

Cai Dongdong

Born in Tianshu, Gansu, in 1978, Cai Dongdong joined the People's Liberation Army at a young age, taking up a role as a portrait photographer for enlisted soldiers. This job became his formal training in the medium, developing into a career path as he returned to Beijing and opened his own studio. Through the use of archival, found photography, and installation, Cai creates half-fragmented realities. Taking readymade materials – a nod to Duchamp's Dadaist sensibilities – he pierces through the skin of these photographs with mirrors, arrows, and other objects, forming what he calls 'photo-sculptures.'

Born in Tianshui, Gansu Province, China
Served in army since 1996
Studied in Beijing Film Academy
Cai currently lives and works in Beijing.

SOLO EXHIBITIONS:

2017

Off Target: Cai Dongdong, Charles Chu Reading Room, Connecticut College, Connecticut

Cai Dongdong: Photography Autocracy, Klein Sun Gallery, New York

Evidences of the real the photograph with gaps, Pully American Library Switzerland

2016

Fountain, Klein Sun Gallery, New York

Let It Be, Gallery 100, Taipei, Taiwan

2015

Rebirth, Three Shadows Photography Art Center, Beijing, China

Falling Stone, Tong Gallery, Beijing, China

Trans-Section of Memory, Jiali Gallery, Beijing, China

2013

Image Uterus Production Power, 55 gallery, Shanghai, China

2012

Draftsmanship, Matthias Kuper Galleries, Stuttgart, Germany

Pull Left, Taikang Space, Beijing, China

2011

Tea Garden, Unidee Art Foundation, Italy

2010

51m² 6#: Cai Dongdong, Taikang Space, Beijing, China

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS:

2018

New Historical Drama, Tang Contemporary Art Gallery, Beijing, China

2016

Ghost In Flash: After Photograph, Taikang Space, Beijing, China

Turning Point: Contemporary Art In China Since 2000, Minsheng Art Museum, Shanghai, China

New Capital---Huang Yu Collection Exhibition, Museum of Contemporary Art Chengdu ,
Chengdu, China

Guns and Roses, Kunstraum, Potsdam c/o Waschhaus, Germany

Silk Road International, Art Museum of Nanjing University of the Arts, Nanjing, China

Winter Discovery, Thousand Plateaus Gallery, Chengdu, China

This Is Why We Play, Being 3 Art Gallery, Beijing, China

Tuanjiehu Lake, Sayizheng III, Beijing, China

2015

Editing the Spectacle: the Individual and Working Methods Post Mediatization, Hive Center for
Contemporary Art, Beijing, China

China 8: Contemporary Art from China on the Rhine and Ruhr, Folkwang Museum, Essen,
Germany

中 *Economic Foundation*, Ullens Center for Contemporary Art, Beijing, China

Links – Locality and Nomadism, Galaxy Museum of Contemporary Art, Chongqing, China

Unfamiliar Asia: The Second Beijing Photo Biennial, CAFA Art Museum, Beijing, China

Chinese Photography: Twentieth Century and Beyond, Three Shadows Photography Art Centre,
Beijing, China

Fat Choi, A307, Beijing, China

Echigo-Tsumari Triennial, Niigata, Japan

The 2nd Three Shadows Experimental Image Open Exhibition, Three Shadows Photography Art
Centre, Beijing, China

Re-Exposure, Poly VIP, Hongkang, China

Fundamental Labor, Koala Space, Tianjin, China

Consciousness and Reconstruction - from Yan'an Woodcut to the Practice of nameless, Xi'an
Museum, Xi'an, China

2014

Unlived by What is Seen, Pace Beijing, Beijing, China

Declining Painting, Jing Gallery, Beijing, China.

The Unfathomable, Today Art Museum, Beijing, China

The Future is the Past: Transitional Chinese Portrait, Les Amis de Nouvelles D'Europe, Vienna, Austria

Civilization ,Round 2 – Yu Lin, OCAT Xi'an, Xi'an, China

Pull Left – Not Always Right, Urban Arts Space, the Ohio State University, Ohio,USA

Get It Louder, Sanlitun, Beijing, China

Uneasy Trip in Asia 2014, Star Gallery, Beijing, China

From New Photography to Rookie Award: Three Shadows'Collection,"

He Xiangning Art Museum, Shenzhen, China

Arts on the Papers, Space Station, Beijing, China

Imaginary Happiness, Bottega Veneta, Shanghai, China

2013

Civilization, Round 1 – Lin Lv, White Box Art Center, Beijing, China

Rundeli Market-Sanyizheng II, Beijing China

Beijing International Photography Biennial: Collection Exhibition, Three Shadows Photography Art Centre, Beijing, China

Here and Now, From Boredom to Endless Delays, Li Space, Beijing, China

2012

Terna Award for Contemporary Art Exhibition, Multimedia Art Museum, Moscow, Russia

Carnival, Mizuma Gallery, Beijing, China

Conceptual Renewal : A Brief History of Chinese Contemporary Photographical Art, Si Shang Art Museum, Beijing, China

A Kite, C Space, Beijing, China

2011

51M2: 16 Emerging Chinese Artists, Taikang Space, Beijing, China

The Third Party-Act 3: A Group Celebration, Platform China, Beijing, China

Longquan Bathing, Beijing, China

Chongqing International Invitation Exhibition of Contemporary Photography, Chongqing, China

Friday in Frac, FRAC Gallery, Turin, Italy

2010

The Market: I'm, Beijing Center for the Arts, Beijing, China

2009

Lead Up : The Exhibition of Chinese Fine Arts Critics' Nominations 2009, Beijing, China

Youth, China Square, New York, USA

2008

ChinaContemporary Photography in the New Century,"Pékin Fine Arts New York,USA

See Through, Tang Contemporary Art, Hongkong, China

Fabricating Images from History, Chinablue Gallery, Beijing, China

Outward Images, Three Shadows Photography Center, Beijing, China

2007

Attitude, Eastlink Gallery, Shanghai, China

2006

China and China Taiwan Contemporary Photographers Invitation Exhibition, Donggang Museum of Photography, Korea

2005

City -Reviewing, Guangzhou International Photography Biennial, Guangdong Museum of Art, Guangzhou, China

PUBLIC ART PROJECTS:

2011

Tea House, UNIDEE Foundation of Italy, Turin, Italy

2013

Chang'an Avenue Car Rally, Beijing, China

36 Blow Jobs 72 Positions, Beijing, China

Yellow Ants Art Lab Project: Appreciating the Audience, Shanghai, China

2014

Oh, My God, Action Space, Beijing, China

The Home Art Project, Tianjin, China

PUBLIC COLLECTION:

Museum Folkwang, Essen, Germany

The White Rabbit Museum, Sydney, Australia

MAMO, Moscow, Russia

UNIDEE found, Italy

Guangdong Museum of Art, Guangzhou, China

Taikang Space, Beijing, China

Three Shadows Photography Art Center, Beijing, China

CAFA Art Museum, Beijing, China

AWARDS:

2015

TOP 20 Young Photographers---2015 China Contemporary Photography, China

China Photography Chart, China

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2014 New Power, Art 289, NF Media Group, China

2010

The First Prize of 3rd Terna Award for Contemporary Art Award, Italy

2005

Outstanding Photographer Creation Fund Award of Pingyao International Photography Festival,
China

RESIDENCY:

2011

UNIDEE Art Found Residency Project, Italy