

Tang Contemporary Art Presents:

## The Stranger

A Zhang Yongxu Solo Exhibition

Artist: Zhang Yongxu

Opening: Thursday, November 16, 2017, 6 PM

Dates: November 16 to December 30, 2017

Venue: Tang Contemporary Art, 3F, Golden Place Plaza, 153 Rajdamri Road, Pathumwan, Bangkok, Thailand

Tang Contemporary Art Bangkok is proud to announce the opening of "The Stranger", a solo exhibition by Zhang Yongxu, on November 16. With strong gestures and vibrant colors, marked by many symbolic layers, themes such as country life and personal experiences bring together autobiographical scenes of Zhang Yongxu's domestic life through his period in China and United States. In those paintings, we witness diverse people in their daily lives and routines seen by the eye of an artist, a man, an individual. Everyday scenes and tiny details get highlighted, revealing the essence of beauty of simple things which manifests itself brightly.

Zhang Yongxu's paintings depict enchanting urban night scenes, village buildings with folk touches, and worried or happy figures. Zhang uses particular lighting and distortions to construct a distinct painting language. As fragments of memory, the scenes are given a freshness, allowing real and surreal painting methods to coexist. The paintings very easily arouse emotion in the viewer, linking the artist's spiritual world and our individual memories.

At the age of 22, Zhang Yongxu left his home in Xinjiang to study, work, and live in New York and California. He is now based in Beijing. He traveled around the world, but his work was rooted in Xinjiang. In other cities, he was always a stranger and a by stander; a longing for Xinjiang had permeated Zhang's body long ago. Xinjiang is a special place where civilization, politics, and culture intersect; this means that, in his work, Zhang both observes minute details and asks grand questions. Following in the footsteps of this stranger, we witness happy fragments of his personal memories, and come to know the history of cities in which the traditional and the modern coexist.

### ABOUT Artist

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Zhang Yongxu , Born in Xin Jiang in 1963. He graduated from Central Academy of Fine Arts No.4 oil painting studio in 1989, and majored in photography in LAGCC in 1994. He currently lives and works in Beijing, China.

Recent exhibitions include: "The Stranger, Zhang Yongxu solo exhibition", Tang Contemporary Art Bangkok(2017); "On the way, Zhang Yongxu painting exhibition", Song Ya Feng Contemporary Art Gallery, Beijing (2016); "Go to Tacheng", Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region Museum, Urumqi (2015); "Hello, Yongxu", Museum of Contemporary Art Xinjiang, Urumqi, China (2015); "Distant Places", Shanghai Gallery of Art, Shanghai (2014); "Back to Hometown", Museum of Contemporary Art Xinjiang, Urumqi (2013); "Up--Xinjiang Oil Painting Exhibition", Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region Museum, Urumqi, China (2013); "Amazing Xinjiang, Zhang Yongxu solo exhibition", Turpan Museum, Xinjiang (2012); "Awakening", Today Art Museum, Beijing(2010), etc. Recent group exhibitions include: "Start from Modern--15 ways of expression", National Art Museum of China, Beijing (2012); "The 1st Contemporary Art Biennial of Xinjiang", Xinjiang International Expo Centre, Urumqi (2012); "Mao Yan, Zhang Yongxu, Sun Liang", Yibo Art, Shanghai (2000); "United Exhibition of Chinese Artists", Liu Hai Su Museum, Shanghai (1998); "The 3rd National Oil Painting Exhibition", National Art Museum of China, Beijing (1995); "6 People from the Universe", Lamama La Gallery, New York, USA (1991); "The 1st Chinese Oil Painting", Shanghai Art Museum, Shanghai (1988), etc. His artwork was collected in United Nations Headquarters.

#### ABOUT Tang Contemporary Art

Founded in 1997, Tang Contemporary is headquartered in Beijing, with art spaces in Bangkok and Hong Kong. The gallery is fully committed to producing critical projects and exhibitions to promote Contemporary Chinese art regionally and worldwide, and encourage a dynamic exchange between Chinese artists and those abroad. Acting as one of the most progressive and critically driven exhibition spaces in China, the gallery strives to initiate dialogue between artists, curators, collectors and institutions working both locally and internationally. A roster of groundbreaking exhibitions has earned them international recognition, establishing their status as a pioneer of the contemporary art scene in Asia.

Tang Contemporary Art represents leading figures in Chinese art including Ai Weiwei, Huang Yong Ping, Shen Yuan, Wang Du, Liu Xiaodong, Yang Jiechang, Xia Xiaowan, Sun Yuan & Peng Yu, Yan Lei, Wang Yin, Wang Yuping, Yang Jiang Group, Guo Wei, Zheng Guogu, Michael Lin, Lin Yilin, H. H. Lim, He An, Zhao Zhao, Wang Yuyang, Weng Fen, Yang Yong, , Xu Qu, XU Xiaoguo, Ji Zhou, Cai Lei, Ling Jian and Chen Wenbo, additionally collaborating with international artists such as Rirkrit Tiravanija, Navin Rawanchaikul, Sakarin Krue-on, and Prasert Yodkaew.

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Artist will be present and available for interviews, please contact us in advance for scheduling.