Dior Photography and Visual Arts Award for Young Talents" in 2020 and for "ART POWER 100 YOUTH POWER" in 2019.

Li has held the solo exhibition "Liquid Health" at Goethe Open Space, Shanghai in 2019. He has also participated in group exhibitions including: "Spring Rhapsody", KWM Art Center, Beijing, 2022; "Wave Wave", chi K11 Art Museum, Shanghai, China, 2021; "Do Not Black Out", McaM, Shanghai, China, 2021; "USB Multi-Port Linking Exhibition", Madeln Gallery, Gallery Func, QIAO SPACE, in the PARK, Shanghai, China, 2021; "Generation Now", Kultursymposium Weimar 2021, Eigenheim Weimar, Weimar, Germany, 2021; "Futurism of the Past", Beijing Contemporary Art Expo 2021 STORY, Beijing, China, 2021; "Looping", CHAO Art Center, Beijing, China, 2021; "Undefined", Kiyoshi Art Space, Tokyo, Japan, 2020; "Ensemble Urban", APSMUSEUM, Shanghai, China, 2020; "Illusive Particles", Madeln Gallery, Shanghai, China, 2020; "Sino-Wharf: Internationalism", OCAT, Shenzhen, from Chinatown to Red China. 2020: "Recommendations of Institutions", Boxes Art Space, Shenzhen, China, 2020; "Wild Metropolis", Powerlong Museum, Shanghai, China, 2019; "Advent: Inventing Landscape, Producing the Earth", Qianshao Contemporary Art Center, Shanghai, China, 2019; "Extreme Mix", Guangzhou Airport Biennale, Guangzhou, China, 2019; "The Variable and The Generating", Madeln Gallery, Shanghai, 2019; "Hunting Cycle", Madeln Park, Shanghai, 2018; "Shanghai Hot the Beheaded Six", Yell Space, Shanghai, 2018; Boundary, SIVA, Shanghai, China ; BABEL7, Babelsberger Strasse 52, Berlin, 2018; "Diversity", École nationale supérieure d'art de Nice – Villa Arson, Nice, 2016.

Meanwhile, Li co-operates the online contemporary art space Slime Engine with Liu Shuzhen, Fang Yang and Shan Liang. Li has been involved in the conception and production of multiple exhibitions of Slime Engine.

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上海市黄浦区淮海中路300号K11购物艺术中心B3层chi K11美术馆 chi K11 art museum, B3, K11 Art Mall 300 Huaihai Road Central, Huangpu District, Shanghai

场地支持 Venue Support M chiKI1 artmuseum 美术馆 Madeln Gallery is pleased to present artist Li Hanwei's solo exhibition "New Communication" in collaboration with chi K11 art museum from September 4 to October 3, 2022. Occupying Hall 5 of the museum, the exhibition will feature five new installations by the artist. Li collects and purchases large amounts of source material from the Internet, which is then reassembled and presented in the exhibition hall through montage techniques, arriving at a playful narrative where virtuality and reality coexist.

Li Hanwei (b.1994) has won critical acclaim for his "Liquid Health" series (2019), "∞" (2020), and "Subculture Investment Bank – Shrine to Review the Universe of Images" (2021).

A major interest throughout Li's career is the invasion by science and technology of the human body, cultural vision, and living space, along with the ensuing reconstruction of the sensibilities of contemporary people, particularly users of the simplified-Chinese Internet. His complex and multilayered installations weave to-gether various narratives of work, life, and desire into a visual format. The informational and emotional flows on online platforms are fused skillfully by ways of collage, thus forming a media phenomenology of sim-plified-Chinese Internet with a distinctive personal touch.

Li manipulates the content, vocabulary, organizational aesthetics and ideology of Internet platform enter-prises to examine their role in shaping the global capitalist culture. His work challenges the Neoliberal tendency and cosumerist ideology that pervade the Internet economy and are rooted in a globalized culture of modern technology, consumerism, organization, and information dissemination.



Exhibition view, "Li Hanwei: New Communication", chi k11 art museum, Shanghai, China



Li Hanwei Back to Back, 2022 UV prinitng, foam, ergonomic chair, stainless steel, wood Dimensions variable





Back to back, Exhibition view



Li Hanwei *Dissolving like Cream*, 2022 Resin, children's chair, stainless steel, wood Dimensions variable



Dissolving like Cream, detail



Li Hanwei *Keeping Up with the Kardashians*, 2022 Paper, sackcloth, wood, stainless steel, ready-made models Dimensions variable

Keeping Up with the Kardashians, detail

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Li Hanwei Secrets at Office, 2022 Wood, resin, LED light, stainless steel, plastic, colour chips, UV prinitng, foam roller, cloth Dimensions variable





Secrets at Office, detail



Li Hanwei *Filtered 99.99%*, 2022 Fiberglass, fiber fabrics, resin, paint 200 x 140 x 45 cm



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Artist Li Hanwei collects and purchases large amounts of source material from the Internet, which is then reassembled and presented through montage techniques. He comes up with a playful narrative where virtuality and reality coexist. For the installations, he took inspiration from the floods of information dumped upon him by the Internet, especially the personal feeds by algorithms on major e-commerce platforms in China. Specifically, for this exhibition, he selected objects that use technology to transform people's bodies and lives.

Li is used to processing information and data in a virtual space. The informational and emotional flows on online platforms are fused skillfully by ways of collage. To him, each spatial experience is like a line on a stave, and his job is to draw notes on the stave that penetrate the different spatial experiences.

He left traces of the execution of the exhibition in its final display, blurring the boundaries of each work. The installations are overflowing, displaced, and intentionally "out of place". He tries to thus re-create the anxiety and frustration that people experience as they juggle and process the digital age. This is how the artist engages with and reflects on the present social reality with a distinctive personal touch.

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