Li Xin Li

portfolio 2024



Education

Li Xin Li

(he/him) b1999, Guangdong China Based in London, UK

I am a painter, sculptor, and animator. I am also a multimedia artist who seeks the best way to deliver my visions. My artistic practice centered around the sense of familiarity, innate curiosity, and the act of creating on the physical level. I create imagery and objects the audience never knew they wanted to see.

Working with the unconscious weaving of memories, the mixture of feelings and stories I heard, the imagery that appears when I zoom out, and with minimal visual references, I aim to realize a feeling of "Daju Vu" in a language everyone can process. My artistic practice is a continuous pursuit of the sincerest and most impulsive representation of these enigmas. It's a pursuit fueled by the feeling of responsibility and destiny to create proof that they exist.

My guiding principle of creating "art" can be understood through the belief that one cannot simply paint a cloud because they see it – they must feel it. This notion emphasizes my commitment to infusing my artwork with genuine emotion, inviting viewers to connect with the work on a deeper level.

2023-2024	MA, Contemporary Art Practice, Royal College of Art	2024	"Illusions of Being", Amos Eno Gallery, New York, U.S.
2018-2022	BFA with honor, Illustration/Printmaking, Parsons School of Design	2023	"Are You Also A Piece of Meat", Huiyi Art Space, Guangdong, China
Award		Selected Group Exhibitions	
2022	Society of Illustration Student Scholarship Award	2024	"CAPiverse", Tate Modern, London UK
2018	The Scholastic Art & Writing Award, 2 Gold Keys & 1 Silver Key		RCA School of Art and Humanities Degree Show, Royal College of Art, London UK
			"Travelling Memories", The Modern Showroom, London UK
			"Beyond, and Within The Void", Fitzrovia Gallery, London UK
Selected Publication/Press			"Global Network Artist Invitational Exhibition", Wuer Space, Suzhou China
2024	Li Tang, Amos Eno Gallery Presents a Solo Show by Li Xin Li		"Water, Oil, Honey", The Crypt Gallery, London UK
	Art in America Guide, Illusions of Being		"New Born", A Space Gallery, New York U.S
2023	Madison, "Meat Boy": Rethinking About Human's Relationship With	2023	"Magic Hour", Amos Eno Gallery, New York U.S
	Animals		"Prophecy of Future Extinction", RCA CAP Studio Gallery, London UK
	New York Weekly, Animation Eclipse of Reason 2020		"Office", iidrr_ Gallery, New York U.S.
	The Ritz Herald, ARTIST INTERVIEW: HOW XINLI LI DRAWS	2022	Society of Illustration 2022 Anual Exhibition, New York U.S.
	INSPIRATION FROM LIFE		Parsons School of Design Thesis Exhibition, New York U.S.
	Aesthetica Magazine, Issue 112		MoCCA Art Festival 2022, New York U.S.
2022	Parsons School of Design Illustration publication 2022	2018	The Scholastic Art&Writing 2018 Hawaii State Show, Honolulu U.S.

Solo Exhibitions

Shaping the Character

stage 1

















Peek 2024 Acrylic on canvas 105 x 135 cm





Illusions of Being, Solo Exhibition Venue: Amos Eno Gallery, 56 Bogart St, Brooklyn, NY 11206

"Illusions of Being" is a journey that unravels the essence of existence. Through the paintings, explore ideas around philosophy, memories, and the meaning to exist. Amidst enigmatic colorful spaces and surreal atmospheres, explore the profound with the absence of humanity, through objects, corners, perspectives, and clashes of colors. As the tangible and imaginary converge, the artist invites you to question, reflect, and embrace the extraordinary nature of being.

Exhibition Dates: Feb 2 – 26, 2024

Opening Reception: Friday, Feb 2, 2024 | 6 – 8 pm

Exploration of Identity and Form

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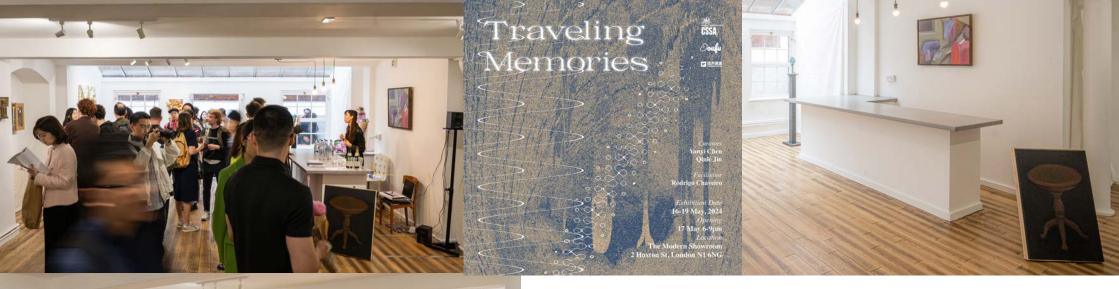








What a Sight 2024 Acrylic on canvas 60 x 80 cm







Traveling Memories London, UK – The Modern Showroom (2 Hoxton St, London N1 6NG)

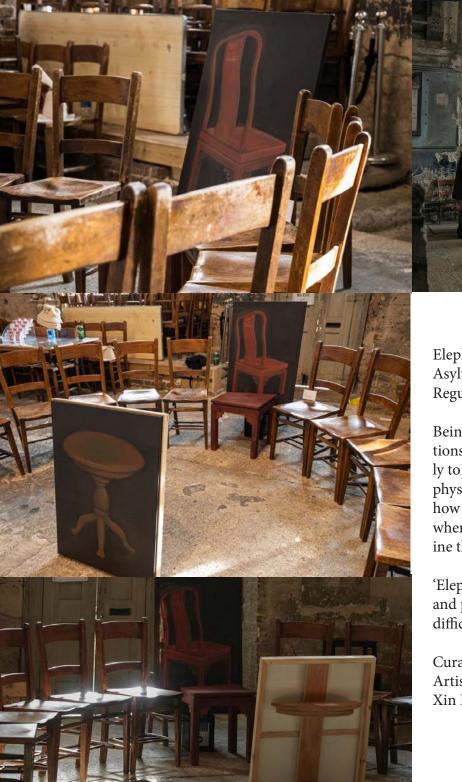
Traveling Memories, opening on Thursday, May 16th, 2024, and runningthrough Sunday, May 19th, 2024. Curated by Yanyi Chen and Qinle Jin, andfacilitated by Rodrigo Chaveiro, this exhibition presents 18 artists from 7countries to explore the dynamic interplay between personal emotions, historical experiences, and root memories.

Memories, shaped by cultural encounters, are fundamental building blocks ofour narratives. However, these narratives are not static. As individuals traveland experience new environments, their interpretations of past culturalencounters can evolve. The exhibition explores the transformative power ofcultural memory through a variety of artistic practices, including painting, sculpture, video, installation, and performance.

Artists: Attiyyah Rahman, Cas Campbell, Casper Dillen, Chenyao Chen, Dien-Berziga, Filip Lav, James Lang, Li Xin Li, Mai Muraguchi, Maria HelenaToscano, Minghao Sun, Mingkai He, Mingzhang Sun, Neo Gao, Qibai Ting, Vincenzo Muratore, Yiru Qian, Zacky Zhao



Sit 2024 Acrylic on canvas, Wood 62 x 50 x 100 cm





Elephant in the Safe

Asylum Chapel, Caroline Gardens, Asylum Road, London, SE15 2SQ Regular hours: 10:00-18:00, 3-4th July, 2024 PV: 17:00-20:00, 2nd of July, 2024

Being exposed to the pervasive influx of emotional triggers in social media content and toxic relationships, we use up empathy, sincerity, and kindness. Social expectations expect us to react perfectly to these stimuli; chronic high pressures ultimately exhaust us. Hence, it becomes vital to establish physical and mental boundaries against unpredictable infiltrations to recover energy. Inspired by how Carl Jung hid a wooden manikin in the attic during childhood to maintain a sense of safety when he faced nightmares and arguments between parents, the exhibition invites audiences to imagine their personal 'protective object' by referencing selected artworks as potential modes of self-care.

'Elephant in the Safe?', a sculpture exhibition exploring the ways to establish protective boundaries and provide anchor with hiding 'protective objects' to enhance the mental stability for confronting difficult situations in life. Come and guess: What's in each artists' safe box?

Curator: Tim C Huang Co-curator: Shuhan Chen

Artists: Szu-Yu Chen, Nayeon Han, Yunjie Huang (Fengye), Mathijs Hunfeld, Cameron Jarvie, Li Xin Li, Qinyang Li, Yucen Liu (Echo), Xiangning Lu, Youjin Seo, Yuanhui Wang @yuanhui_wang

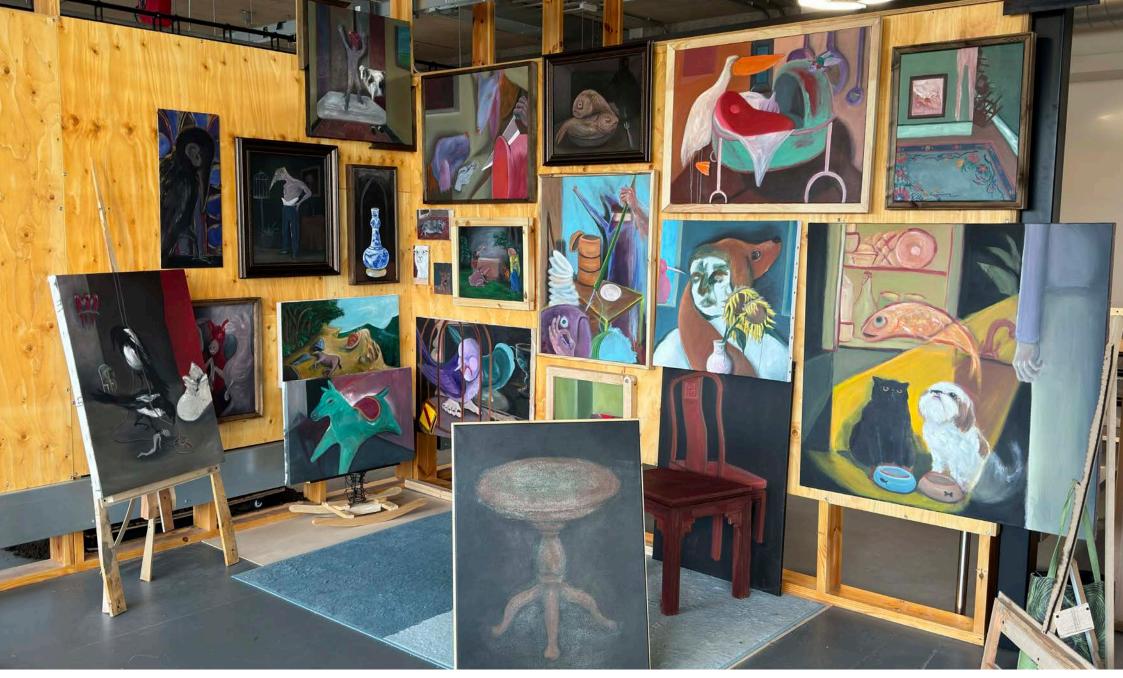
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Anti-Inatitutional Critique on a Table Painting 2024 Acrylic on canvas, Wood $62 \times 50 \times 80 \text{ cm}$

Fantastical

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Unintentional Conversation, Questionable Point of View

A collective of works I produced during the time at the Royal College of Art RCA School of Art and Humanties Degree Show 2024













Spare Me 2024 Acrylic on canvas 70 x 60 cm







Water, Oil, Honey The Crypt Gallery, 165 Euston Road, London, NW1 2BA

Pistil Collective are thrilled to present the inaugural exhibition; Water, Oil, Honey at The Crypt gallery, London. We were immensely overwhelmed by the submissions for the Open Call and received many impressive applicants which we are excited to showcase. Water, Oil, Honey exhibition will display emerging artists from all disciplines, including sculpture, painting, drawing, mixed media and digital art.

Exhibition opening days and hours: Sat 25th - Mon 27th 10:00am - 17:00pm

Private view: Fri 24th May 1800 - 21:00pm





Rocking Horse Painting 2024 Acrylic on canvas, wood, spring 60 x 60 x 60 cm









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Suicidal Stool

2023

Intimate Relationship

Acrylic on canvas

40 x 60 cm

Playground

2024

Acrylic on canvas 160 x 130 cm

8 2024

Acrylic on canvas 53 x 77 cm

40 x 60 cm

Strange Reflection

Acrylic on canvas

40 x 60 cm

2023

Corners

40 x 30 cm

Acrylic on canvas

2024

Acrylic on canvas

Strangers 2023

Acrylic on canvas

60 x 42 cm

Green Room Full of Furniture

2024

2023

Acrylic on canvas 40 x 50 cm

> A Gift For Family 2024 Acrylic on canvas 50 x 40 cm

Potential Self Portrait 2024 Acrylic on canvas 40 x 50 cm

25.5 x 55.5 cm

Talk with Friends

2024

Acrylic on canvas

40 x 50 cm

Vase in Dark Taste 2024 2023 Acrylic on canvas Acrylic on canvas

40 x 30 cm

Tale of an Accident

2024

Acrylic on canvas

70 x 40 cm

Dinner Time 2024

Acrylic on canvas 60 x 80 cm

Pelican Delivery, Not Crane

2024

Acrylic on canvas 80 x 60 cm

Gathering 2024 Acrylic on canvas

45 x 35 cm

Portrait at 4 AM at Home

2024

Acrylic on canvas

60 x 60 cm