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ZHAO GANG

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Lives and works in Beijing and New York

1961 Born in Beijing, China
1983 Attended Stadsacademie voor Toegepaste Kunsten (Maastricht Institute of Arts), Maastricht, The Netherlands
1984 - 87 Attended Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, New York, USA
1999 Completed M.F.A., Bard College, Annandale on Hudson, New York, USA

Selected Solo Exhibitions

2025 'Zhao Gang: The Basterd Gentry - Act One: Shadow', Lisson Gallery, Shanghai, China
'Zhao Gang: The Basterd Gentry - Act Two: Flesh', ASE Foundation, Shanghai, China
'Zhao Gang: Qingdao, Qingdao', TAG Art Museum, Qingdao, China

2024 'Zhao Gang: Southward', D+ Art Museum, Shenzhen, China
'Zhao Gang: Carnivore', Lisson Gallery, Beijing, China
'Zhao Gang: China Stories', Galerie Nagel Draxler, Berlin, Germany

2023 'Zhao Gang's Solo Exhibition: Platform', Jia Art, Wuhan, China

2022 'Holiday', JINGHOPE Art Center, Sanya, China
'Zhao Gang: Nothing is Happening', Long Museum Chong Qing, Chongqing, China

2021 'Zhao Gang: Domestic Anxiety', Long Museum West Bund, Shanghai, China

2020 'Supports / ColorLumps as Anthropography of History', Kuandu Museum of Fine Art, Taipei
'Chinese Eastern Railway: Zhao Gang', Long March Space, Beijing, China

2019 'Zhao Gang: History Painting', Pérez Art Museum Miami (PAMM), Miami, USA
'Zhao Gang: Passage to Dynasty', Greene Naftali Gallery, New York, USA
'Diluted Retrospective', Each Modern, Taipei
'Hermeneutics and Deconstruction', Galerie Nagel Draxler, Cologne, Germany

2018 'Acquiring Identity', Long March Space, Beijing, China

2017 'Useless Things – Zhao Gang New Works', AYE Gallery, Beijing, China
'Zhao Gang', Tang Contemporary Art, Hong Kong, China
'Earlier Works', Nagel Draxler Kabinett, Berlin, Germany

2016 'Zhao Gang', Tilton Gallery, New York, USA
'Contemporary Chinese Painting', Galerie Nagel Draxler, Cologne, Germany
'Zhao Gang: The Road to Serfdom II', Museo de Arte Contemporáneo (MAC), Santiago, Chile
'Zhao Gang', Dingyun Art Salon, Wuhan, China

2015 'Cocksucker Blues', Bank, Shanghai, China
'Paramour's Garden', Suzhou Museum, Suzhou, China
'Zhao Gang: The Road to Serfdom', Ullens Center for Contemporary Art, Beijing, China
'The Collection of Lust Empire', Aura Gallery, Taipei, China

2014	‘Emperor and His...’, AYE Gallery, Beijing, China
2013	‘The Khitans’, Platform China, Beijing, China ‘Another Reality’, Gallery LIN, Taipei, China
2012	‘Zhao Gang Solo Exhibition’, Wada Fine Arts, Tokyo, Japan
2011	‘Sisyphus’, Aura Gallery, Beijing, China ‘Sick Man’, Today Art Museum, Beijing, China ‘Burning the Wood: The Collection of Du Yuesheng’, AYE Gallery, Beijing, China
2010	‘Zhao Gang’, Galerie Christian Nagel, Berlin, Germany
2009	‘Dance in Dream’, Triumph Art Space, Beijing, China
2008	‘Painting of Zhao Gang’, Hong Kong Art Center/Hanart TZ Gallery, Hong Kong, China ‘Zhao Gang’, TSI Yi Space Gallery, Beijing, China
2007	‘After Thought’, Galerie Christian Nagel, Cologne, Germany ‘Zhao Gang: Recent Works’, 10 Chancery Lane Gallery, Hong Kong, China ‘Portrait Landscape Memory’, He Xiangning Art Museum, Shenzhen, China
2006	‘Broken Narrative’, Galerie Bleich-Rossi, Vienna, Austria
2005	‘Want Sex’, Beijing Art Now Gallery, Beijing, China ‘The War Game’, Galerie Christian Nagel, Berlin, Germany
2004	‘Irony of Mistranslation’, Michael Goedhuis, New York, USA
2002	‘Zhao Gang’, Gallery 4A, Sydney, Australia
1999	‘Constructed Dreams’, Courtyard Gallery, Beijing, China
1994	‘Zhao Gang’, Peg Alston Fine Arts, New York, USA
1992	‘Zhao Gang’, Vorpall Gallery, New York, USA
1991	‘The Unpainted Landscapes’, Gutharc Ballin Gallery, Paris, France
1990	‘Zhao Gang’, Vorpall Gallery, New York, USA
1989	‘Zhao Gang’, Via Del Moro 25/b, Rome, Italy
1987	‘Zhao Gang’, Lavaggi Gallery, New York, USA
	Selected Group Exhibitions
2025	‘Flowers in the Concrete’, Bund Art Center, Shanghai, China ‘Depictura’, Lisson Gallery, Shanghai, China ‘The Pillow Painting’, XIN ART SPACE, Guangzhou, China ‘Strings of Planes’, IN&OUT, Ningbo, China
2022	‘Upstairs Cities’, ASE Foundation, Shanghai, China
2021	‘Jing Zhe’, Surplus Space, Wuhan, China ‘Ist Meseberg International for Contemporary Art’, Galerie Nagel Draxler, Meseberg, Germany
2020	‘Life During Wartime: Art in the Age of Coronavirus’, USF Contemporary Art Museum, Tampa, USA
2018	‘Turning Point - 40 years of Chinese Contemporary Art’, Long Museum West Bund, Shanghai, China

	‘Painting: Now and Forever, Part III’, Greene Naftali, New York, USA
2017	‘Art and China after 1989: Theater of the World’, Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, USA ‘Marching in Circles’, Long March Space, Beijing, China ‘Today. Future’, Guiyang 798 Art Center, Guiyan:g, China ‘Zhao Gang: Comfortably Dumb’, KWM Art Center, Beijing, China ‘Carnival’, Massimo De Carlo, Hong Kong, China
2016	‘Self’, Massimo De Carlo, London, UK ‘Global Terror’, Nagel Draxler Kabinett, Berlin, Germany ‘Our Painting’, Yang Museum, Beijing, China
2015	‘Chinese Spirit - The Fourth Chinese Oil Painting Exhibition’, Chinese Academy of Oil Painting, Beijing; Tianjian Art Museum, Tianjin; Shangdong Art Museum, Jinan; Shanghai Art Museum, Shanghai; Xi’an Art Museum, Xi’an, China ‘The Civil Power - Beijing Minsheng Art Museum Opening Exhibition’, Minsheng Art Museum, Beijing, China ‘Big Painting Exhibition’, Platform China Contemporary Art Institute, Beijing, China
2014	‘About Painting’, OCT Contemporary Art Terminal, Xi’an, China ‘The Unofficials: Art before 85’, Boers-Li Gallery, Beijing, China ‘Early – Wang Xingwei, Wang Yin, Zhang Enli, Zhao Gang, Zhou Tiehai’, Platform China Contemporary Art Institute, Beijing, China
2013	‘Paint(erly)’, BANK, Shanghai, China ‘Life Drawing Project’, Platform China Contemporary Art Institute, Beijing, China ‘Jungle II – A Thriving Morphology: Theory of Relativity’, Platform China Contemporary Art Institute, Beijing, China
2012	‘Pinellia’, Aura Gallery, Beijing, China
2010	‘Demolition Milk II’, Kunst Im Tunnel, Düsseldorf, Germany
2009	‘Malen ist Wahlen 1981-2009’, Galerie Christian Nagel, Berlin, Germany ‘Embrace Suzhou - Exhibition of the Chinese Contemporary Arts’, Suzhou Museum, Suzhou, China Guangzhou Triennale, Guangzhou, China Yokohoma Triennale, Yokohoma, Japan
2008	‘Delirious Beijing’, PKM Gallery, Beijing, China ‘Chinese Apartment Art: 1970s -1990s’, Shuimu Art Space, Beijing, China ‘Global EurAsia’, Art Cologne, Cologne, Germany
2007	‘Yi School: Thirty Years of Abstract Art Preview in Beijing’, Wall Art Museum, Beijing, China; CaixaForum, Madrid, Spain ‘Origin Point: Star Group Retrospective Exhibition’, Today Art Museum, Beijing, China ‘Harlem School of New Social Realism’, PERFORMA, New York, USA ‘A Point in the Red: Contemporary Chinese Art’, Kashya Hilderbrand Gallery, Zurich, Switzerland ‘Feng Zhengjie & Zhao Gang’, Tilton Gallery, New York, USAC
2006	‘Jiang Hu: 34 Contemporary Chinese Artists’, Tilton Gallery, New York, USA ‘The Face of Contemporary Art in China’, Virginia Beach Contemporary Museum of Art; Federal Reserve, Washington D.C., USA
2005	‘Contemporary Erotic Drawings’, The Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum, Ridgefield; Diverse Works Gallery, Houston, USA ‘A Project - Incommunicable’, Platform China Contemporary Art Institute, Beijing, China ‘David Diao and Gang Zhao’, Hanart TZ Gallery, Hong Kong, China

2004	‘Sunrise Sunset’, Smack Mellon Gallery, New York, USA ‘Silknet’, Galerie Urs Meile, Luzern, Switzerland ‘Le Monie et la Demon - Chinese Contemporary Art’, Museum of Contemporary Art Lyon, Lyon, France
2003	‘David Diao / Gang Zhao: at Mid-Career’, Asian American Arts Center; Chambers Fine Art, New York, USA
2002	Jessica Murray Projects, New York, USA
2001	‘Reconfiguration’, Central Academy Gallery of Fine Art, Beijing, China ‘Wei Liu and Gang Zhao’, Ray Hughes Gallery, Sydney, Australia
2000	‘Demand for Artistic Freedom, The Stars 20 Years’, Tokyo Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
1998	‘Salon 300’, Williamsburg, USA ‘David Lowe and Gang Zhao’, Peng Gallery, Philadelphia, USA
1990	‘The Door’, P.S.1 Institute of the Arts/Blum Helman Gallery, New York, USA
1989	‘The Stars: 10 Years’, Festival d’Automne de Paris, Paris, France
1987	SUNY Albany Art Gallery, Albany, USA
1986	‘Beijing/ New York: Avant-Grade Chinese Art’, Sharon Creative Arts Foundation, Connecticut; Vassar College Art Gallery, Poughkeepsie; City Gallery, New York, USA
1980	‘Xing Xing (The Stars)’, China Art Gallery, Beijing, China
1979	‘Xing Xing (The Stars)’, Beihai Park, Beijing, China

Collections

Long Museum, Shanghai, Chongqing, China
Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, California, USA
M+, Hong Kong, China
Museo de Arte Contemporáneo (MAC), Santiago, Chile
Pérez Art Museum Miami, Miami, Florida, USA
Suzhou Museum, Suzhou, China