

Thematic Exhibition: We Borrow Dreams From Others, Like Debt

Exhibition period: October 27, 2022 – April 15, 2023

Curator: SUN Qidong

Artists: Chen Zhou, Chu Bingchao, Fu Site, Feng Zhixuan, He An, Kan Xuan, Liu Yujia, Lu Pingyuan, Li Hanwei, Lili Ren, Wang Jianwei, Zhang Liaoyuan, Zhang Wenyi

Against a backdrop of alternating seasons, a pressing present, and a boundless space, “We Borrow Dreams From Others, Like Debt” raises dual questions to the homogenization resulting from an increasingly intensive algorithmic thinking and to the past global art scene dominated by the West. It initiates a rediscovery of the art display system.

Works by thirteen artists will occupy the indoor and outdoor spaces of MadeIn Art Museum, exhibiting the urgency of renewing identity politics, aesthetic system, and other avant-garde legacies. The impermanence of the exhibition and the geological deep time symbolized by the desolation outside the gallery halls, far from conflicting with each other, work in unison to invest the works and images on display with a fluidity and intensity of existence that would be unattainable in a white box space: here they come to life.

In their single "Paradise", the K-pop group BTS generates a chemistry by connecting dreams and debt. This serves as a metaphor for the predicament that the entire art system finds itself in today – namely, that it is enduring a loss of the Other. In an age defined by digital technology with an increasing reliance on screens and publicity, convergence of aesthetic interests, and overwhelmingly universal agendas, how can we avoid falling into the debt trap of Eurocentrist legacy? How can we then ponder over the true efficacy of art theory, art display system, and art institutions?

Built on the site of a former chicken farm, MadeIn Art Museum is home to vibrant exhibitions, events, and artist-in-residence programs that connect with the local community and landscape. MAM welcomes every practitioner of contemporary art and person with curiosity, and strives to establish itself as a cutting-edge base of contemporary culture.

Opening hours: Wed to Sun 10:00 – 16:30 (Closed on holidays)

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Book your visit: The Museum offers free entry from October 28, 2022 and admits up to 20 people per day. Booking is needed at least 48 hours in advance. You may book your visit by calling 021-33738190 (weekdays 10:00 – 18:00) or via “没顶美术馆 MAM” mini program on WeChat.

*The Museum lies on the outskirts of Shanghai and offers no accommodation. Either a 72-hour negative PCR report or a 24-hour PCR test certificate is required for your visit.