

# LEO XU PROJECTS

## CHEN WEI

Chen Wei (b. 1980 Zhejiang, China) is known for his photographs of carefully handcrafted objects and architectures, composed to a meticulously staged mise-en-scène that blurs the boundaries between realities and cinema, landscapes and dreamscapes. Influenced by the 20th century's cinematically staged photography, Chen introduces a layer of simplistic theatric stage design and painterly sensibility to his photographic repertoire.

Chen Wei has exhibited extensively and internationally at numerous prestigious institutions and biennales. Recent exhibitions include: "Noon Club", curated by Francesco Bonami, JNBY Foundation, Hangzhou, China, 2016; "We Chat: A Dialogue in Contemporary Chinese Art", Asia Society Texas Center, Texas, 2016; "The Work in Progress, Photography from China in 2015", Museum Folkwang, Essen, 2015; "Paradise B!tch", White Rabbit Gallery, Sydney, 2015; "Performance and Imagination: Chinese Photography 1911–2014", Stavanger Art Museum, Stavanger, 2014; "My Generation: Young Chinese Artists", Orange County Museum of Art, CA, 2015; Tampa Museum of Art, FL and Oklahoma City Museum of Art, OK, both in 2014; "ON | OFF: China's Young Artists in Concept and Practice", Ullens Center for Contemporary Art, Beijing, 2012; "28 Chinese", San Antonio Museum of Art, San Antonio and Asian Art Museum, San Francisco in 2015, Rubell Family Collection/Contemporary Arts Foundation, Miami, FL, in 2013, among others. In 2011, Chen Wei was awarded the 1st Asia Pacific Photography Prize, and was shortlisted for the Prudential Eye Awards in 2015.

Chen Wei lives and works in Beijing, China.

## BIOGRAPHY

1980 Born in Zhejiang Province, China

2002 Graduated from Zhejiang University of Media and Communications, Zhejiang Province, China

Lives and works in Beijing, China.

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2016 *Chen Wei: Noon Club*, curated by Francesco Bonami, JNBY Foundation, Hangzhou, China

2015 *Chen Wei: The Last Man*, Leo Xu Projects, Shanghai, China  
*Chen Wei: Night Paris*, Ota Fine Arts, Tokyo, Japan  
*Chen Wei: Noon Insomnia*, Ota Fine Arts, Singapore  
*Chen Wei: In the Waves*, K11 chi art museum, Shanghai, China  
*Yesterday Shop*, Galerie Rüdiger Schöttle, Munich, Germany

2014 *Chen Wei: The Stars in the Night Sky are Innumerable*, Australia China Art Foundation, Sydney, Australia  
*Chen Wei: Slumber Song*, Ben Brown Fine Arts, London, England  
*Chen Wei*, Gallery Exit, Hong Kong, China

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- 2012 *Chen Wei: More*, Leo Xu Projects, Shanghai, China  
*Rain In Some Areas*, Galerie Rüdiger Schöttle, Munich, Germany
- 2011 *Tight Rope*, Yokohama Creative City Center (YCC), Yokohama, Japan  
*The Augur's Game*, Galleria Gance, Turin, Italy
- 2010 *Chen Wei: Photography 2006-2009*, Full Art, Sevilla, Spain
- 2009 *Chen Wei's Photography Works From 2007-2009*, M97 Gallery, Shanghai, China  
*Everyday, Scenery and Props*, Gallery Exit, Hong Kong, China  
*Partial Melancholy*, Laboratory Art Beijing, Beijing, China
- 2008 *The Fabulist's Path*, Platform China Contemporary Art Institute, Beijing, China

## SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2016 *MIC / MAC*, A2Z Art Gallery, Paris, France  
*Turning Point: Contemporary Art in China Since 2000*, Minsheng Art Museum, Shanghai, China  
*China: Grain to Pixel*, Monash Gallery of Art, Melbourne, Australia  
*New Voices: a dsl collection story*, Klein Sun Gallery, New York, USA  
*Another Landscape*, Yang Art Museum, Beijing, China  
*We Chat: A Dialogue in Contemporary Chinese Art*, Asia Society Texas Center, Texas, USA  
*The Mud of Compound Experience*, Mother's Tankstation & Leo Xu Projects, Hong Kong, China  
*WE: A Community of Chinese Contemporary Artists*, K11 chi art museum, Shanghai, China
- 2015 *The Work in Progress*, Photography from China in 2015, Museum Folkwang, Essen, Germany  
*Paradise B!tch*, White Rabbit Gallery, Sydney, Australia  
*28 Chinese*, San Antonio Museum of Art, San Antonio; Asian Art Museum, San Francisco, USA  
*Grain to Pixel: A Story of Photography in China*, Shanghai Center of Photography, Shanghai, China  
*28°00'N 120°42'E*, How Art Museum, Wenzhou, China  
*My Generation: Young Chinese Artists*, Orange County Museum of Art, California, USA  
*Photography Now: An International Survey*, Ben Brown Fine Arts, London, UK  
*The System of Objects*, Minsheng Art Museum, Shanghai, China  
*Performance and Imagination: Chinese Photography 1911-2014*, Stavanger Art Museum, Stavanger, Norway
- 2014 *Silence: The 1990s*, Balice Hertling Gallery, Paris, France  
*My Generation: Young Chinese Artists*, Oklahoma City Museum of Art, Oklahoma; Tampa Museum of Art & Museum of Fine Arts, Florida, USA
- 2013 *28 Chinese*, Rubell Family Collection/ Contemporary Arts Foundation, Miami, USA  
*Degeneration*, OCAT Shanghai, Shanghai, China  
*Reading*, Leo Xu Projects, Shanghai, China  
*Rising Dragon: Contemporary Chinese Photography*, San Jose Museum of Art, San Jose, USA  
*Art Basel Hong Kong, Hall 1, Booth C56*, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Center, Hong Kong, China

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- Variations on an Icon*, Max Mara's new flagship store at the Shanghai K11 Art Mall, Shanghai, China  
*Shanghai Surprise: A Group Show on Contemporary Art in Shanghai*, K11 art museum, Shanghai, China  
*ON | OFF: China's Young Artists in Concept and Practice*, Ullens Center for Contemporary Art, Beijing, China
- 2012 *Daily of Concept, A Practice of Life: The Fifth Shanghai Duolun Youth Art Exhibition*, Shanghai Duolun Museum of Modern Art, Shanghai, China  
*The First "CAFAM-Future" exhibition - Sub-phenomena: Report on the State of Chinese Young Art*, CAFA Art Museum, Beijing, China  
*Rising Dragon: Contemporary Chinese Photography*, Katonah Museum of Art, New York; Krannert Art Museum, Champaign, Illinois, USA
- 2011 *In The Heat of The Sun*, Gallery Hyundai, Seoul, Korea  
*Sweet Dreams (Are Made of This)*, Leo Xu Projects, Shanghai, China  
*One Man Theater*, He Xiangning Art Museum, Shenzhen, China  
*Catch The Moon In The Water*, James Cohan Gallery, New York, USA  
*Red*, 10 Chancery Lane Gallery, Hong Kong, China  
*In a Perfect World*, Meulenstein Gallery, New York, USA  
*Parts and Whole*, Hiromi Yoshii, Tokyo, Japan
- 2010 *Alex: A Tribute to Alexander McQueen*, James Cohan Gallery, Shanghai, China  
*MARK FLOOD, AGATHE SNOW and CHEN WEI: Group Show*, Galerie Rüdiger Schöttle, Munich, Germany  
*Reflection of Mind—MoCA Shanghai Envisage III*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Shanghai, China  
*TORA!TORA!TORA!:Photography Exhibition*, Beijing Caochangdi Photo Spring, Beijing, China  
*Soldier Crab I: An Exhibition of The First Annual Caochangdi Photo Spring*, Li-Space, Beijing, China  
*Jungle: A Close-Up Focus on Chinese Contemporary Art Trends*, Platform China Contemporary Art Institute, Beijing, China
- 2009 *Seoul International Photography Festival 2009*, Seoul, Korea  
*Santa's Workshop Shanghai*, James Cohan Gallery, Shanghai, China  
*E-flux "PAWNSHOP"*, The Shop, Beijing, China  
*YiPai—Century Thinking: A Contemporary Art Exhibition*, Today Art Museum, Beijing, China  
*Blackboard*, ShanghART H-Space, Shanghai, China  
*The 3<sup>rd</sup> Guangzhou Photo Biennial*, Guangdong Museum of Art, Guangzhou, China  
*China Now—The Edge of Desire*, Max Lang Gallery, New York, USA  
*New Work from China—Painting, Photography & Video*, Fortune Cookie Projects Singapore, HT Contemporary Space, Singapore
- 2008 *Exquisite Corpse: China Surreal*, M97 Gallery, Shanghai, China  
*Mediations Biennale 2008*, Poznan, Poland  
*Deep Pond and Float Chamber*, Nanjing Qinghe Current Art Center, Nanjing, China  
*China Pingyao International Photography Festival 2008*, Pingyao, China  
*Night on Earth—Spatial Constructions and Time based Collisions*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Shanghai, China
- 2007 *Amateur World: A Contemporary Art Exhibition*, Platform China Contemporary Art Institute, Beijing, China

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*Refresh: Emerging Chinese Artists*, Arario Gallery, Beijing; Zendai Museum of Modern Art, Shanghai, China

*Unpredictable: New Photography from China*, Morono Kiang Gallery, Los Angeles, USA

*Against the Wall: Contemporary Chinese Artists*, Corkin Gallery, Toronto, Canada

*On View: Selections from China, Fortune Cookie Projects*, Paul Morris Gallery, New York, USA

*Shouting Truth: A Contemporary Art Exhibition*, Platform China Contemporary Art Institute, Beijing, China

- 2006 *The 4<sup>th</sup> Seoul International Media Art Biennale*, Seoul Museum of Art, Seoul, Korea  
*Poetic Reality: A Reinterpretation of Jiangnan*, RCM Art Museum, Nanjing, China  
*Restless: Photography and New Media*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Shanghai, China
- 2005 *GIFTS: Contemporary Art Exhibition*, H.N.U. Art Museum, Hangzhou, China  
*Four Seasons: Sound Performance*, BizArt Art Center, Shanghai; Cubic Art Center, Beijing, China
- 2003 *White Tower Mountain—Contemporary Art Exhibition*, Baitaling, Hangzhou, China