

Wang Yi

(Shanghai, China 1991)



Wang Yi's artistic practice originates from painting and expands through a variety of media, including sculpture, installation, text, and collage, using symbolic forms, colors, and materials as carriers to explore the broader potential of abstraction beyond questions of style. The artist believes that all social phenomena, past, present, and future, can be expressed through elementary geometric forms, and summarizes his creative philosophy as "Grand Geometry."

As a member of China's new generation of abstract artists, Wang Yi regards abstraction as a vessel for ideas: phenomena and thought ultimately manifest in distinct forms that respond to issues of nature and the city, historical culture, and social structure. He conceals his responses to reality within abstract surfaces, allowing them to converse with China's unique cultural context and to generate new layers of meaning through that encounter.

Wang has won or been nominated for several awards, including Porsche 2020-2021 Young Chinese Artist Biennial Prize (2021), Tomorrow Sculpture Award' (2021), John Moores Painting Prize (2016), Luo Zhongli Scholarship (2016), and Creative M50 Creative Prize'(2012).

He lives and works in Shanghai.

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SOLO EXHIBITIONS (SELECTION)

- 2026 Penumbra and Shadow, Galería RGR, Mexico City, Mexico
- 2025 The Shapes Salon, Mandarin Oriental, Guangzhou, China
TINGBAN Shanghai Narrative: The Pavilion of Mirage, Anfu275, Shanghai, China
- 2024 Glow Within and Beyond, ORVEDA, Shanghai, China
- 2020 Dark Light, Bright Night, AIKE, Shanghai, China
- 2019 Flame from Void: Wang Yi Solo Project, HOW Art Museum, Shanghai, China
- 2018 Geometry Rules All Phenomena, Hive Centre for Contemporary Art, Shenzhen, China
Inside and Outside : Claude Viallat & Wang Yi, HdM Gallery, Beijing, China
- 2017 A Thousand of Layers : Wang Yi Solo Project, Asia Now, Paris, France
- 2016 Yi Ri Guang : Wang Yi Solo Exhibition, AIKE, Shanghai, China
- 2015 Mirror : Wang Yi Solo Project, Art Taipei, Taipei, Taiwan
- 2014 Wang Yi, HdM Gallery, Hangzhou, China
- 2013 Zhang Peiyun & Wang Yi Duo Exhibition: Dream, M50 Art Space, Shanghai, China
- 2012

GROUP EXHIBITIONS (SELECTION)

- 2025 The Cabinet of Wonder, X Museum, Shanghai, China
The Future To Be, Lenovo Tianjin Future Center, Tianjin, China
Into The Trance, The Bund·City Hall Plaza, Shanghai, China
The Exhibition of Annual of Contemporary Art of China, Duolun Museum of Modern Art, Shanghai, China
100 Years of Chinese Abstraction, ZZW Art Center, Foshan, China
The Breathing Corridor, This That Gallery, Dusseldorf, Germany

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2024 Incarnation, Song Art Museum, Beijing, China

Timeless Masterpieces: Contemporary Chinese Art Through the Age, New Art Museum, China

The Age of Human Wisdom – the 3rd Jinan International Biennale, Shandong Museum of Art, Jinan, China

Exhibition of Precious Collection from Art Museums around China, National Art Museum of China (NAMOC), Beijing, China

Metaphysics: Restart, Being Art Museum (BAM), Shanghai, China

Time of Alloy – PORSCHE Young Chinese Artist Of The Year, Phillips Asia HQ, Hong Kong, China

Unseen Orchestra, MakeRoom, Los Angeles, US

The One Fundamental Emptiness, AIKE, Shanghai, China

Curator for the Day: Season 2, China Art Museum, Shanghai, China

The New Narrative as Method, Yangpu District Culture and Art Center (YCAC), Shanghai, China

Magneticfield: Contemporary Art Invitational Exhibition, Lishui Art Museum, Lishui, China

Time-Durée, YIBO Gallery, Shanghai, China

PARACEZEGADI, Shanghai Film Group Art Space, Shanghai, China

Equal Value, Riverside, Hangzhou, China

Glow Within and Beyond, Orveda, Shanghai, China

Glass Flows in Myriad Forms, Museum of Marisfrolg, Shenzhen, China

Time of Alloy : PORSCHE Young Chinese Artist Of The Year, Phillips Asia HQ, Hongkong, China

DREAM xiàn chǎng, Westbund Art & Design Fair, Shanghai, China

2023 Projection, SiFang Art Museum, Nanjing, China

Upstairs Cities, ASE Foundation, Shanghai, China

Greater Than Abstraction, Space 185 of Bund Art Center, Shanghai, China

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De/Construct: Tsuyoshi Maekawa, Soonik Kwon, Wang Yi, Whitestone Gallery, Hongkong, China

METro-BIOSIS : Shanghai Urban Space Art Season 2023, Shanghai, China

My Generation : The Art of Post-90s, Shanxi Contemporary Art Museum, Taiyuan, China

OffSide – Youth Artists Breaking and Practicing, Yixin Art Museum, Yixin, China

Primordial dream, Blank Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

Beauty without YU, YIBO Gallery, Shanghai, China

We love Korea, Whitestone Gallery, Seoul, Korea

We love Singapore, Whitestone Gallery, Singapore, Singapore

Rear Wave: New Faces of New Painting, Line Gallery, Beijing, China

Greatness in Simplicity – Chinese Contemporary Art, Hanmo Art Center, Beijing, China

Asian Dialogue: Light in Air, artnow, Shanghai, China

2022 Light/Reflect – 19TH Sea Horizon Painting and Sculpture Exhibition, China Art Museum, Shanghai, China

REGENERATE: Porsche Young Chinese Artist of the Year – Winners Exhibition, Shanghai Exhibition Center, Shanghai, China

Reconstituted Neon, Shanghai Style Art Museum, Shanghai, China

Neon Wonderland, chi K11 Museum, Shenyang, China

Group Show: Five Chinese Artists, 39+ Art Space, Singapore, SG

Light is A verb, PTT Space, Taipei, TW

Appeal to the Infinite Within, Hive Centre for Contemporary Art, Beijing, China

The Human World, Blank Gallery, Shanghai, China

Encounter: Asian Abstract Art, Holly's Space, Shanghai, China

Gazing into the Patio: the Juxtaposition of Diversity and Inclusiveness, Garden ZhangYuan, Shanghai, China

Mickey: The True Original & Ever Curious, UCCA Lab, Beijing, China

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- 2021 Tokyo Torch: Collection from Mitsubishi Estate, Tokiwabashi Building, Tokyo, Japan
- Spectacles: Porsche Young Chinese Artist of the Year – Nominee Artists Exhibition, Shanghai Exhibition Center, Shanghai, China
- Beautiful Home: 4TH Powerlong Art Award, Powerlong Museum, Shanghai, China
- Candy Boom – Young Artist New Power, chi K11 Museum, Guangzhou, China
- Towards a New Land: Tales of the Ancient Pavilion, Canglangting (The Surging Wave Pavillion), Suzhou, China
- DS 9: Encountering Aesthetic, UCCA Lab, Beijing, China
- Colour Provokes a Psychic Vibration, HdM Gallery, London, UK
- The World is Yours?, YIBO Gallery, Shanghai, China
- Night & Day – Abstraction 2020 Part III, YIBO Gallery, Shanghai, China
- It's Not a Wave..., Shanghai Gallery of Art (SGA), Shanghai, China
- The Unbearable Blue of Being, TX art space, Shanghai, China
- Other Lands – Bund Space Art Season, Brunner Mond&Co Building, Shanghai, China
- 2020 Painting and Existence: Chinese, Japanese and Korean Abstract Painting Travelling Exhibition, Tang Contemporary Art, Beijing, China
- Wish You a Sweeeeeet Life, Dundee Contemporary Art Museum, Foshan, China
- Beautiful is Relentless: Aston Martin, Woods Museum, Beijing, China
- Fusion and Innovation, 2020 Exhibition of Contemporary Art in Shanghai, Lingang Contemporary Art Museum, Shanghai, China
- The Salvation of Shanrazad: Memo of the New Generation Painting, Hive Center for Contemporary Art, Beijing, China
- Abscission of Appearance, Cube Art Center, Shanghai, China
- The Signature Art Prize, ARTCLOUD, Shenzhen, China
- Coexist, Antenna Space & Objective, Shanghai, China
- Winter Group Show, HdM Gallery, London, UK

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- 2019 Chemical Nature: Hui Weiyi & Wang Yi, TANK, Shanghai, China
- The Atonal River, AIKE, Shanghai, China
- New Abstraction: Chapter 2, HdM Gallery, Beijing, China
- Light Profoundness: The worldly of East Asian Artists, Hive Centre for Contemporary Art, Beijing, China
- Pal(ate)/ette/, Shanghai Gallery of Art (SGA), Shanghai, China
- Connection, RONGYI Art Museum, Shanghai, China
- 2018 Brilliant City online exhibition, David Zwirner, Hong Kong, China
- Spiral Stairs, AIKE, Shanghai, China
- The Clouded Peach Blossom Spring, Hive Centre for Contemporary Art, Beijing, China
- Visual Graphy, Liang Project, Shanghai, China
- After Sunset, Galerie Liusa Wang, Paris, France
- 2017 No Commission: Shanghai, Shanghai Exhibition Center, Shanghai, China
- All Happens after Sunset, MoCA Pavilion, Shanghai, China
- Degree Zero of Art: The Rational Expression of Abstract Art, Hive Center For Contemporary Art, Beijing, China
- Full of Tigers on the Roof, Hive Center for Contemporary Art, Beijing, China
- HanFeng Collection Exhibition, Aman Art Space, Shanghai, China
- 2016 Luo Zhongli Scholarship Exhibition, Art Museum of Sichuan Fine Arts Institute, Chongqing, China
- John Moores Painting Prize 2016, Minsheng Art Museum, Shanghai, China
- The Power of Painting - After 80 Artists, Hive Center for Contemporary Art, Beijing, China
- Abstract China 2016, Ming Yuan Art Museum, Shanghai, China
- Forest, Wanying Art Museum, Shijiazhuang, China

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The Working Of Non – Figurative System, Rightview Art Museum, Beijing, China

New Capital: Huang Yu Collection Exhibition, Chengdu Museum of Contemporary Art, Chengdu, China

Visual Animals – Zhou Chong Collection Exhibition, Mingo, Shanghai, China

The Suggestive Wheel: An Era of Metaphors, Boxes Art Space, Shenzhen, China

VARIATIONES, 10 Corso Como Gallery, Shanghai, China

Between You and Them – The Identity of Self, Object and Place, Australian China Art Foundation, Shanghai, China

Pursuit of Excellence: Artists from Academy the First National – Wide Tour Exhibition of Oil Painting, National Art Museum of China (NAMOC), Beijing, China

New Geometrical Abstraction Art Basel Hong Kong 2016, Hadrien de Montferrand Gallery, Convention and Exhibition Centre, Hong Kong, China

2015 Yuan Yi: Chinese New Abstract Art Exhibition, the OCT Space of Alternative Culture Making, Shenzhen, China

The Fictitious Present: Inter-Youth Painting Exhibition of International Art Institutes, China Academy of Art Museum, Hangzhou, China

Small is Beautiful, Jewelvary Art & Boutique, Shanghai, China

My House is Your House, Shanghai Oil-painting & Sculpture Institute (SPSI), Shanghai, China

To Be Confirmed, Jewelvary Art & Boutique, Shanghai, China

The Boundaries of Order, Hive Center for Contemporary Art, Beijing, China

Feeding the Future—Variations, Milano EXPO, Milano, Italy

2014 Winter Group Show, AIKE, Shanghai, China

Study, Jewelvary Art & Boutique, Shanghai, China

New Generation of Abstract Art, Si Shang Art Museum, Beijing, China

Art in the City, chi K11 Museum, Shanghai, China

Culture - September – Zhejiang Province Exhibition of Fine Arts, Ningbo Museum of Art, Ningbo, China

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Fiction – The Young Artists Exhibition, Exhibition & Conference Center WTCZ, Hangzhou, China

New Abstraction, Hadrien de Montferrand Gallery, Beijing, China

Creative M50 2013, M Art Space, Shanghai, China

The Original File, J:GALLERY, Shanghai, China

Century Star Exhibition, The Art Museum of China Academy of Art, Hangzhou, China

The Measurement of Painting, Xuhui Art Museum, Shanghai, China

2013 From University to Universe — Fresh Vision 2013, OCT Contemporary Art Terminal (OCAT), Shenzhen, China

The Youth on Hands: 2013 CAA Excellent Graduation Works Exhibition, The Art Museum of China Academy of Art, Hangzhou, China

Will and Representation, J:GALLERY, Shanghai, China

Critical Point, J:GALLERY, Shanghai, China

YOUTH, No.6th East Street Contemporary Art Center, Hangzhou, China

2012 CREATIVE M50 – 2012 Annual Creative Prominent Awarded Works Exhibition, M Art Center, Shanghai, China

Excavation Discovery – Exhibition of the Newcomers, Chinese Academy of Oil Painting, Chinese National Academy of Arts, Beijing, China

Century Star Exhibition, The Collection Showroom of China Academy of Art, Hangzhou, China

Works — Heart Beating, Minneapolis College of Art and Design (MCAD), Minneapolis, US

Discover the body online, CCC Gallery, Shanghai, China

2011 The Sixth Century Star Exhibition of China Academy of Art, Silver Medal Award, The Art Museum of China Academy of Art, Hangzhou, China

'The Fifth Zhejiang Province Youth Art Exhibition, Taizhou Calligraphy and Painting Institution, Taizhou, China

'National Young Artists Recommending Exhibition, Ming Yuan Art Center, Shanghai, China



2010 CREATIVE M50 – 2010 Annual Creative Prominent Awarded Works Exhibition, Epson Imagine Gallery, Shanghai, CN

The Fifth Century Star Exhibition of China Academy of Art, Silver Medal Award, The Art Museum of China Academy of Art, Hangzhou, CN

COLLECTIONS

Lenovo, 2025

China Art Museum, 2024

InterContinental Hotels Group PLC, 2024

HZM Capital, 2024

Shanghai Urban Planning & Design Research Institute (SUPDRI), 2023

ASE Foundation, 2023

Whale Art Museum, 2023

KuBe Art Center, 2023

SiMian Foundation, 2022

The Walt Disney Company, 2022

SiFang Art Museum, 2021

Fosun Art Foundation, 2021

Mitsubishi Estate, Tokyo, 2021

Louis Vuitton, 2021

Wagas, 2020

Illuminera, 2020

Naera, 2019

How Art Museum, 2018

MisuMi Corporation, 2018

Yeap Lam Yang Collection, 2017

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Arario Museum, 2017

Right View Art Museum, 2016

Le Groupe Dassault, 2014

DSL Collection, 2013

China Academy of Art, 2010

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