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Huang Rui

Huang Rui was a founding member of the Chinese avant-garde art group the “stars”, which included artists Wang Keping, Ai Weiwei, Ma Desheng and Li Shuang and was active from 1979 to 1983. This groundbreaking group of free artists was the first publicity active art collective to protest government censorship after the Cultural Revolution.

Early on, Huang Rui mostly created paintings that referenced various Western artistic styles such as Expressionism, Abstract Expressionism, Fauvism and Cubism. However, as his style developed, he became more experimental and began exploring different medium including oil painting, sculpture, installation art and performance art. As a result, his work is not easily classified.

Huang Rui’s work is characterized by symmetry and simplicity of form, as well as by the use of primary colors. His work stands alone as aesthetically pleasing; however, he is recognized as a socially minded, and thus often controversial, artist. Throughout his career, he has continued to be vocal about his belief in the importance of free expression - and as a result, he has faced a large amount of censorship from the government.

Huang Rui is an artist that has at once the ability to combine extreme intellect with highly sensitive and personal approach. His works are finely crafted and meticulously finished. Within a minimalist exterior there hides mountains of meanings and connotations stemming from ancient Chinese philosophy, modern-day communist hypocrisy or current society’s middling obsessions. There is never just one thing hidden in Huang Rui’s works but several, for his mind turns the pieces around and around while his ideas growing like shoots of complexity.

Solo Exhibitions

2018

Huang Rui: Space Structure, Armory Show (10 Chancery Lane), New York, USA

2017

Huang Rui: 1989, Frieze Masters, London, UK

Ping Pong, Performance, LA Art Show, Los Angeles, USA

2016

Huang Rui: 1976, Zürcher Gallery, Paris, France

In Search Of Trigrams, Performance Art, Zürcher Gallery, Paris, France

Huang Rui Space – Japan Period, Boers-Li Gallery, Beijing, China

Huang Rui Space – Japan Period, 10 Chancery Lane Gallery, Hong Kong

2015

Language Color, Zürcher Gallery, New York, USA

2014

Black and White Cats 49, Then?, Performance Art, 10 Chancery Lane Gallery, Hong Kong

Erotic × Huang Rui: Works on Paper 1981-2014, Hadrien de Montferrand Gallery, Beijing, China

Space Structure 1983-1986, 10 Chancery Lane Gallery, Hong Kong

Black and White, MD Gallery, Shanghai, China

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2013

The Wasteland Series, Boers-Li Gallery, Beijing China

2012

Woman, Outdoor Sculpture Show, German Embassy, Beijing, China

Ping-Pong, Shanghai Tang, Hong Kong

Language-Color, 10 Chancery Lane Gallery, Hong Kong

I-Ching, Opposite House, Beijing, China

2011

Huang Rui Exhibition, Space Hongjee, Seoul, South Korea

I JOY YOU JOY, 604 Gallery, Busan, South Korea

CZECHINA, Embassy Art Gallery, Embassy of the Czech Republic, Beijing, China

2009

Animal Time: 1204-2009, Coudenberg Museum, Brussels, Belgium

COMERCHINA, Chinese Contemporary, Beijing, China

COMERCHINA, 10 Chancery Lane Gallery, Hong Kong

2008

Chinese History in Animal Time, Beijing Angle Modern Art, Beijing, China

Chinese History in Animal Time, Museo delle Mura, Rome, Italy

Beijing 2008: Huang Rui, Sala 1, Rome, Italy

2007

Huang Rui: The Stars' Times 1977-1984, He Xiangning Art Museum, Shenzhen, China

Chai-Na/China, Les Rencontres d'Arles Photography Festival, Arles, France

Texts are the Legacy of Great Thought!, Chinese Contemporary, New York, USA

Open, Huang Rui's Studio, 798 Art District, Beijing, China

2006

Chairman Mao 10,000 RMB, Chinese Contemporary, Beijing, China

One Country Two Systems Remains Unchanged for 50 Years, 10 Chancery Lane Gallery, Hong Kong

2000

Non-Existent Journey IV, Osaka Contemporary Art Center, Osaka, Japan

Non-Existent Journey III, KCAL Kansai Contemporary Art Laboratory, Osaka, Japan

Huang Rui Exhibition, Kaze Gallery, Osaka, Japan

1999

Beijing 0:00, Performance, Wenzhi Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

1998

Huang Rui Exhibition, JF Mayer Galerie, Marseille, France

Huang Rui Exhibition, Kaze Gallery, Osaka, Japan

1997

Huang Rui Exhibition, Tokyo Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

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I-Ching + Planned Road, Performance, Nishetenma District, Osaka, Japan

Huang Rui Exhibition, Bricollage Gallery, Osaka, Japan

Huang Rui Exhibition, Kaze Gallery, Osaka, Japan

1996

Huang Rui Exhibition, Kaibundo Gallery, Kobe, Japan

1995

Wood + Water + Paper, Ruine der Kunst, Berlin, Germany

Huang Rui Exhibition, Galerie Bellefroid, Paris, France

Water +, Abenosuji Gallery, Osaka, Japan

Erguotou Spirit + Ruins, Performance, Guanyuan Demolition Area, Beijing, China

Huang Rui Exhibition, Kaze Gallery, Osaka, Japan

1994

Water + Fish, Huang Rui's Studio, Beijing, China

Water + Bamboo, Huang Rui's Studio, Beijing, China

Huang Rui Exhibition, Gallery Ueda, Tokyo, Japan

Huang Rui Exhibition, Kaibundo Gallery, Kobe, Japan

1993

One Hundredth Anniversary of Chairman Mao, Ai Weiwei's Studio, Beijing, China

1992

Huang Rui Exhibition, International Art Museum, Beijing, China (Banned)

Huang Rui Exhibition, September Gallery, Beijing, China (Banned)

Water +, Huang Rui's Studio, Beijing, China

Huang Rui Exhibition, Modern Chinese Art Center, Osaka, Japan

Huang Rui Exhibition, Kaze Gallery, Osaka, Japan

1991

Huang Rui Exhibition, Kaibundo Gallery, Kobe, Japan

Huang Rui Exhibition, Gallery Ueda, Tokyo, Japan

1990

Huang Rui Exhibition, Osaka Contemporary Art Center, Osaka, Japan
Huang Rui Exhibition, Kaze Gallery, Osaka, Japan

Huang Rui Exhibition, Modern Chinese Art Center, Osaka, Japan

1989

Huang Rui Exhibition, Tor Road Gallery, Kobe, Japan

1988

Huang Rui Exhibition, Modern Chinese Art Center, Osaka, Japan

1987

Huang Rui Exhibition, Kaze Gallery, Osaka, Japan

1986

Huang Rui Exhibition, Gallery Ueda Warehouse, Tokyo, Japan

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Huang Rui Exhibition, Modern Chinese Art Center, Osaka, Japan

Huang Rui Exhibition, Tor Road Gallery, Kobe, Japan

1985

Huang Rui Exhibition, Kaze Gallery, Osaka, Japan

Huang Rui Exhibition, Tor Road Gallery, Kobe, Japan

1984

Huang Rui Exhibition, Central Gallery, Osaka, Japan

Huang Rui Exhibition, Gallery Ueda, Tokyo, Japan

Group Exhibitions

2018

On Paper, Boers-li Gallery, China

Exchange and Practice: An Exhibition of Chinese Contemporary Art, Ullens Center for Contemporary Art, Beijing, China

2017

Art and China after 1989: Theater of the World, Guggenheim Museum, New York, China

Huang Rui and Rong Rong: Photo Symbiosis, Three Shadows Photography Art Centre, Beijing, China

Three Stone Islets, Anren Biennale, Sichuan, China

Frieze Sculpture, Frieze Masters, London, UK

Shanghai Project, Himalayas Art Museum, Shanghai, China

798 Archives, Jeju Biennale, Jeju, Korea

2016

Freeman – Performance, Three Shadows Xiamen Photography Art Centre, Xiamen, China

In Search of Words, bEIJING LIVE International Performance Art Festival, Danish Cultural Centre, Beijing, China

Beyond Action, Kylin Contemporary Center of Art, Beijing, China

9817711: Regional history and Zeitgeist of Northeast Asia, Xi An China

Beijing 798 Genesis (2002-2006), Song Zhuang Art Center, Beijing, China

I-CHING, Performance Art, 11th Edition of Live Action, Gothenburg/Boras, Sweden

Punch Punch Punch: Enduring Magnetism, 1×3 Gallery, Beijing, China

2015

Black and White Cats: Huang Rui and Wang Keping Duo Exhibition, 10 Chancery Lane Gallery, Hong Kong

The Civil Power, Special Invited Unit, Beijing Minsheng Art Museum Opening Exhibition, Beijing Minsheng Art Museum, Beijing, China

CHINA 8, Kunsthalle Düsseldorf, Kunstmuseum Bonn, Germany;

Agitprop!, Brooklyn Museum of Art, New York, America

“Under the Surface” Chinese Contemporary Art Re-enlightenment: From 1979 to 1984, Xi’an Art Museum, Xi’an, China

Focus Beijing, Museum Van Boijmans Beuningen, Rotterdam, Holland

Commemoration 85, Xinhua Art Museum, Shanghai, China

2014

Meaning Matter, Magda Danysz Gallery, Shanghai, China

The UN-OFFICIALS Art before 85, Boers-Li Gallery, Beijing, China

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Right is Wrong / Four Decades of Chinese Art from M+ Sigg Collection, Bildmuseet, Umeå, Sweden

2013

The Change of Essence- The Shenzhen Public Sculpture Exhibition 2013, Shenzhen, China

Digital Live, Xiaozhou Village, Guangzhou, China

Venice Biennale, Venice, Italy

Light before Dawn, Asia Society Hong Kong Center, Hong Kong

2012

RAZE, Pékin Fine Arts, Beijing, China

Daydreaming with..., ArtisTree, Hong Kong

Chai-na/China Signs: Works by Huang Rui and Ko Siu Lan, Slought Foundation and the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, USA

2011

Guangzhou LIVE Performance Art Festival, Xiaozhou Village, Guangzhou, China

Blooming in the Shadows: Unofficial Chinese Art, 1974-1985, China Institute, New York, USA

Red, 10 Chancery Lane Gallery, Hong Kong

LOVE and HOPE, Iberia Center for Contemporary Art, Beijing, China

Black White, Zero Field Art Center, Beijing, China

Documentation of Chinese Performance Art Exhibition, Songzhuang Art Museum, Beijing, China

2010

Emptiness, 10 Chancery Lane Gallery, Hong Kong

Huang Rui and Dai Guangyu: Recent Works, Galerie Adler, Paris, France

Reshaping History: Chinese Art from 2001 to 2009, National Convention Center, Beijing, China

Let's Do I-Ching, Czech Republic Pavilion Day, Shanghai World Expo, Shanghai, China (Canceled by Expo Security Council)

Erotic, Hadrien de Montferrand Gallery, Beijing, China

Warm Winter Arts Project, Three Shadows Photography Art Center, Beijing, China

(Canceled by Chaoyang District Public Security Bureau)

Kollowitz and Chinese Artists, Artmia Art Center, Beijing, China

Warm Winter Arts Project, Zhengyang, 008, and Dongying Art Districts, Beijing, China

2009

Warm Winter Arts Project, Zhengyang Art District, Beijing, China

Asian Art in Characters, 604 Gallery, Busan, South Korea

OPEN, Performance Art Festival, Open Art Gallery, Beijing, China

Berlin Wall Memorial Exhibition, Twentieth Anniversary of the Fall of the Berlin Wall Ceremony, Berlin, Germany

Berlin Wall Memorial Exhibition, Garden, German Embassy, Beijing, China

Images of China: The City Flag, Qujiang District Art Center and Dayan Pagoda Square, Xi'an, China

The 5th International Biennale Ceramic Art Exhibition: Performance Art, Expo Park, Icheon, Korea

2008

Christian Dior & Chinese Artists, UCCA, Beijing, China

SH Contemporary Outdoor Exhibition: Sichuan Forever, Shanghai Exhibition Center, Shanghai, China

China Avant-Garde, Groninger Museum, Groningen, The Netherlands

Earthquake, Art Channel, Beijing, China

Interval of Silence, Redstar Gallery, Beijing, China

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Case Studies of Artists in Art History, SZ Art Center, Beijing, China
Memory of China, Galerie Zdenek Sklenar, Prague, Czech Republic

2007

CHINA NOW: Reincarnation of Chinese Contemporary Art, Cobra Museum, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
China Action, Louisiana Museum, Copenhagen, Denmark
Made in China: Contemporary Art Exhibition, Louisiana Museum, Copenhagen, Denmark
Chinese Performance Art Photography, Inter Art Center / Gallery, Beijing, China

2006

Create History: Commemoration Exhibition of Chinese Modern Art in the 1980s, OCAT Contemporary Art Terminal, Shenzhen, China
Dadao International Performance Festival, 798 Art District, Beijing, China
Wilderness Environmental Art Plan, 10 Chancery Lane Gallery, Hong Kong
CHINA NOW: Reincarnation of Chinese Contemporary Art, Sammlung Essl Museum, Vienna, Austria
Soldiers at the Gate, DIAF2006, 706 Space, 798 Art District, Beijing, China
Transborder Language, DIAF2006, 798 Art District, Beijing, China

2005

From Yuanmingyuan to the 798: Performance Art, 798 Art District, Beijing, China
Cubism in Asia, National Museum of Modern Art of Japan, Tokyo, Japan
Transparent Box, Jianwai Soho, Beijing, China
Convergence Art Exhibition, UCCA, 798 Art District, Beijing, China
Forge the Fable, Zero Field Art Center, Beijing, China
Transborder Language, DIAF2005 Third Edition, 798 Art District, Beijing, China

2004

Transborder Language, DIAF2004, 798 Art District, Beijing, China
Multiple Definitions: Imaginary Community, Crystal City, Tianjin, China

2003

Transborder Language, DIAF First Edition, Beijing Tokyo Art Projects, Beijing, China
Reconstruct 798: Dashanzi Art District Event, 798 Art District, Beijing, China
Blue Sky Exposure: Anti-SARS Exhibition, 798 Art District and Yizhuang, Beijing, China
Left Hand, Right Hand, 798 Art District, Beijing, China

2002

Beijing floating World, Beijing Tokyo Art Projects, Beijing, China
CIPAF 02, Banpo Museum, Xi'an, China
The First Guangzhou Triennial, Guangzhou Museum, Guangzhou, China
First Pingyao International Photography Festival, Pingyao, China
Theater of Our Lives, Hyogo Prefecture Museum of Art, Kobe, Japan

2001

Promenade in Asia, Shiseido Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
Dream 2001: Contemporary Chinese Art Exhibition, Red Mansion Foundation, London, UK

2000

The Stars: Twenty Years, Tokyo Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

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Documentation of Chinese Avant-Garde Art in the 1990s, Fukuoka Asian Art Museum, Fukuoka, Japan
Choi Suk Ho and Huang Rui, Gallery Gu, Seo-Cho Visual Art Institute, Seoul, South Korea
Battle to a 2001: Gozo Yoshimasu and Huang Rui, Gallery Shimada, Kobe, Japan

1999

Memories of One Hundred Years, Huang Rui's Studio, Osaka, Japan
Nippon Performance Art Festival, Osaka, Japan
True, Hirano, Osaka, Japan
New I-Ching: 64 Divinations of June 4, Central Park, Hong Kong

1998

NIPAF 8: Nippon Performance Art Festival, Nagano, Nagoya, Tokyo, Japan
Julien Blaine Studio Performance Day, Galerie Municipale de Sextius, Aix en Provence, France
NIPAF a Paris, Japan Cultural Center, Paris, France
Art Performance, Art Action, Fringe Club, Hong Kong
Guan Yin, Dainembutsu-ji, Osaka, Japan
Floating City, Rokk Island, Kobe, Japan
Today: Twenty Years: Japan-China International Art Festival, Hamarikyū Asahi Multipurpose Hall, Tokyo, Japan

1997

Chinese Abstraction and Beyond, Hong Kong Arts Center, Hong Kong
Modern de Hirano, Kumata Shino Shrine, Osaka, Japan
Imaginary Trip: Eiji Okubo and Huang Rui Exhibition, Huang Rui's Studio, Osaka, Japan
The Fourth Rokk Island Open Air Art Festival, Marine Park, Kobe, Japan

1996

Chinese Modern Arts, Gallery Asur, Oslo, Norway
From East of Eurasia, Oxy Gallery, Osaka, Japan
The Origins and Myths of New Fine Art from Japan, China, and Korea, The Museum of Modern Art, Saitama, Japan

1995

New Paintings from Chinese Artists, Alisan Fine Arts Gallery, Hong Kong

1994

The Stars: Chinese Modern Art and Culture, Kunsterhaus Mousonturm, Frankfurt, Germany
Asian Art Now, Hiroshima City Museum of Contemporary Art, Hiroshima, Japan

1993

The Stars: Fifteen Years, Tokyo Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

1992

Asian Wave, Tokyo Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
Art Now II: Twelve Artists and the New Horizon in the 1990s, Hyogo Prefecture Museum of Modern Art, Kobe, Japan

1990

Ma Desheng, Huang Rui, and Wang Keping Exhibition, Han Art Gallery, Taiwan
Huang Rui and Wang Keping Exhibition, Monte Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

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The Stars: Ten Years, Salpetriere Church, Paris, France

1989

The Stars: Ten Years, Han Art Gallery, Hong Kong and Han Art Gallery, Taiwan

The World of Ink, Seibu Otsu Art Museum, Otsu, Japan

Ink Exhibition, Modern Chinese Art Centre, Osaka, Japan

1987

The Stars Exhibition with Six Artists, Art Wave Gallery, New York, USA

The Stars Documentation Exhibition, Harvard University Cultural Center, Boston, USA

1985

Ma Desheng and Huang Rui Exhibition, Osaka Contemporary Art Center, Osaka, Japan

1983

Ma Desheng, Huang Rui and Wang Keping Exhibition, Beijing Zixin Road Elementary School, Beijing, China (Canceled by the Public Security Bureau)

1981

China Contemporary Art Exhibition, New York, Boston, USA

1980

The Second Stars Exhibition, National Art Museum of China, Beijing, China

1979

The First Stars Exhibition, Huafang Zhai, Beijing, China

The Stars Exhibition, Outside the National Art Museum of China, Beijing, China (Canceled by the Public Security Bureau)

Publications

2017

Grand Huantie, Thinking Hands, Beijing, China

2016

SPACE | Huang Rui : Japan Period 1984-2000, Asia One Books, Hong Kong

2015

HUANGRUI LANGUAGE FORM 1990-2015, Thinking Hands, Beijing, China

2014

Erotic X Huang Rui: Works on Paper 1981-2014, Asia One Books, Hong Kong

Huang Rui: Space Structure 1983-2014, Asia One Books, Hong Kong

2013

A Constellation of Stars- Huang Rui and Ma Desheng: Art Editions 1978- 1983, Thinking Hands+ Hadrien de Montferrand, Beijing, China

2012

Huang Rui: The Stars Period 1977- 1984, Asia One Books, Hong Kong

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2009

1989: 365 Art Days in China and Germany, edition global, Munich, Germany
COMERCHINA, Chinese Contemporary+ Thinking Hands, Beijing, China

2008

Beijing 798: Reflections on "Factory" of Art, Sichuan Publishing Group + Sichuan Fine Arts Publishing House
(Updated Edition), Beijing, China

2006

Selected Works of Mao Tsetung(Volume VI), Timezone 8+ Thinking Hands, Beijing, China

2004

Beijing 798, Timezone 8+ Thinking Hands, Beijing, China