

WANG JIANAN

Wang Jianan was born in Heilongjiang Province in 1955 and was one of a handful of brilliant students admitted in 1978 to the famous and newly reopened Central Academy of Fine Arts of China in Beijing. In 1983 he set up the Zhong Li art studio, which was the first independent and professional art studio of its kind in China after the Cultural Revolution. Many students of Wang's generation were primarily interested in Western painting to which they now had limited access. But Wang, having had little chance to study the Chinese classics as an adolescent, wanted to focus on traditional painting because, as he has written, "I wanted to know who I was, where I came from, and, indeed, where I was going". His works have been collected by many notable institutions including the British Museum and the Victoria and Albert Museum in London, as well as the Ashmolean Museum at Oxford University and the Central Academy of Fine Arts of China in Beijing.

- 1955 Born in Heilongjiang Province, China
- 1986 Graduated from the Central Academy of Fine Arts, Beijing, China
Currently lives and works in London, United Kingdom

Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2004 Freedom of Spirit: Wang Jianan, Midland Arts Centre, Birmingham, United Kingdom
- 2001 The Paintings of Wang Jianan, Goedhuis Contemporary, London, United Kingdom
- 2000 Klifilish Gallery, Lolon, Germany
Gallery Backham, Southwold, United Kingdom
- 1993 Manchester Art Centre, Manchester, United Kingdom

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 1999 Contemporary Chinese Painting Exhibition, Cologny, Geneva, Switzerland
Wang Jianan and C.X. Li, Kaikodo Gallery, New York, USA
Wang Jianan and C.X. Li, Gallery Gemini, Munchen, Germany
- 1998 Contemporary Chinese Painting Exhibition, Montbron City Gallery, Montbron, France
Wang Jianan and C.X. Li, Oyental Gallery, Hamburg, Germany
- 1997 Contemporary Chinese Painting, Michael Goedhuis Gallery, London, United Kingdom
Royal Academy Summer Exhibition, London, United Kingdom

Selected Collections

- Beijing Chinese Artists Association, Beijing, China
- The British Museum, London, United Kingdom
- The Victoria and Albert Museum, London, United Kingdom
- The Ashmolean Museum, Oxford, United Kingdom
- The Central Academy of Fine Arts, Beijing, China
- Xian University, Shaanxi Province, China
- The Estella Collection, New York, USA