# Chinese Contemporary Art Uses and Reuses of the Past

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### I. WESTERN BORROWINGS



Michelangelo *The Last Judgment* 1534-41 Fresco Sistine Chapel, Vatican, Rome



Miao Xiaochun b 1964 *The Last Judgment*, video 2005
(miaoxiaochun.com)





Miao Xiaochun The Last Judgment, video 2005

# Hieronymous Bosch The Garden of Earthly Delights, c. 1410-15 Museo del Prado





Hieronymous Bosch, *The Garden of Earthly Delights*, c. 1410-15 Museo del Prado

Miao Xiaochun, *Fullness*, video 2008



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## Leonardo da Vinci *The Last Supper*, c 1495-98 tempera mural Sta Maria della Grazie, Milan





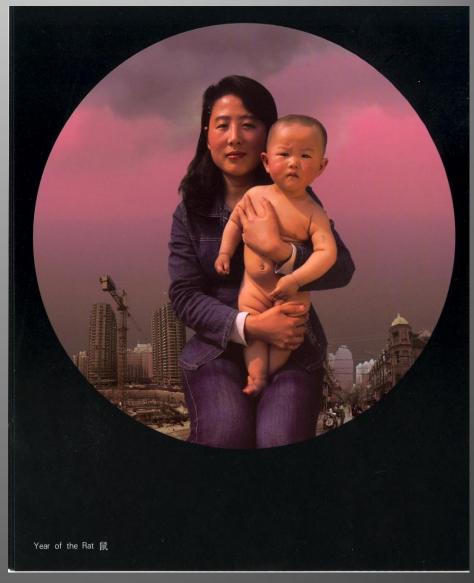
Cui Xiuwen Sanjie 20004 C print

(<a href="https://www.brooklynmuseum.org/eascfa/">www.brooklynmuseum.org/eascfa/</a> feminist\_art\_base/gallery/Cuixiuwen))

Jacopo Bellini (c. 1400 – c. 1470 Virgin of Humility, adored by a prince of the House of Este, 1440. Louvre Museum. 0.60 m. x .40 m.

Gao Yuan,
Twelve Moons, 2008 C print 27.9 x
35.6 cm (gaoyuan-artist.com





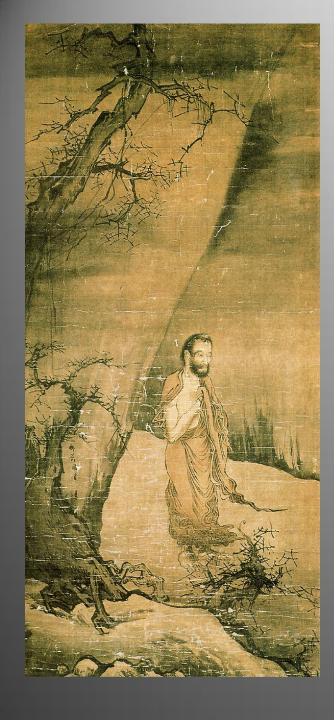
Michelangelo, *The Dying Slave* 1513-1516, *The Rebellious Slave* 1513-16, Musee du Louvre, Paris Sui Jianguo, b.1956 *Study on the Folding of Clothes*, 1998, Shanghai Biennale, 2002 (suijianguo.com)







# II CHINESE FIGURAL ART



Liang Kai, Shakyamuni Coming Out of the Mts., ink on paper, 13<sup>th</sup> century Hanging scroll, ink and color on silk, 117.6 x 51.9 cm. Tokyo National Museum.

Hong *Lei Shakyamuni Coming Out of the Mts.* photo and installation at the Kwangju Biennale, Korea 2006 (www.artzinechina.com/display\_vol\_aid50\_en.html)



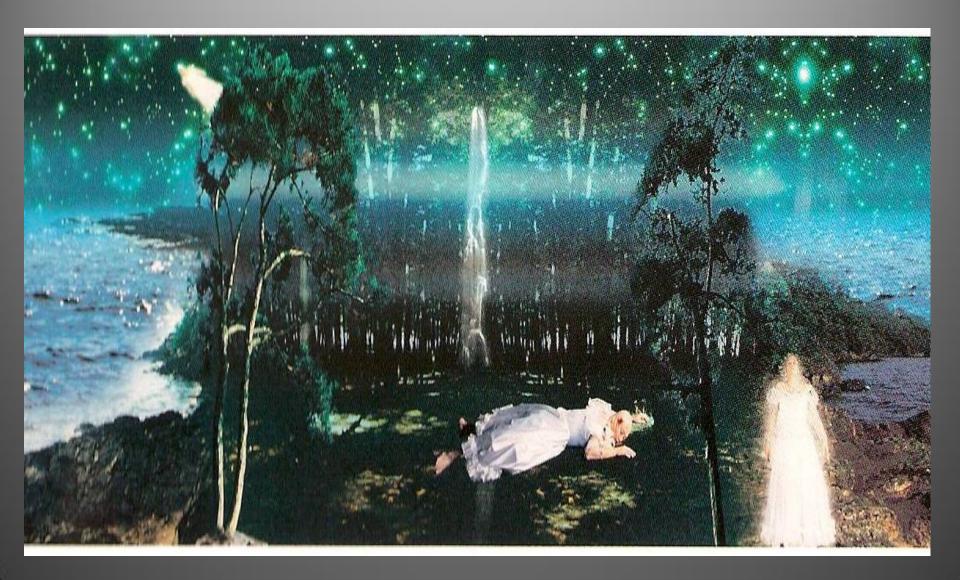
Hong Lei, I Dreamt of Being Killed by My Father When I was Flying Over an Immortal Land 2000 C-print 61 X 196.c cm





Land of the Immortals attrib. Chen Ruyan,
Yuan dynasty
hand scroll, ink and
color on silk,
33 x 102.9 cm
Inscribed by Ni Zan
1371. Cleveland
Museum of Art

## Hong Lei, I Dreamt of Being Killed by My Father When I was Flying Over an Immortal Land 2000 C-print 61 X 196.c cm





Zhang Xuan

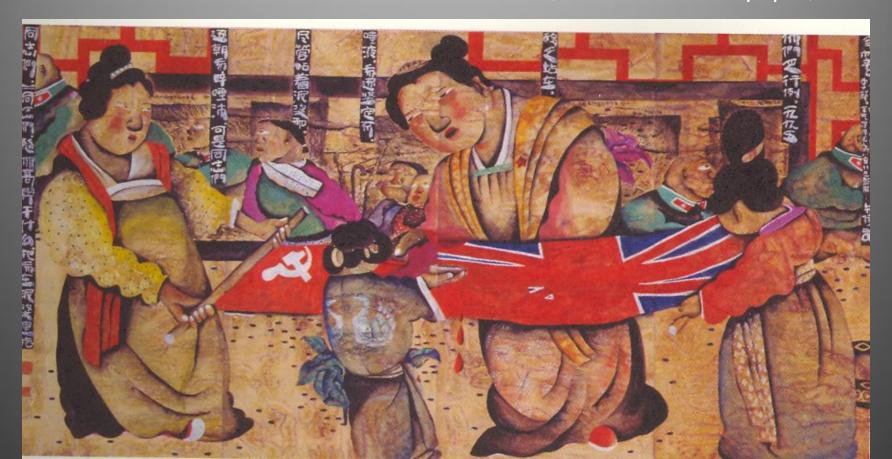
Ladies Making Silk,

Tang dynasty eighth century, (later copy)

ink and colors on silk,

Boston Museum of Fine Arts

Zhu Wei, b 1966 Comrades, ink and color on paper, 1995



### Gu Hongzhong attrib., *The Night Entertainment of Han Xizai*, hand scroll detail ink and colors on silk, ca, 12<sup>th</sup> century copy, Palace Museum





Wang Qingsong b.1966
Night Revels of Lao Li, C
print
(www.wangqingsong.com)

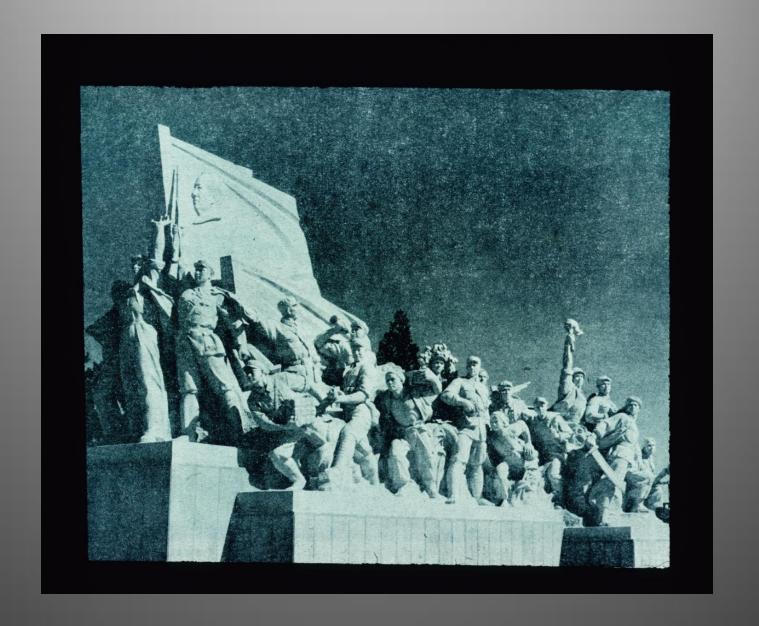




Wang Qingsong, Night Revels of Lao Li C print

(www.wangqingsong.com)

#### Monument to the People's Heroes, Mao Memorial



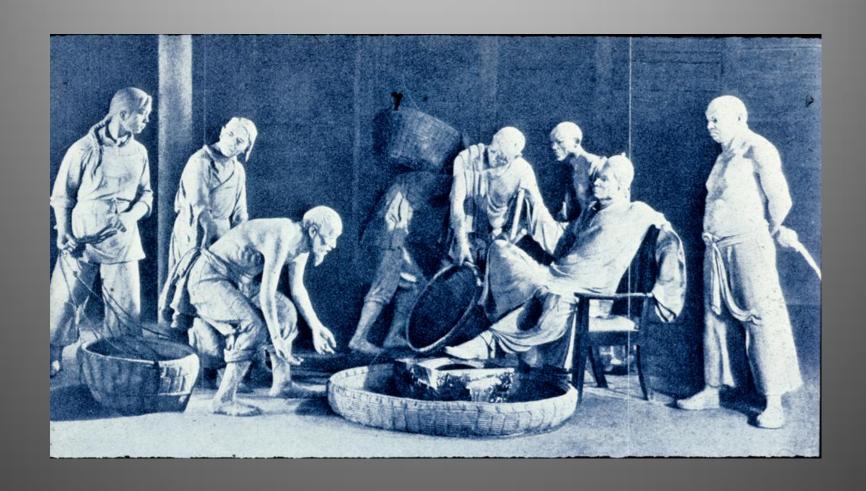
# Wang Qingsong b. 1966 Beijing Past Present Future 2001 chromogenic prints 119.4 x 546.1 cm Wangqingsong .com



### Qi Zhilong (b. 1962) No # 21 2004 oil on canvas, 63.5 X 50.8 cm



#### Sichuan Academy of Fine Arts Co-op *The Rent Collector* 1965



# Cai Guoqiang b 1957 Rent Collector Courtyard, installation Venice Biennale, 1999



# III CHINESE LANDSCAPE TRADITIONS



Ni Zan *Six Worthies* 1345 Shanghai Museum ink on paper 61.9 x 33.3cm



Shen Zhou 1427-1509 Landscape in the Manner of Ni Zan Nelson Atkins Museum of Art, Kansas City Missouri ink on paper H - ca. 137.20 cm



Ni Zan Six Worthies 1345 Shanghai Museum ink on paper 61.9 x 33.3c m



Copy of Ni Zan

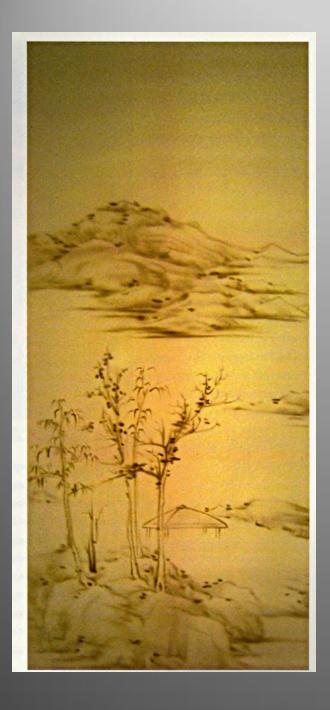
Taiwan Palace Museum ink on paper



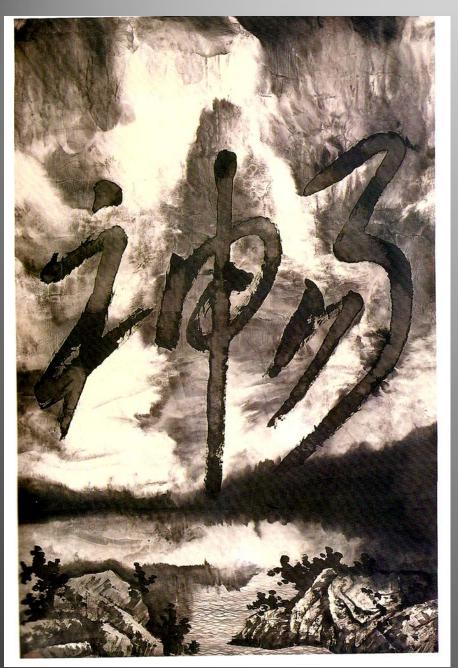
Hong Ren 1610-1663.
The Coming of Autumn, ink on paper Honolulu Museum of Art



Ni Zan *Six Worthies* 1345 Shanghai Museum ink on paper 61.9 x 33.3cm



Zhou Tiehai, b. 1966
Rongxi Studio, 2001 acrylic on canvas, Cantor Center for Visual Arts Stanford University, produced by an artisan at the request of the artist



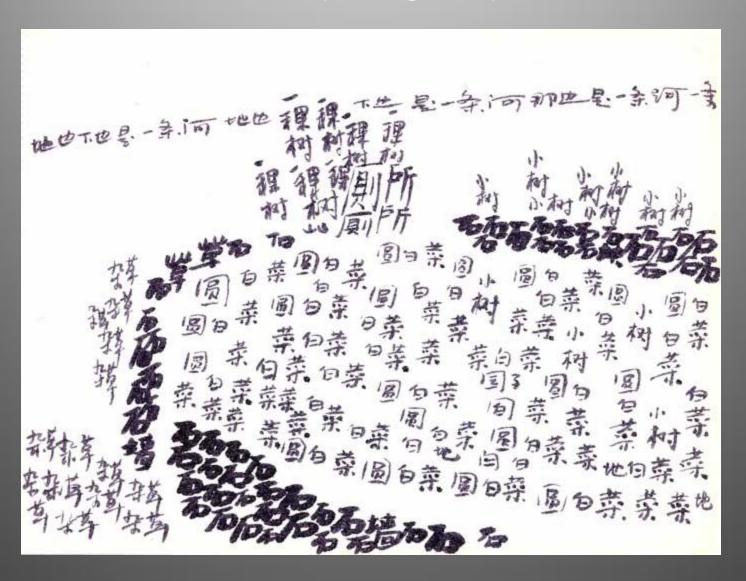
Wenda Gu (b. 1955) Pseudo
Characters Series: Contemplation,
ink on paper, one of three hanging
scrolls, each 489 x 274 cm
(wendagu.com)



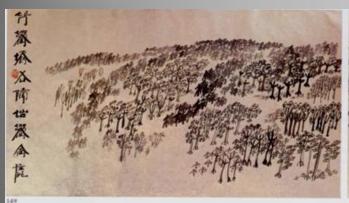
Gong Xian (1617-1689)

Thousand Peaks and Myriad Ravines,
hanging scroll, 61 x 101.6 cm
Reitberg Museum Zurich

# Xu Bing Landscripts from the Himalayan Journal 1999 (xubing.com)



#### Xu Bing, (b. 1955) Landscript: Ten Thousand Trees, 2001



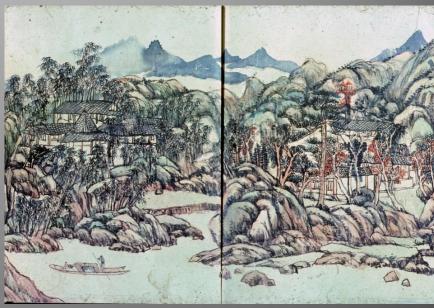






Huang Yan b.1966 *Chinese Landscape Tattoo* 1999 chromogenic print 78 .7 x 106 cm
Wang Yuanqi, *Wangchuan Villa* dated 1711
Metropolitan Museum of Art, inv. no. 1977.80 ink and colors on paper





# Wen Zhengming, Seven Junipers, 1532, Honolulu Academy of Arts ink on paper





Cui Xiu Wen Existential *Emptiness* 2009 c print

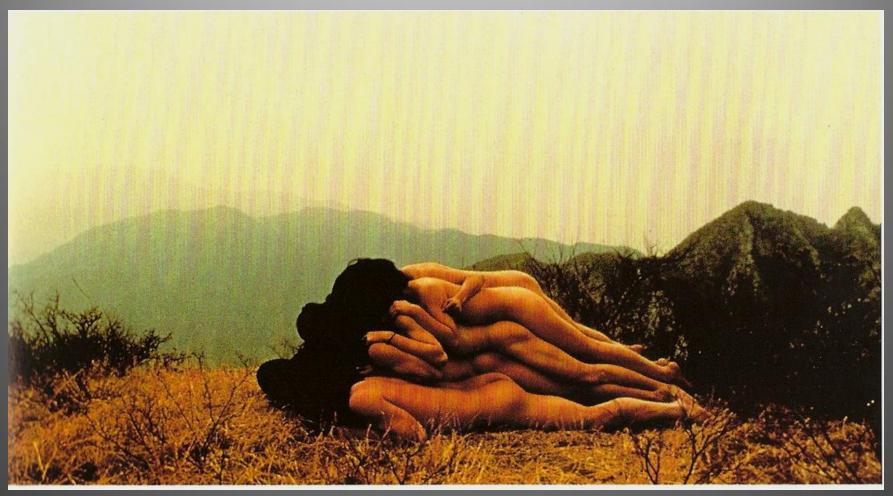
### Anon. *Pilgrims and Travelers in a Landscape*Cave 217, Dunhuang, Gansu, Tang dynasty eighth century

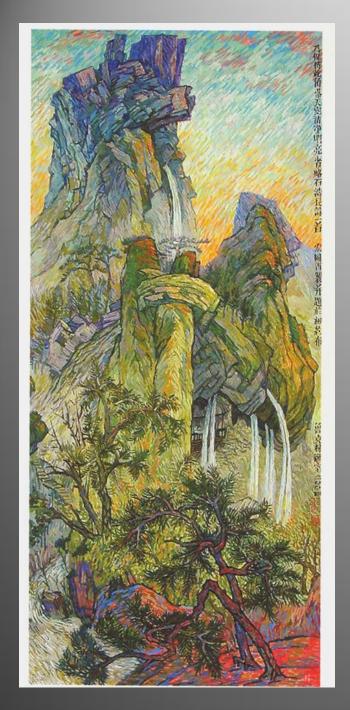
Yang Jinsong,, *Tang Mountain Landscape* oil on canvas 2003 (yangjinsong.com)



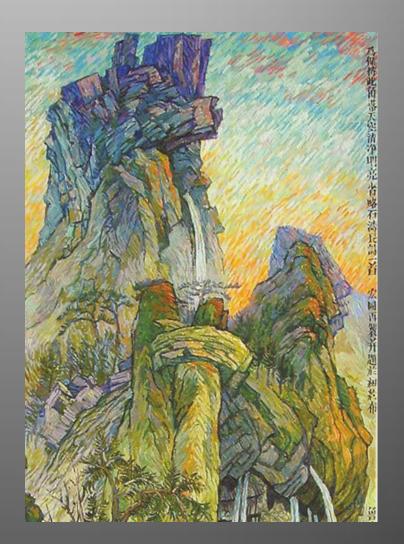


# Zhang Huan (b. 1965) To add one meter to a Unknown Mountain Performance at Miaofeng Mountain, Beijing, May 1995 (www.zhanghuan.com)





Zhang Hongtu, (b. 1943)
Wang Shen-Monet 1999 artist's signature and seals added in 2002 oil on canvas, Cantor Center for Visual Arts, Stanford University (www.momao.com)



## Wei Dong (b. 1968) *The New-Comrade* 1996 acrylic on paper 63.5 x 132.1cm.



Huang Binhong 1865-1955

Landscape with Small Bridge, Prague (arts.cultural-china.com/en/77Arts4568.html)



## IV. GARDEN ROCKS

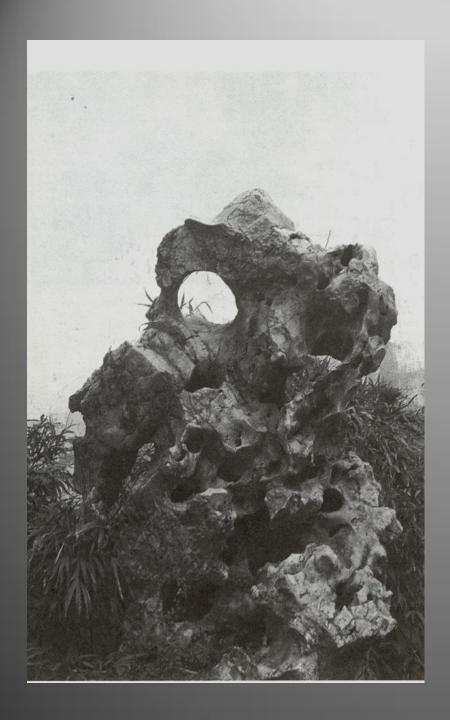




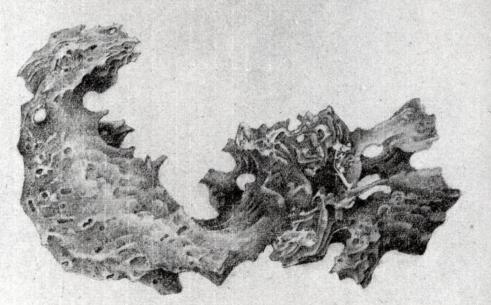
Lingbi limestone, 37 .5 x 36 x 35 cm Huangli wood stand Spirit stones of China, Ian and Susan Wilson Collection of Chinese Stone Art Institute of China

### Wen Zhengming *Cypress and Rock* 1159, ink on paper 48.3 x 25.4 cm Nelson Atkins Museum of Art inv. no William Rockhill Nelson Trust, 46-48





Hong Lei *Taihu Rock* 2006 digital print



#### Liu Dan, b. 1953, Tai Hu Stone, 1995 Hanging scroll on paper

# Zhan Wang, (b.1962) Rocks, mixed media (www.zhanwangart.com)





# Sui Jianguo, b. 1956 *River Rock*, Structure Series 1984, 80 cm long, and 1990 c. 122 cm tall (suijianguo.com)





