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Musk Ming (Germany)



Intro

Musk Ming was born in China; since 2005 the young artist has lived and worked in Berlin. He held solo- and group exhibitions in Berlin, Cologne, Groningen and in a number of other cities. His work has been presented at international art fairs in Berlin, Cologne, Utrecht and Essen.

Musk Ming looks for a way to combine old Chinese traditional techniques with contemporary sensibilities. He has been drawing for over 10 years.

Beating the (post)communists with their own aesthetics, Musk Ming masterfully (and subversively) appropriates the saccharine Maoist propaganda illustration style to explore China's rich but suppressed queer history. Musk Ming stresses that sexual liberalism and tolerance are a historical part of Chinese culture, not a 'new capitalist idea' from the Western world.

To safeguard himself, his beloved family and his befriended pioneering gay bi les and transsexual community against the arbitrariness of Chinese authorities the artist uses his pseudonym Musk Ming. The word "musk" ("She Xiang" in Chinese) is a luxurious perfume and traditional Chinese medicine. And "Ming" is the infant name of the artist named by his grandmother as he was born in the sunny morning after a snow stormy night.

Ming criticizes the lack of personal freedom and artistic expression of the Chinese LGBTQ community, which he traces back to colonial influences. Musk Ming propagates a return to Taoist values as a tolerant alternative.

Ming's painting of athletes, Go West, was chosen to take part in the official art exhibition accompanying the Olympic Games, but the artist was forced by the Chinese authorities to remove it from the show shortly before its opening..

His works are held in private collections in Berlin, Cologne, London, Los Angeles, Vancouver, Rome and Amsterdam.

Solo Exhibitions

2010 "The Unbearable Lightness of Being" (with Christa M. Buri), Berlin Avantgarde, Berlin, Germany
2010 "Expectations", Fenz Freier Kunstraum. Cologne; Germany
2009 "Erotic Revolution", Mu Mu arthouse, Bangkok, Thailand
2008 "Behind The Chinese Curtain", Jackwerth Verlag, Berlin, Germany
2007 "Illusion und Poesie", Drama, Berlin, Germany
2006 "Muskboy", Melitta Sundström, Berlin, Germany
2005 "Chinas Erotik in Berlin", Mann-O-Meter, Berlin, Germany

Selected Group Exhibitions

2010 La Crèche, Kunstraum Richard Sorge/Playground, 07. Berliner Kunstsalon, Berlin, Germany
2010 Vorwärts, Kunstraum Richard Sorge, Berlin, Germany
2010 "Pimp the Timp", . Cologne, Germany
2009 06. Berliner Kunstsalon Art Fair, Kunstraum Richard Sorge, Berlin, Germany
2009 Open Art fair, Galerie MooiMan, Utrecht, The Netherlands
2009 "Sailors Delight", Galerie MooiMan, Groningen, Niederlande
2009 03. tease art fair 2009, Agency Yorckberlin, Cologne, Germany
2009 "Queerulanten", Pulchri Studio, Den Haag, Netherlands
2008 Olympic Fine Arts 2008, Beijing, China
2008 "From China to China", Galerie MooiMan, Groningen, Netherlands
2008 "FSK !8 - Queer Erotic Art Exhibition", Fenz Freier Kunstraum. Cologne, Germany
2008 Tease Art Fair 2008, Agency Yorckberlin, Cologne, Germany
2007, Berline Liste 2007, Agency Yorckberlin, Berlin, Germany
2006 "Perspektiven_ Oder Mythos Wird Mit UE Geschrieben", Galerie Engler, Berlin
2006 III. Berliner kunstsalon 2006, Agency Yorckberlin, Berlin, Germany

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