

# SONG Kun

Song Kun earned her BFA and MFA in from the oil painting department of the Central Academy of Fine Art (CAFA). She currently lives and works in Beijing. Song's practice focuses on painting, while incorporating music live, video, installation and other media. She is hailed as one of the most promising female artists in China.

The honesty and emotional power in her work align her with “the few artists who have established their own unique vocabularies of figurative painting in the contemporary art scene”. In her works, she observes and captures the different figures and fleeting moments in reality and hyper-reality world, She gathers up the fragments of our time, at the same time makes the elements-restructuring. As a result, her works constitute a mythical, private spatiality that reflects the potential changes in China.

In recent years, Song Kun’s artistic creation has entered a new stage, experimentally integrating contemporary subcultures and religious elements with her creative system. By refining and integrating elements of traditional culture and various subcultures, Song’s works generate the future body of pan-culture. These recognizable human forms have light and thin skins, and their translucency comes from the concept of “oriental pure land” in Buddhism, which refers to the mutual cause and effect relationship between the spirit and the flesh. The mechanical parts embedded in the bodies and their dislocation indicate the current situation that mankind is disciplined by order and their existence is cyberized, allowing the human figures to cross between the reality and the surreal world.

## Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2021 *Song Kun: Pure Land·Tear of Seamaid*, Qiao Space & Perrotin, Shanghai, China
- 2019 *Genealogy Study of Artists No.4: Imbody Feeling Real·Nude Imbody - Song Kun*, SSSSTART, Shanghai, China
- 2018 *SUKHAVATI*, Cc Foundation & Art Center, Shanghai, China
- 2017 *ASURA SUKHAVATI*, Kiyoshi Art Space, Tokyo, Japan
- 2015 *ASURA SUKHAVATI*, Hive Center for Contemporary Art, Beijing, China
- 2013 *Visual Stream of Consciousness*, Minsheng Contemporary Art Museum, Shanghai, China
- 2012 *A Thousand Kisses Deep*, UCCA, Beijing, China
- 2009 *Seeking the Recluse but not Meeting*, Walter Maciel Gallery, Los Angeles, USA
- 2008 *Xi Jia – River Lethe*, Boers-Li Gallery, Beijing, China

2007 *Song Kun*, Solo Project, Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, USA

2006 *It's My Life*, Boers-Li Gallery, Beijing, China

## Selected Group Exhibitions

2023 *Dream Video-Art and Design Exposition of West Bund*, West Bund, Shanghai, China

*The Axis: The Artistic Revolution from the Millennium*, Shanxi Contemporary Art Museum, Taiyuan, China

2022 *Beijing Biennial*, Friendship Art Community, Beijing, China

*Myth of Figures*, Hive Center for Contemporary Art, Beijing, China

*Being in the World: The Tenth Anniversary of the Long Museum*, Long Museum, Shanghai, China

*Song of Soul*, Soul Art, Beijing, China

*REGARDE-MOI*, Perrotin, Paris, France

*LOVELOVELOVE Biennale of Moving Images*, U2 by UCCA, Beijing, China

*Future Home Imagination*, NEXGENE Urban

*Dream Video-Art and Design Exposition of West Bund*, West Bund, Shanghai, China

*Living Laboratory*, Beijing, China

2021 *Zeit-geist Co-Evolution: 2021 Chengdu Biennale*, Chengdu Art Museum, Chengdu Museum of Contemporary Art, Chengdu, China

*Ignescent: Group Exhibition of Xennial Artists*, Holly's Space, Beijing, China

*Soul Catcher*, TeaHere, Beijing, China

*Chinese Contemporary Art Invitational Exhibition*, Songzhuang Art Museum, Beijing, China

*Therefore, I am*, Spurs Gallery, Beijing, China

*Futurism of the Past-Contemplating the Past and Future in Chinese Contemporary Art*, Beijing Exhibition Center, Beijing, China

*Art as Living Organism*, MadeIn Gallery, Shanghai, China

*Duration: Chinese Art in Transformation*, Minsheng Art Museum, Beijing, China

2020 *Painting - Macro*, Guangdong Museum of Art, Guangzhou, China

*Beyond the Verge*, Triumph Gallery, Beijing

*Morphing in-between*, Hive Center for Contemporary Art, Beijing, China

*CLEAN*, Spurs Gallery, Beijing, China

- Being of Evils*, Hive Center for Contemporary Art, Beijing, China
- 2019 *Kiyoshi Art 2019*, Kiyoshi Art New Space, Tokyo, Japan
- I Love Beijing New Wave*, Star Gallery, Beijing
- Epithet Portrayed*, DonGallery, Shanghai, China
- Conceptual · Disposition*, Art Museum of HIFA, Wuhan, China
- Being Sharp: A Group Exhibition of Figurative Art*, PIFO Gallery, Beijing, China
- 2018 *The Fiftieth Exhibition: Five Years in Qikeshu*, Star Gallery, Beijing, China
- 10th Anniversary*, Michael Ku Gallery, Taipei, China
- N.A.I.C Project X ArtDepot*, SohoChina.Commune By The Great Wall & Art Depot, Beijing, China
- Gathering of Masters. South Lake. The White Dew Contemporary Chinese Art Exhibition*,  
The Art Museum of HZAU, Wuhan, China
- Portrait of Time*, Taimiao Museum, Beijing, China
- 2017 *A Separation*, Yang Gallery, Beijing, China
- Kunst gemeinsam gestalten*, Goethe-Institute, Beijing, China
- Lines of a Unthought*, Edmund de Waal, Berlin, Germany
- 2016 *Exotic Stranger*, Galleries Paris-B, Paris, France
- She*, Long Museum, Shanghai, China
- Unrealities in the Reality*, Box Space, Shenzhen, China
- Return*, PIFO Gallery, Beijing, China
- Prison Lab*, China & Germany Cultural Exchange Year Art Project, Berlin, Germany
- ULYSSES' GAZE—The Return of Painterliness and Soulful Contemplation*, Ginkgo Art Center, Beijing, China
- 2015 *Up*, Beijing Time Art Museum, Beijing, China
- China 8*, NRW-Forum Düsseldorf, Düsseldorf, Germany
- The Temperature of History—Contemporary concerns*, CAFA Museum, Beijing, China; China Art Museum,  
Shanghai, China
- 2014 *The World III in the Third World*, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand
- Cosmos*, M21 Minsheng Contemporary Art Museum, Shanghai, China
- Hazing Kyoto*, Star Gallery, Beijing, China
- Friends*, Pooland Waves, Boers-Li Gallery, Beijing, China
- The scenery of human*, Michael Ku Gallery, Taipei, China
- Uneasy Trip in Asia IV*, Star Gallery, Beijing, China
- N12-No.6*, Lin&Lin Gallery, Taipei, China

- My Generation: Young Chinese Artists*, Tampa Museum of Art, Tampa, USA
- N12-No.5*, Beijing Commune, Beijing, China
- 2013 *Criss-Cross*, Long Museum, Shanghai, China
- Being Entangled with Paper*, Star Gallery, Beijing, China
- Atypical*, Gallery Beijing Space, Beijing, China
- Uneasy Trip in Asia IV*, Poly Arts Centre, Hong Kong, China
- Uneasy Trip in Asia*, Star Gallery, Beijing, China
- The Food in the World*, Linda Art Center, Beijing, China
- 2012 *Narcissism*, Star Gallery, Beijing, China
- Song Kun & Jin Nv*, S.E Gallery, Bergen, Norway
- Paradise in the east*, C5 Art Center, Beijing, China
- Face*, Minsheng Art Museum, Shanghai, China
- Lust and Love of the Young and Liberated*, 798 space, Beijing, China
- 2011 *Born in the 70s*, Lin&Lin Gallery, Taipei, China
- DAYBREAK*, Arario Gallery, Beijing, China
- HALF THE SKY-Women in the New Art of China*, Leonard Pearlstein Gallery, Philadelphia, USA
- In A Perfect World*, Meulensteen Gallery, New York, USA
- 2010 *Do You See What I Mean*, Fabien Frys Fine Art, Los Angeles, USA
- Thirty Years of Chinese Contemporary Art*, Minsheng Art Museum, Shanghai, China
- The Mirror of This Time*, Michael Ku Gallery, Taipei, China
- 2009 *Kyoka Suigetsu--Female Contemporary Art*, Power Center Gallery, Brussels, Belgium
- Touch*, A4 Gallery, Chengdu, China
- Pick Up All the Winter Branches*, Michael Ku Gallery, Taipei, China
- NOTCH09 Art Festival*, The VILLAGE, Beijing, China
- Hello, Sadness*, Tang Contemporary Art, Bangkok, Thailand
- 2008 *Looking for Me*, Minsheng Contemporary Arts Center, Shanghai, China
- 2007 *Second Exhibition of A+A in 2007*, PIFO Gallery, Beijing, China
- 2nd Documentary Exhibition of Fine Arts Forms of Concepts*, Wuhan, China
- 2006 *Body-Boundary*, Chambers Fine Art, New York, USA
- Chaos City*, Boers-Li Gallery, Beijing, China
- Transgression*, PIFO New Art Studio, Beijing, China
- N12-No.4*, C5 Art Center, Beijing, China
- 2005 *Naughty Kids*, Star Gallery, Beijing, China

- N12-No.3*, CAFA Gallery, Beijing, China
- The Second Chinese Art Triennial*, Nanjing Art Museum, Nanjing, China
- 2004 *New Wave*, Art Seasons Gallery, Beijing, China
- N12-No.2*, CAFA Gallery, Beijing, China
- Mode of Sensibility*, Art Seasons Gallery, Beijing, China
- Made in China, Design in France*, Paul Ricard Gallery, Paris, France
- Beijing-Dezoned-Paris*, Le Cube, Paris, France
- 2003 *SHE*, Art Seasons Gallery, Beijing, China
- N12-No.1*, CAFA Gallery, Beijing, China
- Beyond the Face and Surface*, Art Seasons Gallery, Singapore
- 2000 *Water- First Show of Exo-Site Art Program*, Huanyi Warehouse, Beijing, China
- 1999 *The Second Factory Time*, Yunfeng Gallery, Beijing, China

## Music Project

- 2021 *Pure Land-Tears of Sea-maid*, Qiao Space, Shanghai, China
- 2020 *Pure Land-Live in Tokyo Tsurumi Forest*, Tsurumi Forest, Tokyo, Japan
- 2018 *SUKHAVATI*, Cc Foundation & Art Center, Shanghai, China
- Collage*, C5Art, Beijing, China
- 2017 *RAW*, BLG Lab, Beijing, China
- Spook in Hot pot*, Star Gallery, Beijing, China
- Magic Sampling*, fRUITYSACE, Beijing, China
- 2016 *Summer Night*, BLG & M WOODS, 798 Space Beijing, China
- Sound of Silence*, CHINA FILMARCHIVE, Beijing, China
- Sound of Silence*, KINO KROKODI, Berlin, Germany
- 2015 *Sound of Silence*, THEATER SAMSA, Tokyo, Japan
- Cosmos*, OW Space, Beijing, China
- 2014 *Don't Worry Garden*, Houyuan, Beijing, China
- Island No.1*, Modernsky Lab, Beijing, China
- 2013 *Being Is Not Being*, UCCA, Beijing, China
- 2012 *Lull&Noise in Dog Night No.1*, Temple Bar, Beijing, China
- This Is Not A Fashion Party*, 798 AKRYL space, Beijing, China

*Sleep in Spring*, C5 Art Center, Beijing, China

*Lull & Noise in Dog Night No.2*, School Club, Beijing, China

*Paradise in The East*, C5Art Center, Beijing, China

*Stranger*, HDA Kunstsalon, Berlin, Germany

## Artist in Residence

2016 *Big Whale*, Berlin, Germany

2014 *Island*, Modernsky Lad Art Program, Phuket, Thailand

2008 *LIA Leipzig International Art Program*, Leipzig, Germany

## Publication

2019 *Genealogy Study of Artists No.4: Imbody Feeling Real-Nude Imbody - Song Kun*, SSSSTART, Shanghai, China

2015 *ASURA SUKHAVATI: Song Kun*, Hive Center for Contemporary Art, Beijing, China

2012 *Eclosion - Dialogues with Song Kun*, Bazaar Art, Beijing China

*A Thousand Kisses Deep*, UCCA, Beijing, China

2008 *Xi Jia – River Lethe*, Boers-Li Gallery, Beijing, China

2006 *It's My Life*, UniversalStudio-Beijing, Beijing, China

## Selected Collections

America Giraud Pissarro Segalot, New York

France Francois Pinault Collection, Paris

Switzerland Sigg Collection, Switzerland

China M+ Museum, Hongkong

Long Museum, Shanghai

Star Museum, Shanghai

New Century Art Foundation (NCAF), Beijing

Minsheng Art Museum, Shanghai

CAFA Museum, Beijing

Zhi Art Museum, Chengdu

