



Fong Chung-Ray, *Untitled*, 2019, Mixed media on canvas, 152 x 228,5 cm

FONG CHUNG-RAY

Solo Show

Galerie Vazieux - Booth 3C43

Art Basel Hong Kong, 26-30 March, 2024

For its third participation in Art Basel Hong Kong, Galerie Vazieux pays tribute to one of the pioneers of Chinese abstraction who just celebrated his 90th anniversary : Fong Chung-Ray (b.1933). Similar to a small retrospective, the exhibition gathers works from the 1960s to today, from inks on paper to acrylic on canvas.

An abstract artist since the 1960s, Fong Chung-Ray is considered to be one of the major Chinese avant-garde artists. Initially, his work focused on abstract landscapes, but he gradually moved away from this movement when he turned to Buddhist spirituality. By going beyond the formal representation of nature, Fong Chung-Ray has revived the spiritual essence that emanates from the paintings by the great old masters and invites the viewer to contemplate.

In 1949, the political situation obliged Fong Chung-Ray to leave China and move to Taiwan. There, his passion for art and inquiring mind led him to take an interest in Western art, which he discovered through reading journals and books in the American Library in Taipei.

In 1957, he founded the Four Seas Artists Association. During this period, he experimented with abstraction and used new Western techniques, such as painting with oils on canvas. In 1961, he became a member of the Wuyue Group (Fifth Moon Group) and participated in many exhibitions. In 1971, he was awarded a Rockefeller Foundation grant that enabled him to travel to Europe and the United States. When he settled in San Francisco, in 1975, he began to work with acrylic paints.

FONG CHUNG-RAY (b.1933, China)

Selected Recent Solo & Collective Exhibitions

- 2024 (Group) "The Birth of Modernist Art Movement in Taiwan", National Museum of History, Taiwan
2020 (Group) "Quintessence", Galerie du Monde, Hong Kong
2021 (Group) "Landscapes of the Soul", Asian Art Museum, Nice, France
2019 "Fong Chung-Ray: Wakes of Time", Galerie Vazieux, Paris, France
2018 (Group) "The Weight of Lightness: Ink Art At M+", M+ Pavilion, Hong Kong
(Group) "Beyond Ink", China Art Museum, Shanghai, China
"Fong Chung-Ray: Enlightenment", Galerie du Monde, Hong Kong
2017 (Group) "From China to Taiwan: Pioneers of Abstraction", Museum of Ixelles, Brussels, Belgium
2017 "The Eternal Abstract: Fong Chung-Ray", Asia Art Center, Taipei, Taiwan
(Group) "Beyond the Brush: Abstract Ink Paintings Since 1960", Ashmolean Museum, Oxford, UK
2015 "Fong Chung-Ray - A Retrospective", Galerie du Monde, Hong Kong
2014 "Fong Chung-Ray : Between Modern and Contemporary", Chinese Culture Center of San Francisco, USA
"Solo Exhibition", Modern Art Gallery, Taichung, Taiwan
2013 "Fong Chung-Ray: A Retrospective", Silicon Valley Asian Art Center, Santa Clara, USA
(Group) "The Moment for Ink", San Francisco State University Gallery, USA
2011 "Solo Exhibition", Modern Art Gallery, Taichung, Taiwan
2008 "Recent Paintings 1997-2008", Modern Art Gallery, Taichung, Taiwan
2003 "The Experimental Sixties: Avant-Garde Art in Taiwan", Taipei Fine Arts Museum, Taipei, Taiwan
2002 (Group) "Contemporary Chinese Abstract Artists", Guangdong Art Museum, Guangzhou, China

Public Collections

Guangdong Museum of Art, Guangzhou, China
Centre Pompidou, Paris, France
Cernuschi Museum, Paris, France
M+ Museum, Hong Kong
Kaohsiung Art Museum, Kaohsiung, Taiwan
National Gallery of Art and Museum of History, Taipei, Taiwan
National Taiwan Arts Center, Taipei, Taiwan
National Taiwan Museum of Fine Art, Taichung, Taiwan
Taipei Fine Arts Museum, Taipei, Taiwan
Ashmolean Museum, University of Oxford, UK
Arthur Sackler Museum, Harvard University, Boston, USA
Asian Art Museum, San Francisco, USA
Baltimore Museum of Art, Maryland, USA
Cleveland Museum of Art, Ohio, USA
De Young Museum, San Francisco, USA
Denver Art Museum, Colorado, USA
Hawaii Cultural Foundation, Hawaii, USA
Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA), USA
San Francisco Airport Museum, San Francisco, United States
The Rockefeller Foundation, United States