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PRESS RELEASE



Jingze Du: *True Colors*

October 18 – November 16, 2024

Steve Turner is pleased to present *True Colors*, a two-part solo exhibition consisting of new paintings by Dublin-based Jingze Du. The first part features forty-three mostly small-scale paintings that depict animals precisely painted in black, white and shades of gray. These works are composed of thin layers of paint meticulously applied with an array of brushes. Viewers often assume that Du uses an airbrush and are always astonished to learn that he does not. Instead, he only uses age-old techniques that he learned as a child prodigy in Yantai, China. These sweet images of cats, dogs, pigs, goats, rabbits, monkeys, ducks and other animals are installed throughout the main gallery, each one vying for our attention, love and possible adoption. However, *True Colors* has a second room of paintings which completely changes the mood. They are loose adaptations of famous paintings from the past and include Manet's *The Execution of Emperor Maximilian*; David's *The Death of Marat*; Goya's *The Third of May 1808* and Vermeer's *Woman Holding A Balance*. They are also painted in shades of gray, black and white, however in contrast to the animals, they are composed of loose gestural brush strokes which obscure most of the source image. With one exception, Du chose paintings that depict historical events notable for their violence, with one outlier: the Vermeer, wherein science and reason are highlighted. Through Du's juxtaposition of animal and human, precise and loose and adorable and horrible, he suggests a world view that is more than black and white.

Jingze Du (born 1995, Yantai, China) moved to Dublin when he was thirteen years old. He later earned his BA at the National College of Art & Design, Dublin (2017) and his MA from the Royal College of Art, London (2019). He has had solo exhibitions at Sifang Museum, Shanghai (2022); Steve Turner, Los Angeles (May & October, 2020, 2021 & 2023); Steve Turner, New York (2023) and Hive Center for Contemporary Art, Beijing / Shanghai (2021 & 2023).

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Jingze Du
Clementine, 2024
Oil on canvas
39 ³/₈ x 19 ⁵/₈ inches (100 x 50 cm)
j.du013835



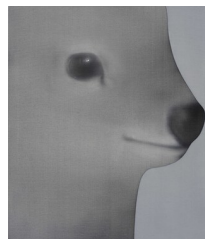
Jingze Du
Seal, 2024
Oil on canvas
23 ⁵/₈ x 19 ⁵/₈ inches (60 x 50 cm)
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Jingze Du
Charlie, 2024
Oil on canvas
23 ⁵/₈ x 19 ⁵/₈ inches (60 x 50 cm)
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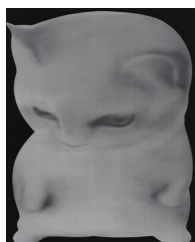


Jingze Du
McConaughey, 2022
Oil on canvas
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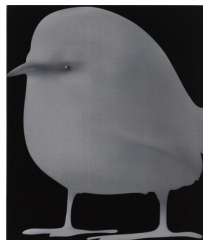


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Desire, 2024
Oil on canvas
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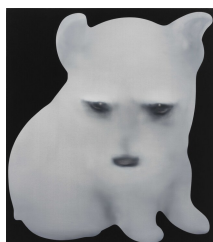
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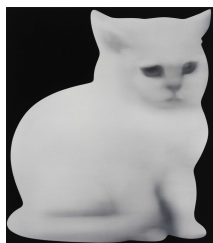
Jingze Du
Hammer, 2024
Oil on canvas
39 ³/₈ x 31 ¹/₂ inches (100 x 80 cm)
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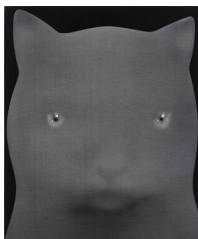
Jingze Du
Wren, 2024
Oil on canvas
23 ⁵/₈ x 19 ⁵/₈ inches (60 x 50 cm)
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Jingze Du
Notting Hill, 2024
Oil on canvas
31 ¹/₂ x 27 ¹/₂ inches (80 x 70 cm)
j.du013785

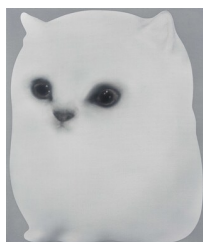


Jingze Du
Malibu, 2024
Oil on canvas
31 ¹/₂ x 27 ¹/₂ inches (80 x 70 cm)
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Jingze Du
Winston, 2024
Oil on canvas
23 ⁵/₈ x 19 ⁵/₈ inches (60 x 50 cm)
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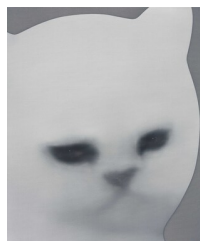
Jingze Du
Sailor, 2024
Oil on canvas
23 ⁵/₈ x 19 ⁵/₈ inches (60 x 50 cm)
j.du013875



Jingze Du
Whale, 2024
Oil on canvas
47 ¹/₄ x 47 ¹/₄ inches (120 x 120 cm)
j.du013847



Jingze Du
Cherry, 2024
Oil on canvas
31 ¹/₂ x 27 ¹/₂ inches (80 x 70 cm)
j.du013788



Jingze Du
Zoe, 2024
Oil on canvas
23 ⁵/₈ x 19 ⁵/₈ inches (60 x 50 cm)
j.du013848



Jingze Du
Venus, 2024
Oil on canvas
31 ¹/₂ x 27 ¹/₂ inches (80 x 70 cm)
j.du013795

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Jingze Du
Apricot, 2024
Oil on canvas
23 ⁵/₈ x 19 ⁵/₈ inches (60 x 50 cm)
j.du013784



Jingze Du
Pudding, 2024
Oil on canvas
31 ¹/₂ x 27 ¹/₂ inches (80 x 70 cm)
j.du013786



Jingze Du
Mississippi, 2024
Oil on canvas
31 ¹/₂ x 27 ¹/₂ inches (80 x 70 cm)
j.du013866



Jingze Du
Roar, 2024
Oil on canvas
31 ¹/₂ x 23 ⁵/₈ inches (80 x 60 cm)
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Jingze Du
Arctic, 2024
Oil on canvas
23 ⁵/₈ x 19 ⁵/₈ inches (60 x 50 cm)
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Jingze Du
Blueberry, 2024
Oil on canvas
31 1/2 x 27 1/2 inches (80 x 70 cm)
j.du013836



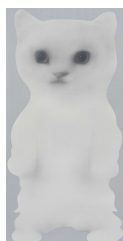
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Tiger, 2024
Oil on canvas
31 1/2 x 27 1/2 inches (80 x 70 cm)
j.du013834



Jingze Du
Mars, 2024
Oil on canvas
31 1/2 x 27 1/2 inches (80 x 70 cm)
j.du013799



Jingze Du
Pineapple, 2024
Oil on canvas
31 1/2 x 27 1/2 inches (80 x 70 cm)
j.du013832



Jingze Du
Mango, 2024
Oil on canvas
39 3/8 x 19 5/8 inches (100 x 50 cm)
j.du013868

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Jingze Du
Monkey, 2024
Oil on canvas
31 ¹/₂ x 23 ⁵/₈ inches (80 x 60 cm)
j.du013589



Jingze Du
Chloe, 2024
Oil on canvas
31 ¹/₂ x 27 ¹/₂ inches (80 x 70 cm)
j.du013838



Jingze Du
Pluto, 2024
Oil on canvas
23 ⁵/₈ x 19 ⁵/₈ inches (60 x 50 cm)
j.du013792



Jingze Du
Neptune, 2024
Oil on canvas
31 ¹/₂ x 31 ¹/₂ inches (80 x 80 cm)
j.du013844



Jingze Du
Peach, 2024
Oil on canvas
31 ¹/₂ x 27 ¹/₂ inches (80 x 70 cm)
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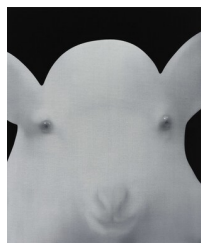
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Rose, 2024
Oil on canvas
23 ⁵/₈ x 19 ⁵/₈ inches (60 x 50 cm)
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Jingze Du
Duck, 2024
Oil on canvas
31 ¹/₂ x 27 ¹/₂ inches (80 x 70 cm)
j.du013865



Jingze Du
Daisy, 2024
Oil on canvas
31 ¹/₂ x 27 ¹/₂ inches (80 x 70 cm)
j.du013845



Jingze Du
Lemon, 2024
Oil on canvas
23 ⁵/₈ x 19 ⁵/₈ inches (60 x 50 cm)
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Jingze Du
Lily, 2024
Oil on canvas
39 ³/₈ x 47 ¹/₄ inches (100 x 120 cm)
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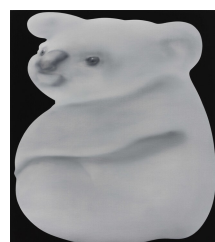
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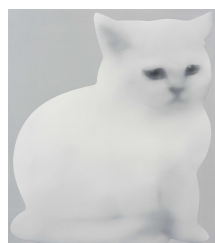
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Apple, 2024
Oil on canvas
31 1/2 x 27 1/2 inches (80 x 70 cm)
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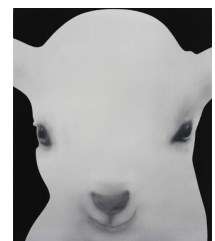
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Moo Deng, 2024
Oil on canvas
27 1/2 x 31 1/2 inches (70 x 80 cm)
j.du013862



Jingze Du
Drum, 2024
Oil on canvas
31 1/2 x 27 1/2 inches (80 x 70 cm)
j.du013877



Jingze Du
Venice, 2024
Oil on canvas
31 1/2 x 27 1/2 inches (80 x 70 cm)
j.du013874



Jingze Du
Teddy, 2024
Oil on canvas
23 5/8 x 19 5/8 inches (60 x 50 cm)
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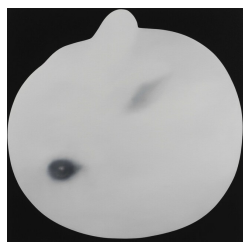
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Plum, 2024
Oil on canvas
31 1/2 x 27 1/2 inches (80 x 70 cm)
j.du013840



Jingze Du
Fig, 2024
Oil on canvas
31 1/2 x 27 1/2 inches (80 x 70 cm)
j.du013864



Jingze Du
Moon, 2024
Oil on canvas
27 1/2 x 27 1/2 inches (70 x 70 cm)
j.du013867

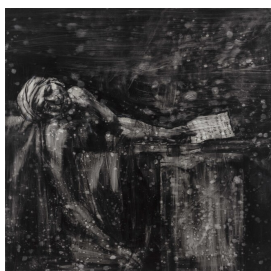
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Jingze Du
The Third of May 1808, 2024
Oil on canvas
59 x 59 inches (150 x 150 cm)
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Jingze Du
The Execution of Emperor Maximilian, 2024
Oil on canvas
59 x 59 inches (150 x 150 cm)
j.du013590



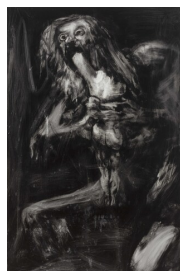
Jingze Du
The Death of Marat, 2024
Oil on canvas
59 x 59 inches (150 x 150 cm)
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Jingze Du
Woman Holding A Balance, 2024
Oil on canvas
59 x 47 ¹/₄ inches (150 x 120 cm)
j.du013588



Jingze Du
The Colossus, 2024
Oil on canvas
59 x 47 ¹/₄ inches (150 x 120 cm)
j.du013592



Jingze Du
Saturn Devouring His Son, 2024
Oil on canvas
59 x 39 ³/₈ inches (150 x 100 cm)
j.du013583