

# Xi Zhang

## B I O

Xi Zhang is a contemporary artist who lives and works in China and the United States. Zhang moved to the United States in 2004 after studying painting at the Beijing Institute of Art and Design. He then studied at the Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design in Denver and received a Bachelor of Fine Arts in painting in 2008. That same year, the Denver Post selected Zhang as the 2008 Emerging Artist of the Year for his “well developed, surprising mature vision.” In 2010 Zhang had a solo exhibition, “Shows Promise,” in the Denver International Airport (Jeppessen Terminal). In 2011, Zhang was commissioned by CNN to do a painting about post 9/11. On CNN website, Zhang's work received more than four million hits. On October 26, 2011, Zhang was invited to give a Logan Lecture at Denver Art Museum. He earned a Masters of Fine Art in painting at the University of Colorado at Boulder in 2011. That same year he was voted one of the 12 Best Colorado Artists Under 35 by the Denver Post, as well as one of the seven Visual Arts Pathfinders. In 2012, Zhang has been selected to represent the United States in the Biennial of the Americas. On July 18, 2013, a short documentary of Zhang was featured on PBS and KUNC for the Art Distract Program. In 2012 Zhang received his United States citizenship as an “Artist of extraordinary ability,” paving his way forward towards a career as a China and US based artist. In 2014, Zhang was nominated for The Catherine Doctorow Contemporary painting prize.

## E D U C A T I O N

- 2008** BFA Painting and Drawing, **Rocky Mountain College of Art + Design**, Denver, CO  
**2011** MFA Painting and Drawing, **University of Colorado at Boulder**, Boulder, CO

## E X H I B I T I O N S

### S O L O S H O W S:

- 2015** **Metallic Leaf Garden**, Grey Matter Gallery, Milwaukee, WI  
**Three**, Plus Gallery, Denver, CO  
**New Work**, Hyperlink Gallery, Chicago, IL  
**2014** **Bone**, Plus Gallery, Denver, CO  
**Samples**, Hyperlink Gallery, Chicago, IL  
**2013** **21<sup>st</sup> DNA**, McNichols Civic Center, Denver, CO  
**2012** **11 ceremonies**, Plus Gallery, Denver, CO  
**2011** **Awaking Dreams**, Plus Gallery, Denver, CO  
**No One's Wonderland**, CU Art Museum, Boulder, CO  
**2010** **The Promise**, Denver International Airport, Denver, CO  
**Dream Dust**, HeNan Art Museum, China  
**Dream Dust Milkshake**, Visual Art Complex/Rule Gallery, Boulder CO  
**2009** **Convulsions**, Fleming Art Space Boulder, CO  
**Rang**, Norlin Library Boulder, CO  
**2008** **Xi Zhang's Recent Paintings**, Taxi Gallery, Denver, CO  
**12921** Rule Gallery, Denver, CO  
**Untitled** Steele Gallery, Denver, CO  
**2007** **Never Land** (Peace Project) Museum Of Contemporary Art, Denver, CO  
**Glam Globe Preview** Shore Gallery, Denver, CO  
**2006** **Never Land** Stay Gallery, Denver, CO  
**Best show of Kaleidoscope** Bemis Gallery, Littleton, CO  
**Arts Alliance of Littleton's featured artist** Littleton Historical Museum  
**The New world**, Remmi Fine Art Gallery, Denver, CO  
**2002** **The New Generation**, BeiYi Gallery (China)

### S E L E C T E D G R O U P S H O W S:

- 2015** **The Fantasy of Representation**, Beer Contemporary Gallery, London, England  
**Writing Portraits**, 33 Contemporary Art Museum, Guang Zhou, China  
**2014** **Everyone's Time Is Their Own**, Alter Space, San Francisco, CA  
**2013** **Open Space/Private Space**, China Central Academic of Art, Beijing, China  
**A BETTER WORLD**, University Golyavar, Budapest, Hungary  
**Home land**, Dar al-Kalima College Bethlehem, Palestine  
**2012** **Open Studio**, G14 Gallery, Argentina  
**Urta**, Galería Del Infinito Arte, Argentina  
**Faces, Places, & Space**, The Arvada Art Center, Arvada, CO  
**2011** **Ripple**, CNN, CNN.com/911ripple  
**Logan Lecture-Xi Zhang**, Denver Art Museum, CO  
**Illuminations**, Boulder Contemporary Art Museum, Boulder, CO  
**2010** **Xian Shan Xiao**, Art Museum of He Nan University (China)  
**Do it**, Steele Gallery, Denver CO  
**Art Bush**, Robischon Gallery, Denver, CO  
**2009** **Bollywood**, Denver Art Museum, Denver, CO  
**Red @RULE**, Rule gallery, Denver, CO  
**2008** **Santa Fe Art Fair**, Santa Fe, NM  
**Salon du Musée**, 1261 gallery, CO  
**2007** **Flow Art Fair**, Miami, FL  
**Summer Group Show**, Rule Gallery, Denver, CO  
**Untitled**, Space Gallery, Denver, CO  
**Red dot fair**, New York, NY  
**Steel the Gallery**, Steele Gallery, Denver CO  
**44th RMCAD student show**, Steele Gallery, Denver CO  
**2006** **Wall**, Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art, Boulder, CO  
**Young Guns** Plus Gallery, Denver CO  
**Kaleidoscope**, Colorado Gallery of the Arts, Littleton, CO  
**Left Hand**, Steele Gallery, Denver CO  
**The New Landscape** Remmi Fine Art Gallery, Denver CO  
**New Medias**, SongZhuang Gallery of Contemporary Art (China)  
**Heave Breathing** Capsule Gallery, Denver, CO  
**Student Show** Steele Gallery, Denver, CO  
**2005** **Three**, Song Zhuang Contemporary Art Gallery, Beijing, China.  
**Freedom**, Capsule Gallery, Denver CO  
**Outsider**, Pirate Gallery, Denver, CO  
**Student Show**, Rocky Mountain College of Art + Design, Denver, CO  
**2004** **Untitled**, Gallery of Johnson & Wales University, Denver, CO  
**New Art**, Gallery of Henan University, Kai Feng, China  
**2001** **Country**, BeiYi Gallery. Beijing, China.  
**Untitled**, WaiPoCaiPu Gallery, Beijing, China.

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS & REVIEWS

- 2015** "New American Paintings", Issue #119  
"A Mile High State of the Arts", ARTslant, March 9
- 2013** "21<sup>st</sup> DNA" PBS TV program, on air July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
"Rising Star", Denver Post, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
"Xi Zhang" Bliss (L.A.) Magazine, May issue, 2013
- 2012** "11 Ceremonies", Art Ltd, Page 27, May/June issue, 2013  
"Outside the Lines," 5280, September  
"Facts and Figures," Michael Paglia, Westword, April 4  
"Set to Stun," Susan Froyd, Westword, March 7  
"Psychadelic Prospector.....ZHANG!" Elliot Riis, 303 Magazine, March
- 2011** "Ripple", CNN, September 11 2011, CNN.com  
"Dream Dust Milkshakes", Press by PLUS gallery  
"Di it", Press by Steel gallery and Rocky Mountain college of Art and Design.  
"Ripple", CNN, Denver Post Blog  
"Plus Gallery 10th Anniversary", 303 Magazine, July 14
- 2010** "Yi Shu (艺术)" International Chinese Art Magazine Page 63, July issue
- 2008** "Emerging Artist of the Year", Denver Post, December 28  
"Emerging artist Xi Zhang delves into notion of identity in masses", Denver Post, Page 15, May 02  
"DADA(Denver Art Dealers Association magazine)", No.2, Cover
- 2007** "One More Show", Denver Post Page 4, Friday, October  
"Art Status" Vol. 1, Vol.
- 2006** "Xi Zhang" Mile High News (interview) Vol. 82 Issue 50  
"Between Art and Life" Rocky Mountain College of Art Design Press, page 24  
"Burn This" art magazine Vol. 2 Issue 7  
"New Art in China" Vol 11 magazine cover  
"Form and Content" Chinese art textbook, Henan University Press  
"New Art in China" Vol 10 p1 (Chinese)  
"Five Colored Stones (art magazine)" Vol5 magazine cover 2nd
- 2005** "New Art in China" Vol 9 p 26--29 (Chinese)  
"Art in Dong Jing" p 54-55 (Chinese)  
"The Day after Tomorrow" Vol 1 (Chinese Contemporary Art magazine) p256

## AWARDS

- 2014** The Catherine Doctorow Contemporary painting prize, (Nominated)
- 2012** Final list of "The Self" from Artist Wanted, August 01
- 2011** The 12 Best Colorado artist under 35, Denver Post, May 20  
2011 Pathmaker, Denver Post, January 02  
Top 10 Art Shows in 2011, Illiterate media Magazine
- 2009** Top 50 national MFA student, My ART SPACE, www.myartspace.com
- 2008** Emerging Artist of the Year, Denver Post  
The Best of Department, "45th Student Show" Rocky Mountain College of Art + Design, Denver, CO  
The Silver Medal, "45th Student Show" Rocky Mountain College of Art + Design, Denver, CO
- 2007** 1st Place Award Winner, "Untitled Show", Space Gallery, Denver, CO  
President's Award Winner, "44th Student Show" Rocky Mountain College of Art + Design, Denver, CO  
Featured artists, My Art Space, www.myartspace.com/weekly/week070914.html
- 2006** Featured Artist, Arts Alliance of Littleton, Littleton Historical Museum, CO  
1st Place Award for the "Kaleidoscope" (Annual Juried Exhibition, Juror, Michael Paglia, Westword Critic), CO Gallery of the Arts, Denver, CO  
Featured artist, "Art staut" magazine, Vol 1  
Featured artist, "New Art in China" magazine 2005, 2006  
Featured artist, "Burn This" art magazine, 2006  
Chuck Mattow Scholarship Award, Rocky Mountain College of Art + Design, Denver, CO
- 2005** Chuck Mattow Scholarship Award, Rocky Mountain College of Art + Design, Denver, CO  
Honorable Mention Nomination Award, "Chinese contemporary art solution" of Art Foundation center, Beijing, China

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2012** Adjunct Professor, Rocky Mountain College of Art + Design  
Visiting Artist, Urra Art Program, Argentina
- 2011** Visiting Artist, Logan Lecture-Xi Zhang, Denver Art Museum, CO  
Visiting Artist, Boulder Contemporary Art Museum, CO  
Adjunct Professor, Rocky Mountain College of Art + Design
- 2010** Visiting Artist and Art Curator, He Nan University, China  
Part-time Instructor, University of Colorado at Boulder, CO
- 2009** Part-time Instructor, University of Colorado at Boulder, CO
- 2008** Instructor, University of Colorado at Boulder, CO
- 2007** Internship, Rule Gallery, Denver, CO, April to 2008 April  
Internship, Philip J. Steele Gallery, Denver, CO, April to 2008 January  
Internship, The Laboratory of art and ideas at Belmar, Denver, CO, July
- 2006** Art Editor, Chinese Contemporary Art and Critique (Chinese Online Art Forum)  
Art Editor, Mei Shu Tong Meng (Chinese Online Art Forum), 2006-2007