

LIU Cong: The Long Now

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Opening on 3 March 2023, ShanghART Beijing is pleased to present an exhibition of works by artist Liu Cong titled "The Long Now". This is Liu's first solo show at ShanghART Gallery, featuring new paintings he has recently created.

In this exhibition, Liu Cong continues his long-standing exploration of "painting" as a mode of expression. After removing different means of expression such as pictorial depiction, narrative, and knowledge production, Liu chooses to use a variety of ready-mades as "models." While emphasising the presence of the body, through the artificial "image-making" of these "objects" on canvas, along with detached reflection, he releases pictures with spiritual properties and gives them a perceptual tension. In describing the progressive relationships of "reality" and "sense of reality," as well as "sensibility" to which the "sense of reality" extends and points, a metaphysical experience of the "atmosphere of existence" is achieved in the context of "human" that revolves around human emotions, states of mind, limitations, and the quest for transcendence.

About the Artist

Liu Cong, born in 1987 in Shandong Province, now lives and works in Beijing. In 2010, he graduated from the China Central Academy of Fine Arts, Oil Painting Department. Recent exhibitions include: Liu Cong: The Long Now, ShanghART Beijing (2023); Semi-automatic Mode 3: Liu Cong & Xiao Wucong, ShanghART Beijing (2022); Liu Cong: Double, Hunsand Space, Beijing (2021); Liu Cong: Resetting, Mocube, Beijing (2019); Liu Cong: Time in Reflection, NUOART, Beijing (2018); Evidence - A New State of Art, Castel Sant'Elmo, Naples, Italy (2018); Density Talisman Array, Ying Space, Beijing (2018), etc.