



Yongbo Zhao

born 1964 in Hailong, Jilin Province, Manchuria, China,
lives in Krailling near Munich, Germany,
works as an artist and professor in Munich and China

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„Self as a bat“, 2009

Stations

- 1982-1986 Studies of painting, Northeast Normal University, Changchun, Jilin Province, China
1986-1991 Lecturer in Western painting and art history, Northeast Normal University, Changchun, Jilin Province, China
1991-1998 Studies of painting, Academy of Fine Arts Munich with Robin Page, Germany, graduated as master student
2000 Member of the artists' association "Münchener Secession", Germany
2006 ff Lectureships and professorships: Jilin University of Arts (2006), Heilongjiang Academy of Fine Arts and Heilongjiang Academy of Contemporary Art (since 2010), Northeast Normal University Changchun, Jilin Province (since 2011), Capital Normal University Beijing (since 2012), China

Awards

- 1983-1989 several prizes in China
1987 1st prize of the "All-Chinese Art Exhibition in honour of the 60th anniversary of the People's Liberation Army", National Art Museum of China, Beijing
1990 Inclusion in the "Great Encyclopedia of Contemporary Chinese Artists"

Solo, double and triple exhibitions (selection)

- 2001 "Yongbo Zhao –Painting", Cubus Kunsthalle, Duisburg, Germany
2002 "Yongbo Zhao", Erotic Art Museum, Hamburg, Germany
2007 "Yongbo Zhao – Painting", art association Essenheimer Kunstverein, Germany
2008 "Günter Grass, Armin Müller-Stahl, Yongbo Zhao – Graphic Arts", art museum Kunsthau Lübeck, Germany
2009 "Yongbo Zhao and Johannes Grützke – Painting and Graphic Arts Show“, art gallery Kunsthalle Ammersee, Stegen, Germany
2009-2010 "Provocation! Goya, Daumier and Yongbo Zhao – Critics and Mockers of their Time ", art museum Kunsthau Kaufbeuren, Germany

- 2010 "Yongbo Zhao – Masterpieces and Etchings", Rosenheim-Museum, Offenbach, Germany
- 2012 "Yongbo Zhao – A Critic and Mocker of his Time", Sanmu International Art Gallery, Art Zone 798, Beijing, China
„Yongbo Zhao“, retrospective exhibition on the occasion of the 925th anniversary of the community Krailling (place of residence of the artist), Town Hall Krailling, Germany
- 2013 „Provocation! Goya, Daumier and Yongbo Zhao – Critics and Mockers of their Time ", Municipal Gallery "Fähre" in the Old Monastery, Bad Saulgau, Germany
"Yongbo Zhao – Not only beautiful", Citadel Spandau, Berlin, Germany
- 2014 "Provocation! Goya, Daumier and Yongbo Zhao – Critics and Mockers of their Time ", Kallmann Museum, Ismaning, Germany
- 2019 "Fictional Discordance – Huaxiang Wang, Yongbo Zhao, Liu Chen“, Tsinghua University Art Museum, Beijing, China
"Gerhard Berger and Yongbo Zhao - Artist Neighbourhoods I," district gallery Castle of Meßkirch, Germany
- 2020 "The World as a Ship of Fools – Johannes Grützke, Yongbo Zhao and Huanqing Wang“, art association Essenheimer Kunstverein, Germany
- 2022 „Ulrike Waltemathe – Yongbo Zhao“ (Theme series ‚Art in the Anthropocene‘), Cubus Kunsthalle, Duisburg, Germany

Group exhibitions (selection)

- 1990 3rd International Asia-Europe Biennial, Ankara, Turkey
- 1997 Great Art Exhibition 1997, also 1999, 2011, Haus der Kunst, Munich, Germany
- 1999 „Florence Biennial II ", 1999, Italy
- 2000 „The Corridor – 20 Years", Reykjavik Art Museum - Harbour House, Iceland
- 2001 Great Art Exhibition North Rhine Westphalia, Messe Düsseldorf, Germany
- 2003-2011 „Life as a Legend: Marilyn Monroe ", touring exhibition through 20 museums in Europe, USA and Canada, curated by ARTOMA Art and Cultural Management, Hamburg, Germany
- 2005 "Fantastic Worlds", Citadel Spandau, Berlin, Germany
- 2007 Art Karlsruhe, also 2009 ff, Gallery KK Klaus Kiefer, Essen, Germany
- 2010 "Francisco de Goya – Visions of Terror and Hope", Museum Voswinkelshof, Dinslaken, Germany
- 2011 "Mountains Beyond Mountains – Sanqinshan Contemporary Art Inivational Exhibition" (Wang Huanqing, Qi Zhilong, Yue Minjun, Yongbo Zhao et al.), Enjoy Museum of Art, Art Zone 798, Beijing, China
"Grotesque Idylls – artists of the ‚Munich Secession‘ Yongbo Zhao, Michael von Cube and Erika Maria Lankes“, art association Kunstverein Hof e. V., Germany
- 2012 "Appearance and Reality – Illusion, Light, Ornament and Splendour. Baroque elements in contemporary art", Kallmann Museum, Ismaning, Germany
- 2014 „Chinese Contemporary Art 1980-2014 ", He Art Museum, Wuhan, China
The 2nd Chinese Oil Painting Biennial Exhibition, National Art Museum of China, Beijing
- 2016 "Luther is not enough! Artistic impulses for permanent reform", art museum Kunsthaus Kaufbeuren, Germany

- 2018 "Beauty and Abyss" (Johannes Grützke, Yongbo Zhao, Pavel Feinstein et al.),
Citadel Spandau, Berlin, Germany
"AffenTheater. The Monkey in Contemporary Art (Monkey Paintings by Pavel
Feinstein, Yongbo Zhao et al.), Forum Kunst, Rottweil, Germany
- 2020 "Self-Portraits and Other Enigmas" (Pavel Feinstein, Johannes Grützke, Yongbo Zhao
et al.), Municipal Gallery "Fähre" in the Old Monastery Bad Saulgau

Works in Public Collections (selection)

Museum Folkwang, Essen, Germany | White Rabbit Collection, Sidney, Australia | Imperial Edict
Museum, Xuzhou, China | National Art Museum of China, Beijing, China | Tsinghua University Art
Museum, Beijing, China

Publications (selection)

„Yongbo Zhao - Das große Lachen / Hearty Laughter“, ed. by Gottfried Knapp, München, Prestel,
2008

„Yongbo Zhao“, München, Klinckschardt & Biermann, 2nd ed. 2014 (Junge Kunst ; 05)

„Yongbo Zhao - Die Welt als Narrenschiff“, Essen, Galerie KK Klaus Kiefer, 2018

Gallery Representation

Gallery KK Klaus Kiefer, Essen, Germany
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