

XU ZHEN

Born 1977 in Shanghai, China. Lives and works in Shanghai, China

EDUCATION

1996	Graduated from Shanghai Arts & Crafts Institute
2001-2010	Art director of BizArt Art Center
2009	Xu Zhen created Madeln Company and works as Madeln since then
2013	MadeIn Company launched the brand XU ZHEN®, their flagship art brand

AWARDS

2016	artnet Awards: Artist of the Year Award
2008	Best Young Artist of the Year, AAC Award

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

Three Taels of Cuteness, One Catty of Greatness, Madeln Gallery, Shanghai, China
The Glorious, Perrotin, Hong Kong SAR, China
Physique of Consciousness, Buero, Basel, Switzerland
Alien, Xu Zhen solo exhibition, ShanghArt Gallery, Shanghai, China
XU ZHEN®, Galerie Perrotin, Seoul, Korea
Movement Field: Xu Zhen Solo Exhibition, James Cohan Gallery, New York, USA
XUZHEN Supermarket (2007/2017), curated by Victor Wang, Sadies Cole HQ, London, UK
Civilization Iteration, Perrotin, Paris, France
Xu Zhen Store, MadeIn Gallery, Shanghai, China
Xu Zhen Solo Exhibition, James Cohan Gallery, New York, USA
From Dada to Pop: Xu Zhen and Madeln Company, CAEA, Sichuan Fine Arts Institute,
Chongqing, China
Corporate, Kunsthaus Graz, Graz, Austria

In the Light of 25 Years, Witte de With, Rotterdam, Netherlands

Xu Zhen Solo Exhibition, Long Museum, Shanghai, China

Twenty, PMQ, Hong Kong

Movement Field, Waldburger Wouters, Brussels, Belgium

2014 Blissful As Gods, Xu Zhen-Produced by Madeln Company, Space 1&2, ShanghART Gallery, Shanghai, China

Careful Don't Get Dirty, Waldburger Wouters, Brussels, Belgium

Prey, Xu Zhen-Produced by Madeln Company, Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Paris, France

Xu Zhen, Produced by Madeln Company, ShanghART Singapore, Singapore

XU Zhen: A MadeIn Company Production, Ullens Center for Contemporary Art (UCCA), Beijing
The Most Important Thing Is Not the Contract, Produced by MadeIn Company, OCT, Shanghai,
China

Turbulent, Produced by Madeln Company, Bund 18 Temporary Space, Shanghai, China Movement Field, Produced by Madeln Company, Long March Space, Beijing, China Offsite: Madeln Company, Produced by Madeln Company, Vancouver Art Gallery, Vancouver, Canada

Light Source, XU Zhen Solo Exhibition, Tian Ren He Yi Art Center, Hangzhou

- 2012 XU Zhen The Last Few Mosquitoes, Contemporary Art Gallery, Vancouver Xu Zhen: Forbidden Castle, Montanelli Museum, Prague
- 2011 Action of Consciousness, Produced by Madeln Company, ShanghART Gallery; ShanghART H-Space, Shanghai, China

Physique of Consciousness, Produced by Madeln Company, Long March Space, Beijing, China Physique of Consciousness, Produced by Madeln Company, Kunsthalle Bern, Bern, Switzerland

2010 Xu Zhen – Video Works, Galerie Waldburger, Brussels

Don't Hang Your Faith on The Wall, Produced by Madeln Company, Long March Space, Beijing, China

Seeing One's Own Eyes, Produced by Madeln Company, IKON Gallery, Birmingham, U.K. There are new species! What do you suppose they are called?, Produced by Madeln Company, Fabien Fryns Fine Art, Los Angeles, U.S.A.

Spread - by MadeIn, Produced by MadeIn Company, ShanghART Beijing, Beijing, China

2009 Spread—New Exhibition Produced by Madeln, ShanghART at Huaihai Rd 796, Shanghai, China Madeln -- Seeing One's Own Eyes, Europalia. China, Produced by Madeln Company, S.M.A.K., Ghent, Belgium

Lonely Miracle: Middle East Contemporary Art, Produced by Madeln Company, James Cohan Gallery, New York, U.S.A.

Seeing One's Own Eyes—Middle East Contemporary Art Exhibition, Produced by Madeln Company, ShanghART Gallery; ShanghART H-Space, Shanghai, China

The Last Few Mosquitos, Ikon Gallery, Birmingham, U.K.

ARCO Madrid 2009 - 28th International Contemporary Art Fair, Madrid, Spain

The Starving of Sudan, Art Unlimited, presented by Long March Space at Art 41 Basel, Basel, Switzerland

2008 Impossible Is Nothing, Long March Space, Beijing

ShanghART Supermarket, James Cohan Gallery, New York

Just Did It!, James Cohan Gallery, New York

Untitled Xu Zhen Solo Exhibition, ShanghART, Shanghai

2007 Art Basel Miami Beach, ShanghART Supermarket. Miami

Art Basel, Art Unlimited, Xu Zhen 18 Days, Basel

2006 8848-1.86, ShanghART H-Space, Shanghai

8848-1.86, Museum Boijmans Van Beuningen, Rotterdam

An Animal, 2577 Longhua Road, Shanghai

2002 A Young Man, Bizart, Shanghai

Careful, Don't Get Dirty, Patrick Waldburger, Berlin

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2021 M+ Sigg Collection: From Revolution to Globalisation, M+ Museum, Hong Kong

Time and Space, Yangyun Aman, Shanghai

Red, The Tank, Shanghai

City on the Edge: Art and Shanghai at the Turn of the Millennium, UCCA Edge, Shanghai

The Circular Impact: Video Art 21, OCAT, Shanghai

2020 The Exhibition of Annual of Contemporary Art of China 2019, Duolun Museum of Modern Art,

Shanghai; Pingshan Art Museum, Shenzhen

Duration: Chinese Art in Transformation, Beijing Mingsheng Art Museum, Beijing

Shanghai Waves: Historical Archives and Works of Shanghai Biennale, Power Station of Art, Shanghai

Co-constructing, Suzhou Jinji Lake Art Museum, Suzhou

Embodied Mirror: Performances in Chinese Video Art, New Century Art Foundation, Beijing

Being of Evils, Hive Center for Contemporary Art, Beijing

2019 A Turning Moment, Urban Narratives in Chinese Contemporary Art, 1995-2019, Duolun

Museum of Modern Art, Shanghai

Free Prism—Video Wave, Boxes Art Museum, Foshan

Then, White Rabbit Gallery, Chippendale, Australia

HOMELAND, Ordet, Milan, Italy

5th Collectors' Contemporary Collaboration, Pao Galleries, Hong Kong Arts Centre, Hong Kong

Hic Sunt Leones, Surplus Space, Wuhan

2018 Art and China after 1989: Theater of the World, Guggenheim Museum Bilbao, Spain

As A Reason for December 12th, Hangzhou

2017 Re-assessment of Post-Globalisational Politics, OCAT, Shanghai

Landmark, Guardian Art Centre, Beijing

2017 NGV Triennial, National Museum of Victoria, Australia

Art and China after 1989: Theater of the World, Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York,

U.S.A.

Chinese Summer, Astrup Fearnley Museet, Oslo, Norway

Energy Field - Transmedia ART Exhibition, Museum of Contemporary Art, Shanghai

2016 Holzwege, ShanghART Gallery (West Bund), Shanghai, China

Another Wave, The 1st Daojiao New New Art Festival, Dongguan, China

Why the Performance?, Ming Contemporary Art Museum, Shanghai, China

Information Sculpture Superhighway, Madeln Gallery, Shanghai, China

Studio, Qiao Space, Shanghai, China

Turning Point: Contemporary Art in China since 2000, Shanghai Minsheng Art Museum,

Shanghai, China

The Uncertain, or the Shelved..., ShanghART Gallery, Shanghai, China

Ensemble Without Organs, Centro de Arte Contemporáneo Wifredo Lam, Havana, Cuba

A Beautiful Disorder, Cass Sculpture Foundation, Chichester, U.K.

Time Test: International Video Art Research Exhibition, CAFA Art Museum, Beijing, China

Art Night - Xu Zhen's "Physique of Consciousness", Somerset House, London, U.K.

An Exhibition about Exhibitions, OCAT Institute, Beijing, China

The Crocodile in the Pond, Museum Art St. Urban and Abbey St. Urban, Lucerne, Switzerland New Capital: Huang Yu Collection Exhibition, Museum of Contemporary, Chengdu, China Unsettling Green: Focusing on a Color, MARTa Herford, Herford, Germany

Tutorial: Moving Images and A User's Guide from China, Pino Pascali Museum Foundation, Polignano a Mare, Italy

The 20th Sydney Biennial, Various locations (Cockatoo Island), Sydney, Australia *Chinese Whispers: Recent Art From the Sigg & M+ Sigg Collections*, Kunstmuseum Bern, Bern, Switzerland

Bentu: Chinese artists in a time of turbulence and transformation, Fondation Louis Vuitton, Paris, France

What About the Art? Contemporary Art from China, Qatar Museums Gallery Al Riwaq, Doha, Qatar

Heavy Artillery, White Rabbit Gallery, Sidney, Australia

The Cass Sculpture Foundation, New Barn Hill, Goodwood, West Sussex, UK

2015 IN LIGHT OF 25 YEARS, Witte de With, Center for Contemporary Art, Rotterdam, The Netherlands

Ding Yi & Xu Zhen, Hidden Behind Appearance, Waldburger Wouters, Brussels, Belgium 15 Rooms, curated by Klaus Biesenbach, Long Museum, West Bund, Shanghai PARADIŞE BITCH, White Rabbit Gallery, Sidney, Australia

The System of Objects, Minsheng Art Museum, Shanghai

The Subtle Triangle, Seoul Museum of Art, Korea

2014 Rouge, Shanghai Night Club, Shanghai

COSMOS: Limited and Limitless, Existence and Co-existence, Opening Exhibition of Shanghai

21st Century Minsheng Art Museum, Shanghai 21st Century Minsheng Art Museum, Shanghai An Estranged Paradise, Chinese contemporary art from the DSL collection, Jewish museum and tolerance center, Moscow, Russia

Silence: the 1990s, Balice Hertling Gallery, Paris, France

14 Rooms, Hall 3, Messe Basel, Basel, Switzerland Myth/History: Yuz Collection of Contemporary Art, Yuz Museum, Shanghai

Do It Moscow, Garage Museum of Contemporary Art, Moscow, Russia

15 Years Chinese Contemporary Art Award (CCAA), Power Station of Art, Shanghai Room Service, On the Hotel in the Arts and Artists in the Hotel, Staaliche Kunsthalle, Baden-Baden, Germany

The Being of Non-Being, Linda Gallery, Beijing

Things From the Gallery Warehouse 6, ShanghART H-Space, Shanghai

2013 DramaSuspended: Undressing the Present, Alain Badiou and the artists, Mecooon Space, Shanghai

Clutch, ShanghART H-Space, Shanghai

Re-Reading, ShanghART Singapore, Singapore

Pessimism or Resistance?, Taikang Space, Beijing

13 Rooms, Kaldor Public Art Projects, Walsh Bay, Sydney, Australia

Shanghai Surprise, A Group Show on Contemporary Art in Shanghai, K11 Art Mall, Shanghai

- 2012 12 Rooms, Ruhrtriennale 2012, with Marina Abramovic, John Baldessari, Allora and Calzadilla, Simon Fujiwara, Joan Jonas, Laura Lima, Roman Ondák, Lucy Raven, Tino Sehgal and Santiago Sierra, curated by Hans Ulrich Obrist and Klaus Biesenbach Art of Change, Hayward Gallery, London, U.K.
- 2011 *Moving Image In China: 1988-2011*, Minsheng Art Museum, Shanghai *11 Rooms*, Manchester International Festivel, Manchester

Contemporary Art Exhibition Documentation Project II:" Let's Talk about Money--1st International Fax Art Exhibition in Shanghai 1996, ShanghART Taopu, Shanghai ShanghART Group Show, ShanghART Gallery, Shanghai Community of Tastes: Chinese contemporary art since 2000, MAC USP, Brazil

2010 21st Century: Art in the First Decade, Queensland Art Gallery and Gallery of Modern Art, Brisbane, Australia

Big Draft-Shanghai, Kunstmuseum Bern, Bern,

China Power Station - part 4, Pinacoteca Agnelli, Torino

DIAL 62761232, A Document on a Contemporary Art Event, ShanghART Taopu,

Shanghai Great Performances, Pace Beijing, Beijing

Community of Tastes, Chinese contemporary art since 2000, Museo de Arte Contemporaneo (MAC), Chile

Culture of Shanghai, The Artists Concerned by HWAS, HAWS Gallery, Shanghai All about the Bed, ShanghART Gallery, Shanghai

2009 Breaking Forecast – 8 Key Figures of China's New Generations Artists, UCCA, Beijing The New Attitude of Image, Tang Contemporary Art Center, Beijing

ShContemporary 09 – Discoveries, Art Fair Shanghai Exhibition Center, Shanghai

Reversed Images, Columbia College, Chicago, USA

USEFUL LIFE europalia.china, M HKA, Antwerp, Belgium

Bourgeoisified Proletariat, Songjiang Creative Studio, Shanghai

Shanghai History in Making from 1979-2009, Shanghai

Art Taipei, Taipei World Trade Centerm Taiwan

Warm Up, Minsheng Art Museum Shanghai

Metamorphosis, ShanghART at Huaihai Rd 796, Shanghai

Mute ShanghART, Shanghai

40 Art Basel, Basel, Switzerland

Shanghai Kino, Kunsthalle Bern, Bern, Switzerland

ShanghART Group Show, ShanghART at Huaihai Rd 796, Shanghai

The China Project, Queensland Art Gallery, Queensland

Matters of Faith, James Cohan Gallery, Shanghai

Mahjong: Contemporary Chinese Art from the Sigg Collection, Peabody Essex

Museum, Salem, Massachusetts

Another Scene Artist's Projects, Concepts and Ideas, ShanghART H-Space, Shanghai Impossible – 8 Chinese Artists Engage Absurdity, San Francisco Arts Commission Gallery & Mission 17, San Francisco

Pin – An Extension Project of ShanghART Videotheque, ShanghART Beijing, Beijing

2008 Five Years of Duolun: Chinese Contemporary Art Retrospective Exhibition, Shanghai Duolun Museum of Modern Art, Shanghai

The 5th Small Productions Event, Shopping Gallery

Generations, ShanghART H-Space, Shanghai

Art Basel Miami Beach, Miami

ARTissima - The Forgotten Bar Project, Torino

FIAC, Paris

Life? Biomorphic Forms in Sculpture, Kunsthaus Graz, Graz

Insomnia Photographs Exhibiton, Bizart, Shanghai

Farewell to Post-Colonialism, The Third Guangzhou Triennial, Guangdong Art

Museum, Guangzhou

Avant-Garde China: Twenty Years of Chinese Contemporary Art, The National Art Center, Tokyo; The National Museum of Art Osaka; Aichi Prefectural Museum of Art, Nagoya

Our Future, The Guy & Myriam Ullens Foundation Collection, Ullens Foundation, Beijing
The World of Others: A Contemporary Art Exhibiton, Museum of Contemporary Art, Mellow
Fever, Galerie des Galeries, Paris

Community of Tastes, The Inaugural Exhibition, of Iberia Center for Contemporary Art, Beijing Artseason, The Third China New Media Art Festival, China Art Academy, Hangzhou

Like Animals, Musee cantonal des beaux-arts de Lausanne, Lausanne

Building Code Violations II, Long March Space, Beijing

The Real Thing, Contemporary Art from China, IVAM, Valencia

Selected, ShanghART H-Space, Shanghai

2007 Performa 07, The Second Biennial of New Visual Art Performance, Various Venues in New York

China Facing Reality, Museum of Modern Art Ludwig Foundation, Vienna

Energy - Spirit, Body, Material, Today Art Museum, Beijing

Wuhan 2nd Documentary Exhibition of Fine Arts, Forms of Concepts: The

Reform of Concepts of Chinese Contemporary Art 1987-2007, Wuhan

Tomorrow, Kumho Museum of Art, Artsonje Center, Seoul, Korea

10th International Istanbul Biennial: Not Only Possible, But Also Necessary -

Optimism in the Age of Global War, Istanbul

China Power Station: Part II, Astrup Fearnley Museum of Modern Art, Oslo

Rejected Collections; More than 40 Chinese Artists, Over 60 Rejected Proposals, Ke Center for Contemporary Arts, Shanghai

China Welcomes You - Desires, Struggles, New Identities, Kunsthaus Graz, Graz

A l'horizon de Shangri-La, Frac Lorraine, France

Individual Position 2 – Video, Photo and Installation, ShanghART H-Space, Shanghai

Zhuyi! Contemporary Chinese Photography, Artium; Basque Museum of Contemporary Art, Vitoria-Gasteiz

NoNo – Self Curated Exhibition of Latest Artworks by 11 Individual Artists, Long March Space, Beijing

The Real Thing – Contemporary Art from China, Tate Liverpool, UK

2006 It's All Right – Contemporary Art Exhibition, Hu Qing Tang Museum of Traditional Chinese Medicine, Hangzhou

Never Go Out Without My DVcam – Video in China, Museo Colecciones ICO, Madrid Alllooksame/Tutttuguale? Art from China, Japan and Korea, Fondazione Sandretto Re Rebaudengo, Torino

The Thirteen: Chinese Video Now, Platform China Contemporary Art Institute, Beijing China Contemporary Architecture, Art and Visual Culture, The Netherlands

Architecture Institute; Museum Boijmans Van Beuningen, Rotterdam, The Netherlands *Take it!*, Universal Studions, Beijing

Solo Exhibition, Creative Garden, Shanghai

Microcosm – Chinese Contemporary Art, Macao Museum of Art, Macao

The Thirteen: Chinese Video Now, PS1 Contemporary Art Center, Long Island City, New York *Mahjong: Contemporary Chinese Art from the Sigg Collection*, Hamburger Kunsthalle, Hamburg

Everyday People, Festival of Creativity, Fortezza da Basso, Florence

China Power Station: Part I, Battersea Power Station, London, UK

On Mobility, De Appel, Amsterdam

Restless – Photography and New Media, MoCA, Shanghai

2005 The Second Guangzhou Triennial Self Organisation – BizART: How to turn Guangzhou into Shanghai, Xinyi International Club, Guangzhou

The Second Guangzhou Triennial – BEYOND: An extraordinary space of xperimentation for modernization, Guangdong Museum of Art, Guanghzhou

Zooming into Focus (NAMOC) – Contemporary Chinese Photography and Video from the Haudenschild Collection, National Art Museum of China, Beijing

Something is Happening, Maple – Popular Woods – In Orioles Singing in the Willows Park, Hangzhou

Regeneration: Contemporary Chinese Art from China and the US, Samek Art Gallery, Bucknell University, Lewisburg, USA

Regeneration: Contemporary Chinese Art from China and the US, Jean Paul Slusser Gallery, Ann Arbor, USA

True to Life, Taiking Top Space, Beijing

Mahjong – Contemporary Chinese Art from the Sigg Collection, Kunstmuseum Bern,

51st International Art Exhibition Venice Biennale, China Pavillon, Venice Shanghai Constructions – Group exhibition by 10 artists, Shanghai Gallery of Art, Shanghai

Melbourne International Arts Festival, Spacement, Watson Place, Melbourne The Second Triennial of Chinese Art – Archaelogy of the Future, Nanjing Museum, Nanjing

Yokohama International Triennial of Contemporary Art, Yokohama, Japan

Videozoom: Chinese Video Artists – The City: Mirage and reflection, Galerie

Sala 1, Centro Internazionale d'Arte Contemporanea, Rome

Monuments of the USA, Wattis Institute for Contemporary Art, San Francisco
Follow Me! Contemporary Chinese Art at the Threshold of the Millenium, Mori Art Museum,

2004 5th Shanghai Biennale – Techniques of the Visible, Shanghai Art Museum, Shanghai

Dial 62761232 – contemporary art exhibition, BizART, Shanghai

Between Past and Future: New Photography and Video from China, ICP and the Asia Society, New York; travelling to the Museum of Contemporary Art and the Smart Museum of Art, Chicago; Seattle Art Museum, Seattle; Santa Barbara Museum of Art, Santa Barbara; Victoria and Albert Museum, London; Haus der Kulturen der Welt, Berlin, Germany Light as Fuck! Shanghai Assemblage 2000-2004; The National Museum of Contemporary Art, Oslo

Shanghai Surprise, Lothringer Strasse 13, Städtische Kunstalle, München Zooming into Focus (SAM) – Chinese Contemporary Photography and Video from the Haudenschild Collection, Shanghai Art Museum, Shanghai

China Now, Museum of Modern Art, New York

Chine: Génération Vidéo, MEP – Maison Européenne de la Photographie, Paris The Monk and The Demon – Art contemporain chinois, Musée Art Contemporain, Lyon Shanghai Duolun Exhibition of Young Artists, Shanghai Duolun Art Museum, Shanghai A l'Ouest du Sud de l'Est-L'année de la Chine, CRAC Centre Regional d'Art Contemporain, Languedoc-Roussillon, Sète

Beyond Boundaries, Shanghai Gallery of Art, Shanghai

Is it Art? Black Show, Noanoa Centre, Xi'an

Zooming into Focus (Singapore) – Chinese Contemporary Photography and Video from the Haudenschild Collection, Earl Lu Gallery, Lasalle-Sia College of the Arts, Singapore Zooming into Focus (Tijuana) – Chinese Contemporary Photography from the Haudenschild Collection, Cultural Tijuana, Tijuana

2003 Open Sky – Grand Opening of Shanghai Duolon Museum of Modern Art,

Shanghai

Fabricated Paradises – Chinese Contemporary Art, Le Parvis centre d'art contemporain, Pau, France

Second Hand Reality, Today Art Museum, Beijing

The Minority is Subordinate to the Majority, BizART, Shanghai

Control-Z, Top Space, Beijing

Dajia – Studying on Design from Contemporary Art, The Museum of Fudan University, Shanghai

System, Short videos from the world 2002-2003, BizART, Shanghai Department – Contemporary art exhibition Hangzhou

The Fifth System: Public Art in the Age of Post-Planning, He Xiangning Art Museum, Shanzhen, Guangdong

Zooming into Focus (San Diego) – Chinese Contemporary Photography from the Haudenschild Collection, University Gallery of San Diego State University, San Diego

Nasty – a group exhibition of paintings, BizART, Shanghai

2002 The First Guangzhou Triennial – Reinterpretation: A Decade of Experimental Chinese Art, Guangdong Museum of Art, Guangzhou

Quick Look! Shanghai Zhejiang Jiangsu Anhui Contemporay Art Exhibition, Consulate General of Switzerland, Shanghai

Too Much Flavor Mirage - Contemporary Art Exhibition, 3H Art Center, Shanghai

Art in General – 4th Annual Video Marathon, 12 hour screening, New York

VideoROM 2.0, Giancarla Zanutti Gallery, Milan

VideoROM, Le Toit du Monde, Centre multidisciplinaire pour la culture actuelle Vevey, Vevey 24:30 Contemporary Art Exhibition, BizART, Shanghai

2001 Living in Time – 29 contemporary artists from China, Hamburger Bahnhof, Museum für Gegenwartskunst, Berlin

49th International Art Exhibition Venice Biennale – Plateau of Humankind,

Venice

Inside the Body, ISE foundation, New York

Hotpot, Kinesisk Samtidskunst, Husternes Hus, Oslo

The First Valencia Biennale, Valencia

Mantic Ecstasy – Photography & Video, Hangzhou; Shanghai; Beijing

Developing Time / Temps de Pause, BizART, Shanghai

2000 Inertia & Mask - Works on Paper, Shanghai Oil Painting & Sculpture Institute,

Shanghai

Exit, Chisenhale Gallery, London

BIG Torino 2000, Torina, Italy

Video Circle, Hongkong and Berlin

Useful Life, Temporary Space, Shanghai

Uncooperativa Approach (Fuck Off), Eastlink Gallery, Shanghai

1999 Food for Thought: An insight in Chinese Contemporary Art, Canvas world art/Canvas

Foundation, Amsterdam

Exchange, Paris

Love – Chinese Contemporary Photography & Video: International Arts Festival, Tachikawa 99, Janan

Art for Sale, Shanghai Plaza, Shanghai

BM99, Bienal da Maya, Maya Art Center, Portugal

Ideas & Concepts, Shanghau

The same but also changed – Photography Exhibition, Shanghai 1998 Jin Yuan Lu 310, Jin Yuan Lu 310, Shanghai