



Asia Contemporary Art Week

May 10 - 18, 2009

Full Program Overview

ACAW 2009 | New York

On behalf of Asian Contemporary Art Consortium (ACAC), I am delighted to invite you to the 6th edition of **Asian Contemporary Art Week** featuring numerous exhibitions and showcasing works by over two hundred artists. ACAW 2009 also presents *Open Portfolios*, a series of artists talks, screenings, performances and artists led walkthroughs at participating galleries and museums across New York City.

Since its inception in 2001, ACAW has grown tremendously, yielding a bulls-eye view of what is up and coming each year in Asian contemporary art, and also increasing the visibility of artists and inciting critical dialogue about their works. While the week has evolved responding to shifts in the art scene, it has never lost sight of its commitment to education. During the past few years' remarkable and euphoric rise in the profiles of Asian artists, ACAW continued to fill gaps by balancing discrepancies in the market and exhibition arenas.

In 2009 we face a world much different from the previous year. Changes in politics and economics are causing many to question their motives in relation to art and its practice. In times of economic uncertainty, many may feel compelled to recede from participating in larger world-art dialogues. This position, while understandable, may cause sizable harm calling a halt to the progress we have made over the past few decades. The sense of dynamism we now find in the New York art scene can easily be lost.

ACAW is an event that is intrinsically tied to the wider phenomenon of artists at their best; making works that are significant in local arenas yet highly relevant in the context of international contemporary art discourse. For this reason, ACAW is moving forward in its mission to sustain public interaction with artists and art professionals from countries as far off our shores as Afghanistan, Cambodia, Indonesia, Iran, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Taiwan, Tibet and other regions of Asia.

Over 200 artists will present their works at 35 museums and galleries during the sixth **Asian Contemporary Art Week (ACAW)**, May 10-18th, featuring over 60 receptions, exhibition viewings, screenings, artist conversations and walkthroughs throughout New York City.

ACAW aims to promote increased public awareness of the richness and diversity of Asian contemporary art. This year, participating artists are from virtually every region including, for the first time, Cambodia and Tibet.

"Asian Contemporary Art Week aims to celebrate Asian contemporary art, and to promote an expansive understanding of what it can be," says Asia Society Museum Director **Melissa Chiu**. *"This year's event, presents the latest trends in Asian contemporary art, highlighting for example, the new vitality and increased international profile of artists from Central Asia and the Middle East."*

"Since its inception in 2001, ACAW has grown tremendously, increasing the visibility of featured artists and inciting critical dialogue about their works," notes ACAW director **Leeza Ahmady**. *"The new Open Portfolios format will provide participants with a unique opportunity to get up close and personal with some of Asia's most resilient artists."*

This year's ACAW has a record number of artists participating from both the U.S. and Asia, and includes many countries whose artists rarely exhibit work in the U.S. Among the countries represented are Afghanistan, China, India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Korea, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Pakistan, Palestine, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, and Vietnam.

ACAW events will be held throughout the city Sunday May 10– Monday, May 18, with each day focusing on a different neighborhood: uptown on Tuesday, May 12, midtown on Wednesday, May 13, Chelsea on Thursday, May 14, downtown on Friday, May 15, and in all boroughs on Saturday, May 16, and Sunday, May 17.

New to this year's ACAW is *Open Portfolios*, a series of 20 artist talks, screenings, performances, and gallery walkthroughs that will each focus on an aspect of an artist's work. This gives artists the opportunity to share a part of their work that they find important, and allows viewers to explore the diverse group of ACAW artists on a more personal level. In addition, 7 selected artists will discuss their work in exclusive interviews.

This year's *Open Portfolios* include: a discussion with **Carolyn Christov-Bakargiev**, Artistic director for Documenta 13 with artist **Lee Mingwei** (China) and **Melissa Chiu** at Asia Society (May 11); **Qiu Zhijie** (China) in conversation with **Alexandra Munroe** at China Institute (May 12); a conversation between **Lisa Ross** and **Nan Goldin** at Daneyal Mahmood Gallery (May 14); an installation and talk by **Jakkai Siributr**, (Thailand) at Rubin Museum of Art (May 15); a video screening with **Almagul Menlibayeva** (Kazakhstan); and **Esra Ersen** (Turkey); and **Lara Baladi** (Lebanon); at Asia Society (May 17). Other highlight events include a video screening and discussion with husband and wife artist team **Muratbek Djumaliev** and **Gulnara Kasmalieva** (Kyrgyzstan) at the Museum of Modern Art (May 18).

Asian Contemporary Art Week is a collaboration of the Asian Contemporary Art Consortium, which includes: **Jung Lee Sanders**, Art Projects International; **Melissa Chiu** and **Miwako Tezuka**, Asia Society and Museum; **Steve Pacia** and **Shumita Bose**, Bose Pacia; **France Pepper**, China Institute; **Ethan Cohen**, Ethan Cohen Fine Arts; **Thomas Erben**, Thomas Erben Gallery; **Joe Earle**, Japan Society; **Philippe Koutouzis**, Marlborough Gallery; **Esa Epstein**, Sepia International, The Alkazi Collection; **Alexandra Munroe** and **Sandhini Poddar**, Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum; **Jack & Susy Wadsworth**, Collectors; **Xiaoming Zhang**, China Guardian Auctions Co., Ltd.; and **Leeza Ahmady**, ACAW Director (Independent Curator).

ACAW 2009 is sponsored by Art Asia Pacific and Event Public.

Leeza Ahmady
Director, Asian Contemporary Art Week

Open Portfolios Signature Program

Curated by Leeza Ahmady

As a special ACAW highlight, twenty one leading and emerging artists will speak about their works and concepts in a series of talks, panel discussions, exhibition-walkthroughs, performances, and screenings. Another eight artists' interviews are published online. Color-coded green in this document, on the next spread please find the schedule for the ACAW *Open Portfolio* program at participating venues across New York.



Eko Nugroho, *Agama Manusia (Human Religion) #3*, 2008. Acrylic and embroidery on canvas.

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JAPAN SOCIETY

1-3pm Screening

KRAZY! The Delirious World of Anime + Manga + Video Games

KRAZY! is New York's first major show dedicated to the Japanese phenomenon of Anime, Manga, and Video Games—three forms of contemporary visual art exercising a huge influence on an entire generation of American youth. The exhibition, organized by the Vancouver Art Gallery, is presented in an environment designed by cutting-edge architectural practice *Atelier Bow-Wow*. Co-curated by leading North American and Japanese specialists, *KRAZY!* offers fresh insight into the interdependence of three art forms of the future.

Anime Screening in the Auditorium

1pm *Paprika* (89 minutes)

2:30pm *Super Dimension Fortress Macross*, Episode 27 (27 minutes)

333 E. 47th St.

(Bet. 1st and 2nd Ave.)



Installation view of the exhibition, *KRAZY! The Delirious World of Anime + Manga + Video Games*, 2009. Japan Society.

SUN. MAY 10

QUEENS MUSEUM OF ART

5-8pm Opening Party

Open Portfolio: Exhibition Viewing

Tarjama/Translation: Contemporary Art from the Middle East, Central Asia and their diasporas

Curated by **Leeza Ahmady, Iftikhar Dadi**, and Assistant Curator **Reem Fadda**.

Organized by **ArteEast**, *Tarjama/Translation* is an unprecedented exhibition, which maps an influential subset of recent work from the Middle East, Central Asia, and its diasporas, as a complex and dynamic translational undertaking. The exhibition examines the different ways with which artists engage with people, objects, images, and ideas traveling across geographic spaces, media forms, histories, and personal contexts. Encompassing a variety of media and artistic strategies, *Tarjama/Translation* treats the multiple processes of translation as dynamic and complex, from linguistic and textual maneuvers, to the transformation of consciousness engendered by the increasingly globalized world.

Artists: **Ayad Alkadhi, Nazgol Ansarinia, Hamdi Attia, Lara Baladi, Yto Barrada, Esra Ersen, Khaled Hafez, Emily Jacir, Pourn Jinchi, John Jurayj, Gülsün Karamustafa, Bouchra Khalili, Almagul Menlibayeva, Farhad Moshiri, Rabih Mroue, Rahraw Omarzad, Michael Rakowitz, Khalil Rabah, Khaled Ramadan, Solmaz Shahbazi, Wael Shawky, Mitra Tabrizian, Alexander Ugay, Sharif Waked, Dilek Winchester, Yelena Vorobyeva & Viktor Vorobyev** and **Akram Zaatari**.

New York City Building,
Flushing Meadows Corona Park



Gulsun Karamustafa, *The City of Panther Fashion*, 2007. Still from video duration 13 min.

About ArteEast: Founded in 2003, ArteEast champions artists from the SWANA (South West Asia and North Africa) region and its diaspora through programs like film screenings, exhibitions, and online publications. Engaging global audiences, it fosters dialogue among artists, filmmakers, curators, and thought leaders.

ASIA SOCIETY AND MUSEUM

6:30-8pm *Open Portfolio: Discussion**What's Ahead for Asian Contemporary Art?*

Join **Carolyn Christov-Bakargiev**, *Documenta 13* Artistic Director, and artist **Lee Mingwei** in conversation with **Melissa Chiu**, Museum Director, on the future of Asian art. Followed by a reception and viewing of **Yang Fudong**'s exhibition.

\$10 Admission; \$7 Members/ Students with ID/ Seniors

725 Park Ave.
(At 70th St.)

MON. MAY 11 - SIGNATURE EVENT/ RECEPTION



Yang Fudong, *Seven Intellectuals in a Bamboo Forest, Part I of V*, 2003. Single-channel video with sound; 35mm black-and-white film transferred to DVD. Duration: 29 minutes, 22 seconds. Courtesy of Asia Society.

LEILA TAGHINIA-MILANI HELLER GALLERY

6-8pm Opening Reception

Superstars: Who's Who in Contemporary Iranian Art

This exhibition explores important contemporary Iranian artists from the 1960s through today and the dialogue between their differing generations.

Artists: **Samira Abbassy, Shiva Ahmadi, Negar Ahkmai, Roya Akhavan, Massoud Arabshahi, Shoja Azari & Shahram Karimi, Ali Chitsaz, Ghasem Hajizadeh, YZ Kami, Shirin Neshat, Faramarz Pilaram, Nazanin Pouyandeh, Sohrab Sepehri, Anahita Vossoughi, Darius Yekta** and **Charles Hossein Zenderoudi**.

39 E. 78th St. Suite 301
(at Madison Ave.)



Charles Hossein Zenderoudi, *Untitled*, 2000. Oil on canvas.

M. SUTHERLAND FINE ARTS

6-8pm Opening Reception

Wang Huaiqing and Wang Tiantian: New Prints

Wang Huaiqing, arguably the finest living painter in China today, presents pieces alongside his daughter, **Wang Tiantian**, described as one of the most talented and exciting female artists of her generation. Both artists are associated with the Central Academy of Fine Arts (CAFA) in Beijing; Wang Huaiqing as a longtime professor of painting and Tiantian as a recent student. The exhibition showcases new etchings and lithographs by the artists.

55 E. 80th St. 2nd Fl.
(Bet. Park and Madison Ave.)



Wang Huaiqing. *Half Table Half Chair*, 2008.

CHINA INSTITUTE

6:30-8pm *Open Portfolio: Conversation*

Qiu Zhijie: Transience in Photography

Qiu Zhijie, one of China's leading artists, in conversation with **Alexandra Munroe**, senior curator of Asian Art at the Guggenheim Museum, New York. Qiu Zhijie will discuss the notion of transience in his conceptual photographic works and his role as a leading theorist, critic and professor. Co-organized by Chambers Fine Art.

\$8 Admission, Students \$5
Space is limited. Pre-registration required.

125 E. 65th St.
(Bet. Park and Lexington. Ave.)

TUE. MAY 12



Qiu Zhijie. *It's Changed (Macau)*, 2005. C-print.

ANA TZAREV GALLERY

6-8pm Reception

Floating World: Paintings Inspired by the Arts of Japan

Ana Tzarev Gallery presents a stunning myriad of traditional Japanese paintings, many reflecting the art form of *ukiyo-e*. Literally translated as "pictures of the floating world," *ukiyo-e* refers to the genre of Japanese woodblock prints closely connected with the urban culture of the 17th century Edo period; when pleasures such as theatre, teahouses and geishas developed into prevalent commercial art forms. The works feature Japanese tea ceremonies, Kabuki actors, geishas and landscapes.

24 W. 57th St.
(Bet. 5th and 6th Ave.)



Ana Tzarev, *God of Thunder*, 2004. Acrylic on canvas.

GALLERY KOREA

6-8pm Opening Reception

Haunting Memories

Gallery Korea, of the Korean Cultural Service New York, presents six contemporary emerging and mid-career Korean artists, who draw humor, wit and sensation out of personal experience.

The artists were selected from the finalists of *Call for Artists 2009* and the show was curated by **Yu Jin Hwang**. The exhibition features **Christine Sun Kim, Eva Jung, Young Rong Bae, Young Min Moon, Baishian Bai** and **Ke-Sook Lee**.

460 Park Ave. 6th Fl.
(Bet. 57th and 58th St.)

WED. MAY 13



Baishian Bai. *The Planet3+*, 2008. Installation.

TAIPEI CULTURAL CENTER IN NEW YORK

6-8pm Opening Reception

Dream in a Contemporary Secret Garden

In a provocative exhibition, twenty one Taiwanese artists, two Japanese and one Korean artist imagine their personal secret gardens in various media. Curated by **Howard Chen** and **Luchia Meihua Lee**.

Artists: **Chang Lishan, Chen Ching Yao, Chen Chun Hao, Chiu Chao Tsai, Eun Young Choi, Fan Yang Tsung, Kotaro Fukui, Aihua Hsia, Jessica Pi Hua Hsu, Huang Pei Ying, Huang Po Chih, Kaoruko Nakano, Kay H. Lin, Liu Shih-Tung, Lu Chi Yun, Pan Ping Yu, Pan Hsin Hua, Shiau Da Yi, Shyu Ruey Shiann, Tung Hsin Ru, Tzeng Yong Ning, Chin Chih Yang, Yao Jui Chung** and **Yuan Goang**.

Co-organized by Kuandu Museum of Fine Arts, Taipei National University of the Arts.

1 E. 42nd St.
(At 5th Ave.)



Huang Po Chih, *Flower*, 2006. Video 5' 42".

TAMARIND ART COUNCIL

6-8pm Opening Reception

Silt of Sentiment: Indian Contemporaries

This exhibition features the works of three talented Indian female artists: **Sumana Chowdhury, Mahjabin Majumdar** and **Kajal Shah**. Their works speak a universal language to conjure up many emotions addressing issues such as displacement of time and space, shifting borders of personal and political geographies, notions of loss, rapid deterioration of the environment and women's continuing struggle for equality. Please check Tamarind Art Council's website for performance art events information during ACAW.

142 E. 39th St.
(Bet. 3rd and Lexington Ave.)

WED. MAY 13



Kajal Shah. *Tilted Cage*. Acrylic on canvas.

RELIGARE ARTS INITIATIVE (RAI)

7pm *Open Portfolio*: Panel Discussion

Artists Nitin Mukul and Shelly Bahl

Ombretta Agró Andruff, RAI's International Art Advisor, introduces the activities of RAI, India's first corporate supported arts organization. With a 360 degree platform for the arts in India, RAI provides Indian contemporary art a larger integrated voice and make it a more transparent, relevant and effective force in society. In October 2008, RAI opened its first gallery, Arts.i, a 12,000 sq. ft. space in New Delhi. Nitin Mukul, will present *The Nature of the City* an exhibition he recently co-curated at Arts.i. Shelly Bahl will present her works alongside excerpts from recent videos. The artists' works and RAI's slide-show presentation are on view during ACAW.

Arts. I Gallery

45 W. 21st St. 2nd Fl. (Rear) Suite 39
(Bet. 5th and 6th Ave.)

WED. MAY 13



Shelly Bahl, *The Peacock Wallpaper*, 2009-11, Mixed-media installation (audio, 19:20 minutes). Detail of photograph in album in the installation.

THE CHELSEA ART MUSEUM

5pm Exhibition Walkthroughs

6-9pm Reception

6:30 and 8:30 *Open Portfolio: Performances*

Pooneh Maghazehe

Iranian artist **Pooneh Maghazehe** conducts a series of rituals that stumble between private ceremony and private spectacle. Resurrecting the sense of faith and allegiance, she merges elements of hip-hop culture with ancient Muslim rituals while dressed in Amish inspired textile sculptures. What emerges is a baptism of symbols in which the "sacred" resides. Curated by **Sam Bardaouil**.

Also on view: Dream in a Contemporary Secret Garden: Mixed Media Works by 12 Asian Artist.

Artists from Taiwan, Korea, Japan, and New York create a startling landscape of the mind. Organized by Kuandu Museum of Fine Arts, Taipei National University of the Arts.

Please see Saturday May 16th schedule for a detailed description of this exhibition.

556 W. 22nd St.
(Bet. 10th and 11th Ave.)



Pooneh Maghazehe. *Brooklyn Pride*, performance still, 2008.

BOSE PACIA

6-8pm Opening Reception

Ranbir Kaleka: Reading Man

Bose Pacia is excited to present an exhibition of new paintings by critically acclaimed artist, **Ranbir Kaleka**. For many years Kaleka has focused on building a body of works comprised of painting/video combinations. This exhibition marks the much-anticipated return to gestalt painting for the artist. The paintings possess Kaleka's trademark whimsical and infinite narrative. Several of the works will include large-scale sculptural installation components. As a nice transition to this new body the artist will also include one new video. The video marks a significant collaborative union with musical accompaniment by Oscar-winning composer **A.R. Rahman**.

508 W. 26th St. 11C
(Bet. 10th and 11th Ave.)



Ranbir Kaleka. *Man with Beard*, 2008–2009. Acrylic and oil on canvas with wood and acrylic mirrors.

CHAMBERS FINE ART

6-8pm Opening Reception

Paper! Paper!

While the use of ink on paper has always been associated with classical Chinese art, many younger artists today use paper in unconventional ways ranging from paper-cuts, mixed-media works and watercolors. This exhibition is built on contrasts; featuring works that use paper as pure medium, to exploration of historical practices, to memorable naturalistic images formed by marvelous experiments with watercolor.

Artists: **Guo Hongwei, Hong Hao, Lu Shengzhong, Qiu Zhijie, Wang Tiande** and **Wu Jian'an**.

210 11th Ave. 4th Fl.
(Bet. 24th and 25th St.)

THU. MAY 14



Guo Hongwei. *Bus*, 2008. Mixed media on paper.

DANEYAL MAHMOOD GALLERY

6-8pm Exhibition Viewing

7pm *Open Portfolio*: Discussion*UNREVEALED*: Lisa Ross

Artist **Nan Goldin** and **Lisa Ross** will be in conversation about Ross's work and Goldin's changing relationship to the photographic image. Ross's exhibition is comprised of photographs and video works made at holy sites in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region of Northwest China. Ross's aesthetic incites contemplation: narratives, both real and imagined, emerge from her photographs viscerally engaging the viewer in rituals of visitation and gestures of devotion. Included are two video pieces in which the body merges with the landscape and the ephemeral becomes its own living, breathing entity.

511 W. 25th St. 3rd Fl.
(Bet. 10th and 11th Ave.)

THU. MAY 14



Lisa Ross. *Unrevealed*, Site 3, (Shrine), 2002-2009.
C-print photograph.

GANART ART GALLERY

6-9pm Reception

8pm Lecture

Korean Contemporary Photography: Layered Expressions

An exhibition exploring the myriad of issues that faces Korea as a society that has rapidly grown into a postmodern and transnational culture. Photography itself is a significant trend in Korean contemporary art, and is a medium of choice for a growing number of artists including **Bae Bien-U**, **Back Seung-Woo**, **Kim In Sook** and **Lee Jung-Jin**. In honor of ACAW, Gana Art hosts a lecture about the contemporary Korean art scene, followed by a reception.

568 W. 25th St.
(Bet. 10th and 11th Ave.)

THU. MAY 14



Back Seung-Woo. *Utopia #007*, 2008. Photographs

KIPS GALLERY

6-8pm Opening Reception

Artists **Jamie Lee** and **Hyo Jeong Nam** explore spatial complexity and an expanded repertoire of materials including fabric, fabric painting, paper and three dimensional elements such as gel mediums and glitter. They recreate personal memories and translate emotional experiences into pure visual form. Curated by **M. Brendon MacInnis**.

511 W. 25 St. 2nd Fl.
(Bet. 10th and 11th Ave.)



Jamie M. Lee. *Refresh*, 2007, (left), Hyo Jeong Nam. *Red Branch I*, 2009, (right)

SEPIA INTERNATIONAL/THE ALKAZI
COLLECTION

6-8pm Opening Reception

Open Portfolio: Exhibition Viewing

Perceiving

Features works from **Koichiro Kurita's** most recent series entitled *Perceiving*, as well as a selection of prints depicting the exploration of alternative processes throughout his career.

148 W. 24th St. 11th Fl.
(Bet. 6th and 7th Ave.)



Koichiro Kurita. *Flat*, 2005. Seven Lakes, NY. Platinum Palladium print on Japanese Gampi paper.

SUNDARAM TAGORE GALLERY

6-8pm Opening Reception

Kim Joon

Kim Joon's extraordinary contemporary photography is presented in honor of ACAW. This will be the artist's debut show in New York. Curated by **Inhee Iris Moon.**

547 W. 27th St.
(Bet. 10th and 11th Ave.)



Kim Joon. *Chrysler*, 2008. Photograph.

THE GALLERY

6-8pm Opening Reception

THE Secret Garden

The garden is considered to be a spiritual sanctuary and a place where privacy and inner pursuits are possible. It is also a metaphor for delight and splendor among both humans and flowers.

Each artist in this exhibition develops the theme of the garden in their art: **Chang Lishan, Chen Ching Yao, Chen Chun Hao, Fan Yang Tsung, Kotaro Fukui, Jessica Pi Hua Hsu, Huang Pei Ying, Pan Ping Yu, Pan Hsin Hua, Kaoruko, Shyu Ruey Shiann, Shiau DaYi, Tung Hsin Ru, Tzeng Yong Ning, and Yuan Goang Ming.** Organized by Kuandu Museum of Fine Arts, Taipei National University of the Arts.

526 W. 26 St. #310
(Bet. 10th and 11th Ave.)

THU. MAY 14



Kaoruko Nakano. *Yoen Kagerou*, 2008.

THOMAS ERBEN GALLERY

6-8pm Opening Reception

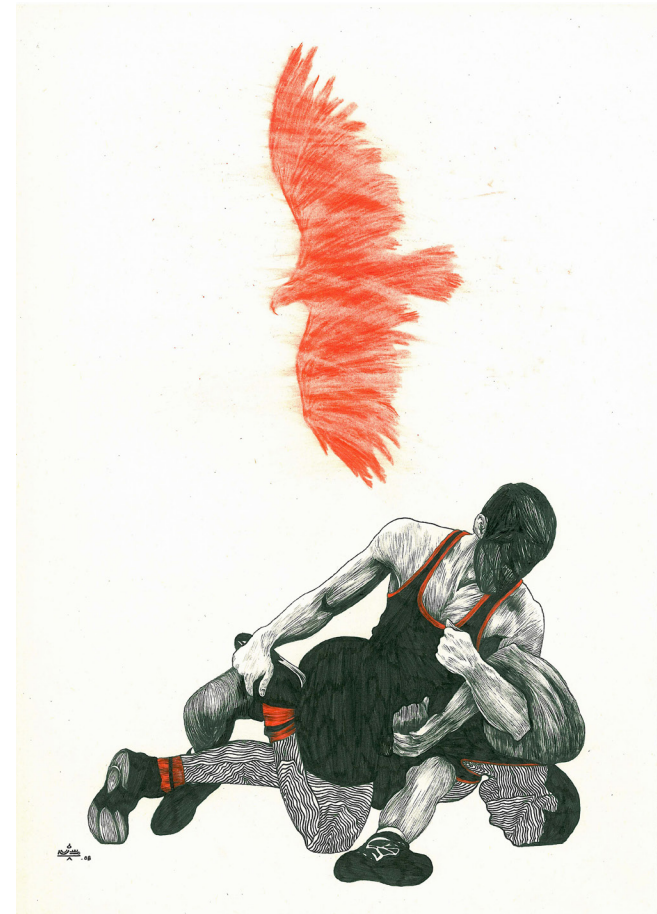
*Looped and Layered:
A Selection of Contemporary Art from Tehran*

Iranian culture defines itself through a strategy of long-term resistance and in the Islamic Republic, contemporaneity is thus characterized by suspension and a state of tension. The resulting art uses humor as a trenchant tool; it is this very tautness in society and psyche that makes for a rich and fertile artistic expression, nurtured rather than stifled or limited by the underlying contradictions.

Featuring artists: **Mohsen Ahmadvand, Ala Dehghan, Bita Fayyazi, Siyamak Filizadeh, Shahab Fotouhi, Amirali Ghasemi, Barbad Golshiri, Ramin Haerizadeh, Rokni Haerizadeh, Khosrow Hassanzadeh, Farshid Maleki** and **Sadegh Tirafkan.**

526 W. 26th St. 4th Fl.
(Bet. 10th and 11th Ave.)

THU. MAY 14



Mohsen Ahmadvand. *Wrestlers*, 2008. Ink on paper.

TYLER ROLLINS FINE ART

6-8pm Opening Reception

Eko Nugroho and Wedhar Riyadi

Eko Nugroho and **Wedhar Riyadi** are two of the most noted members of the new generation of contemporary Indonesian artists. For this exhibition, they present recent works that reflect their personal take on Indonesian society and global popular culture, while exploring their own complex inner worlds.

529 W. 20 St. 10W
(Bet. 10th and 11th Ave.)



Eko Nugroho, *Agama Manusia (Human Religion) #3*, 2008. Acrylic and embroidery on canvas.

M.Y. ART PROSPECTS

7-9pm Open Portfolio: Artist Talk / Reception***Why I Started Photography***

New York-based photographer **Takahiro Kaneyama** will discuss and share visuals from three ongoing photo series that have become catalysts in reconstructing memories of his family. His documentary treatment of the three aging women in his life (his mother and two unmarried aunts) and his late grandmother's birthplace are powerful reminders of the ambiguity and enduring resonance of family bonds. Followed by a reception and book signing of artist's self-published photo-book, *SHUMAFURA*.

547 W. 27th St. 2nd Fl.
(Bet. 10th and 11th Ave.)

THU. MAY 14



Takahiro Kaneyama. *Mother at Age 21*, 2008. Photograph.

LOWER MANHATTAN CULTURAL COUNCIL

3-4:30pm Open Portfolio: Anindita Dutta's Talk*Anindita Dutta*

As part of the ACAW *Open Portfolio* program, artist **Anindita Dutta** will be discussing her installation work which expresses the psychological condition associated with an increasingly connected world and the frequent changes and readjustments that come with it.

125 Maiden Ln. 2nd Fl.



Anindita Dutta. *The Exit*, 2009. Installation composed of fibreglass and hand-stitched cloth.

GALLERY 456

5:30-8pm Reception

6pm Discussion

How Chinese

How Chinese, curated by **Aileen June Wang and Eric Jiaju Lee**, expands the current notion of contemporary Chinese art, defined by the most popular movements of Political Pop and Cynical Realism. The featured artists represent the Chinese diaspora and beyond, and their works reflect the intriguing confluence of Chinese and non-Chinese cultures in their lives. This exhibit seeks to start a lively conversation about art and identity, and the role of cultural memory in artistic creativity.

Panel discussion by art critic **Jonathan Goodman**, the curators, and artists: **Lishan Chang, Eric Jiaju Lee, Tenzin Phuntsog, Lisa Ross, Shen Chen, Yuh-Shioh Wong.**

456 Broadway 3rd Fl.
(Bet. Howard and Grand St.)



Eric Jiaju Lee. *Valences of Ascendancy*, 2009. Acrylic on silk and satin.

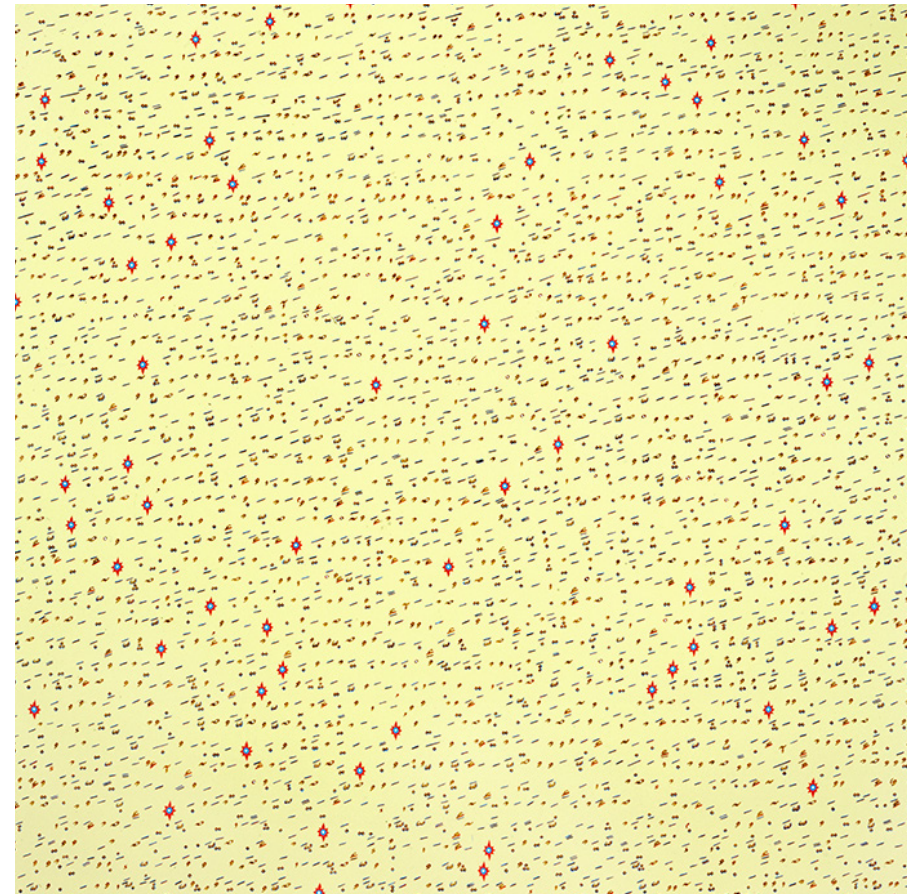
ART PROJECTS INTERNATIONAL

6-8pm Reception

Unknown Territory - New Work:
Il Lee, Pouran Jinchi, Filipe Rocha Da Silva

Il Lee offers the negative of his well-known ballpoint pen works--here a dark ground of oil stick and paint on canvas is rendered white by scraping lines into the surface with an ink-less pen. **Pouran Jinchi** presents faithful representations of the pronunciation marks and the Sura and Aya (Chapter and Verse) markers from pages of different Qorans in her Tajvid works. **Filipe Rocha Da Silva** draws thousands of tiny figures in rendered expanses.

429 Greenwich St. Suite 5B
 (Bet. Laight and Vesty St.)



Pouran Jinchi. *Tajvid Yellow*, 2009. Acrylic and ink on canvas.

ETHAN COHEN FINE ARTS

6-9pm Opening Reception

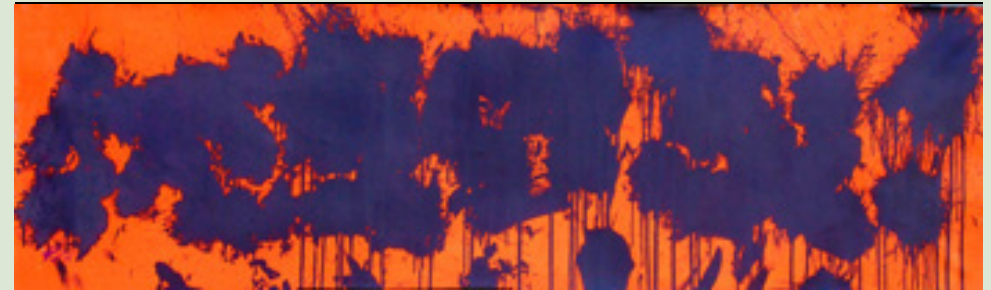
Open Portfolio: Performance

SHABU SHABU: New Visions

A striking group exhibition in honor of ACAW featuring leading contemporary Asian artists.

Includes works by **Ushio Shinohara, Ryoga Katsuma, Huang Yan, Naoto Nakagawa, Noriko Shinohara, Vasan Sitthiket, Ali Kazim, Nguyen Mahn Hung, Tang Hui, Pan Xinglei** and **Hu Renyi**. Don't miss a knockout opening night performance by the young action painter, **Ryoga Katsuma**.

18 Jay St.
(Bet. Hudson and Greenwich St.)



Ushio Shinohara. *Action Boxing Painting -B-*, 2009. Boxing painting performance.



FRI. MAY 15

THE GALLERY

6-8pm Reception

The Secret Garden

An impressive installment of works by thirteen Asian artists inside the alternative Wall Street space known as Papoo's. Organized by Kuandu Museum of Fine Arts of Taipei, National University of the Arts.

Please see Thursday May 14th listing for THE Gallery for a detailed exhibition description.

55 Broadway (One Exchange Plaza), 2nd FL



Jessica Pihua Hsu. *Dancing Iris*, 2007. Acrylic on canvas.

RUBIN MUSEUM OF ART

6:30pm *Open Portfolio*: Artist Talk*Jakkai Siributr: Lucky Ware*

As part of ACAW *Open Portfolio* program the Rubin Museum will host a special installation by Thai artist **Jakkai Siributr**, one of Southeast Asia's leading contemporary artists working primarily in the textile medium. The featured work, *Lucky Ware*, makes a powerful statement about the current condition of Buddhism in Thailand. The artist will be in conversation with assistant curator **Becky Bloom**.

150 W. 17th St.
(Bet. 6th and 7th Ave.)

FRI. MAY 15



Jakkai Siributr. *Lucky Ware*, 2008. Mixed media installation.

ELI KLEIN FINE ART

7-10pm Reception & Discussion

Redefining Surrealism

Curated by **Nancy Nan**, this exhibition features the work of **Ma Bing, Jiang Huan, Xiao Se, Liu Yan** and **Xia Xing**. Three artists break with temporal limitations to juxtapose historical and current figures conversing with one another while the other two artists convey erotic metaphors by vivid depictions of women's gestures and looks, presenting a poetic sensation of traditional Chinese literature. Discussion led by **Nancy Nan**.

462 W. Broadway
(Bet. Prince and Houston St.)

FRI. MAY 15



Jiang Huan. *Pleasant Time*, 2009. Oil on canvas.

TYLER ROLLINS FINE ART

2-4pm *Open Portfolio*: Panel Discussion

Contemporary Southeast Asian Art

Artists **Sopheap Pich**, **Jakkai Siributr** and **Richard Tsao** will discuss their works in a panel discussion, bringing to light the vibrant and diverse contemporary art scenes in Southeast Asia. Other participants include: **Koan Jeff Baysa**, independent curator; **Gregory Galligan**, Independent Curator and Contributor for ArtAsiaPacific and Art in America.

529 W. 20 St. 10W
(Bet. 10th and 11th Ave.)

SAT. MAY 16



Sopheap Pich. *Jayavarman 7th*, 2007. Sculpture rattan and bamboo.

CH'I CONTEMPORARY FINE ART

3-5pm Opening Reception & Talk and Performance

Encounters - Paintings & Installation by Hee Sook Kim

Twelve monumental paintings by Korean artist **Hee Sook Kim** and a video-painting-sculpture and poetry installation in collaboration with **Christopher Shultis**. This marks Kim's third solo show at the gallery. The opening reception includes an artist's talk by Hee Sook Kim, poetry reading by Christopher Shultis, live music by the Tim Collins group and hors d'oeuvres catered by local Korean restaurant, Dokebi.

293 Grand St. Williamsburg, Brooklyn
(Bet. Roebling and Havemeyer St.)



Hee Sook Kim. *Spiritual Medicine XXXI*, 2008. Acrylic, oil on canvas.

THE CHELSEA ART MUSEUM

4-9pm Viewing and Demonstration

4:30-6pm Artists Talk

*Dream in a Contemporary Secret Garden:
Mixed Media Works by 12 Asian Artists*

Featuring artists' walkthrough, talks and a special demonstration by **Kotaro Fukui**. Gardens are a common theme explored in both Eastern and Western ancient and contemporary art. New York is a landscape that lies beyond nature and to uncover its multicultural art is to discover the secret gardens of the city.

This exhibition features twelve artists from Taiwan, Korea, Japan, and New York, all creating a startling landscape of the mind. Curated by **Luchia Meihua Lee and Howard Chen**. Artists: **Chiu Chao Tsai, Eun Young Choi, Aihua Hsia, Huang Po Chih, Kotaro Fukui, Kay H. Lin, Liu Shih Tung, Lu Chih Yun, Kaoruko Nakano, Shyu Ruey Shiann, Chin Chih Yang** and **Yao Jui Chung**.

556 W. 22nd St.
(Bet. 10th and 11th Ave.)

SAT. MAY 16



Kay H. Lin. *Endless no.1*, 2009. Acrylic on canvas.

ETHAN COHEN FINE ARTS

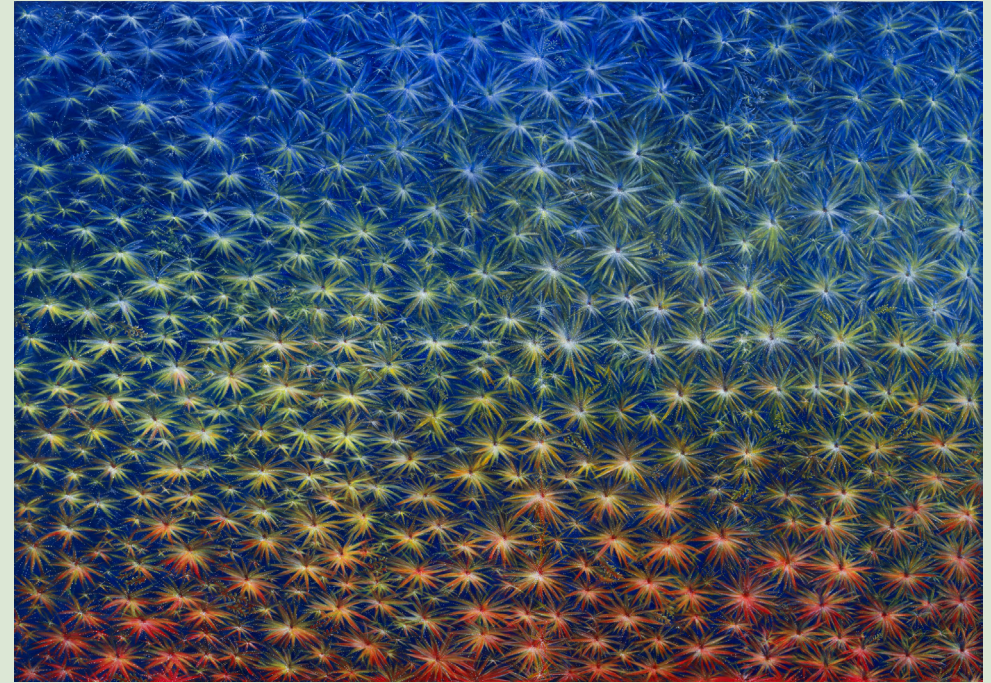
4-5pm Open Portfolio: Lecture*Murakami Kagaku: The Last Great Japanese Literati Painter*

Artist **Naoto Nakagawa** will give a lecture on the life and work of **Murakami Kagaku** (1889-1939), proclaimed as the last great Japanese literati painter of the 20th century.

Limited seating: RSVP required.

18 Jay St.
(Bet. Hudson and Greenwich St.)

SAT. MAY 16



Naoto Nakagawa, *Stars of the Forest: Elegy for 9/11*, 2001. Acrylic on canvas.

DEAN PROJECT

6-9pm Reception

8pm Artist Talk

Mary Ting

The first exhibition with the artist's full range of work: sculpture, installation, video and photography, in addition to her famous paper cut pieces. **Mary Ting's** *Contemporary Cabinet of Curiosities* includes one-legged creatures, giant guardian figures, ghosts, and heads spewing snakes. Her creatures populate a magical paradise gone astray, where Asian folklores, fairy tales, mythologies and cultural assumptions are usurped and re-examined.

45-43 21st St. Long Island City
(Bet. 45th Rd and 46th Ave.)



Mary Ting. *Ghost shoes*, 2009. Sculptural object.

INDO-AMERICAN ARTS COUNCIL

2-6pm Opening Reception

3pm Performance

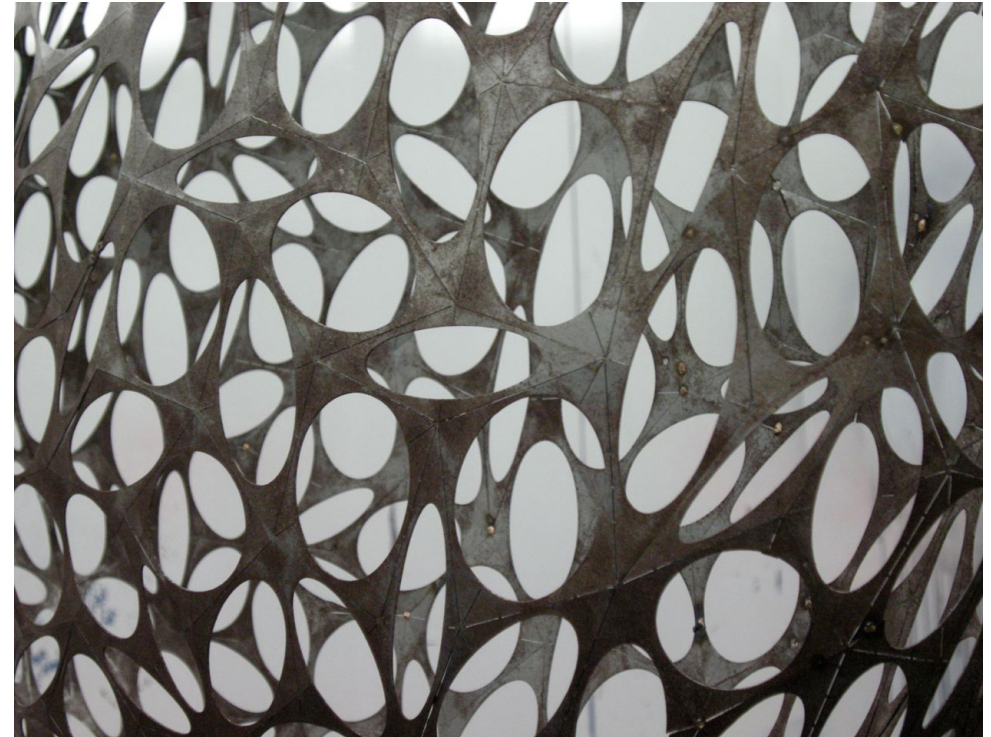
Erasing Borders: Contemporary Indian Art of the Diaspora

The exhibition explores the contributions of artists whose origins can be traced to the Indian subcontinent and investigates the themes of cultural dislocation, memory, exile and spiritual inheritances.

Artists: **Niyeti Chadha Kannal, Nandini Chirimar, Khalil Chistee, Neil Chowdhry, Pritika Chowdhry, Anjali Deshmukh, Anujan Ezhikode, Indira Freitas Johnson, Asha Ganpat, Ina Kaur, Adil Mansuri, Divya Mehra, Samanta Batra Mehta, Indrani Nayar-Gall, Jagdish Prabhu, Antonio Puri, Alka Raghuram, Gautam Rao, Amin Rehman, Tara Sabharwal, Pallavi Sharma, Mumtaz Hussain, Reeta Gidwani Karmarkar, Haresh Lalvani, Alakananda Mukerji, Veru Narula and Prince Varughese Thomas. Curated by Vijay Kumar.**

136-20 38th Ave. 4th FL.
(Bet. Main St. & 39th Ave.)
Flushing, Queens

SUN. MAY 17



Haresh Lalvani. *HyperSurface series*, 2008. Installation.

ASIA SOCIETY AND MUSEUM

3-6pm *Open Portfolio*: Screening + Panel Discussion

Tarjama/Translation - New Video Art

Explore the dynamic and complex processes of translation in an increasingly globalized world through a screening and discussion of new video art from renowned artists in the Middle East, Central Asia, and its diasporas. In conjunction with ArteEast's exhibition, *Tarjama/Translation*, at the Queens Museum of Art curated by **Leeza Ahmady**, **Iftikhar Dadi**, and Assistant Curator **Reem Fadda**.

The curators and artists **Almagul Menlibayeva**, **Mitra Tabrizian**, **Esra Ersen** and **Lara Baladi** will provide perspectives on the contemporary art scene in these regions.

\$10 Admission, \$7 Members/Students with ID/Seniors

725 Park Ave.
(At 70th St.)



Solmaz Shahbazi, *Persepolis*, 2005. Film still. 17 min, 40 sec.

MOMA THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART

7-9:30pm *Open Portfolio: Screening + Discussion*

MOMA Modern Mondays:
Muratbek Djumaliev and Gulnara Kasmalieva

A screening and discussion of selected videos by Kyrgyz artists **Gulnara Kasmalieva** and **Muratbek Djumaliev**, including their recent five-channel video *A New Silk Road*, a nearly hypnotic panorama of exquisitely edited scenes juxtaposing the dilapidated Soviet trucks (that continuously break down as they haul carriages of scrap metal from Central Asia into China) against the caravan of shiny, behemoth Chinese 18-wheelers barreling through the narrow passes filled with cheaply manufactured goods destined for European markets. Along the way, the residents of the Kyrgyz farms and tiny towns exhibit stunning entrepreneurial ingenuity in finding ways to bond with and benefit from the drivers of both sets of trucks.

\$10 Admission; \$8 Seniors; \$6 Students with ID

Titus Theater 2
 11 W. 53 St.
 (Bet. 5th and 6th Ave.)



Gulnara Kasmalieva & Muratbek Djumaliev. *Racing*, 2006. Digital photograph.

WHEATON ARTS AND CULTURAL CENTER

Wed May 13

1:30-3pm *Open Portfolio: Demonstration & Artist Talk**Anjali Srinivasan*

Anjali Srinivasan, who works with hot glass in combination with digital technologies and mixed media, will discuss the concepts and processes behind her current body of work. She uses material, perceptual and phenomenological transformations to evoke improvisation in social behavior and science.

\$10 Admission, \$9 Seniors, \$7 Students with ID

1501 Glasstown Road,
Millville, New Jersey



Anjali Srinivasan, *(Re)Flexion: improvisational interface*, 2008. Performance with mirrorized blown glass, silicone, and breathwork.

BOSE PACIA AT CUE ART FOUNDATION

Sat May 16

6:30 pm *Open Portfolio: Conversation**Seher Shah + Zarina Hashmi*

Join us for a dialogue between **Zarina Hashmi and Seher Shah** as they discuss their artistic processes and explore the ideas that fuel their ongoing practices. Conversation will be moderated by **David Lelyveld**. Reception to follow with thanks to the New Art Dealers Alliance (NADA).

511 West 25th Street, Ground Floor
(Bet. 10th and 11th Ave.)



Seher Shah, *Geometric Landscapes and the Spectacle of Force*, 2009. Archival giclee print.

Participating Artists at ACAW 2009 Consortium Partner Institutions

Aihua Hsia (Taiwan)
 Ala Dehghan (New York)
 Ali Chitsaz (New York)
 Amirali Ghasemi (Tehran)
 Anahita Vossoughi (New York)
 Anjali Deshmukh (New York)
 Anjali Srinivasan (Dubai)
 Anujan Ezhikode (New York)
 Almagul Menlibayeva (Almaty)
 Alexander Ugay (Almaty)
 Amina Ahmed (New York & Tehran)
 Alka Raghuram (San Francisco)
 Ayad Alkadhhi (New York)
 Barbad Golshiri (Tehran)
 Bita Fayyazi (Tehran)
 Ben Grasso (New York)
 Bae Bien-U (Seoul)
 Back Seung-Woo (Seoul)
 Chiu Chao-Tsai (Taipei)
 Chen Ching Yao (Taipei)
 Chen Chun Hao (Taiwan)
 Chen Gang (Beijing)
 Charles Hossein Zenderoudi (Paris, New York)
 Christina Sun Kim (New York)
 Chris Coffin (New York)
 Carlos Beckett (New York)
 Darius Yekta (New York)
 Divya Mehra (Winnipeg)
 Eko Nugroho (Yogyakarta)
 Esra Ersen (Istanbul)
 Eva Jung (New York)
 Faramarz Pilaram (Tehran)
 Farhad Moshiri (Tehran)
 Farshid Maleki (Tehran)
 Filipe Rocha Da Silva (Portugal)
 Gautam Rao (Indianapolis)

Hamdi Attia (Cairo & Chicago)
 Ghasem Hajizadeh (Paris)
 Guo Hongwei (Beijing)
 He Diqiu (Shanghai)
 Hee Sook Kim (New York)
 Hong Hao (Beijing)
 Huang Bo Chih (Hsinchu)
 Huang Pei Ying (San Francisco)
 Huang Yan (Beijing)
 Il Lee (New York)
 Indira Freitas Johnson (Chicago)
 Indrani Nayar-Gall (Charlotte)
 Jagdish Prabhu (New York)
 Jiang Huan (Beijing)
 Jakkai Siributr (Bangkok)
 Jamie Lee (Los Angeles)
 Kaoruko Nakano (New York)
 Kajal Shah (London)
 Kay H. Lin (New York)
 Kay Lin (New York)
 Kim Joon (Seoul)
 Khaled Hafez (Cairo)
 Khaled Ramadan (Copenhagen)
 Khalil Chistee (New York)
 Khalil Rabah (Ramallah)
 Kotaro Fukui (New York)
 Lu Chih Yun (Taipei)
 Lu Shengzhong (Beijing)
 Maya Kovskaya (New Delhi & Beijing)
 Massoud Arabshahi (Tehran & California)
 Mumtaz Hussain (New York)
 Mitra Tabrizian (London)
 Mohsen Ahmadvand (Tehran)
 Monir Shahroudy Farmanfarmaian (Tehran)
 Nazanin Pouyandeh (Paris)
 Nazgol Ansarinia (Tehran)
 Nandini Chirimar (New York)

Negar Ahkmai (Clifton)
 Pan Ping Yu (Taipei)
 Pan Hsin Hua (Taiwan)
 Pallavi Sharma (New York)
 Pouran Jinchi (New York)
 Prince Varughese Thomas (Hunston)
 Rabih Mroue (Beyrouth)
 Ramin Haerizadeh (Dubai)
 Rokni Haerizadeh (Dubai)
 Reeta Gidwani Karmarkar (New York)
 Samanta Batra Mehta (New York)
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 Seher Shah (Delhi)
 Shahab Fotouhi (Tehran)
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 Yuan Goang Ming (Taipei)
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Lara Baladi (Cairo)
Iftikhar Dadi (New York)
Muratbek Djumaliev (Bishkek)
Anindita Dutta (Montana)
Reem Fadda (New York)
Nan Goldin (New York, Berlin & Paris)
Zarina Hashmi (New York)
Tang Hui (Beijing)
Hu Renyi (New York)
Nguyen Mahn Hung (Ho Chi Minh City)
Ryoga Katsuma (New York)
Ali Kazim (Lahore)
Gulnara Kasmaliev (Bishkek)
Takahiro Kaneyama (New York)
Koichiro Kurita (New York)
Pooneh Maghazehe (New York)
Nguyen Mahn Hung (Ho Chi Minh City)
Almagul Menlibayeva (Almaty and Berlin)
Nitin Mukul (New Delhi)
Naoto Nakagawa (New York)
Pan Xinglei (New York)
Sopheap Pich (Phnom Penh)
Lisa Ross (New York)
Seher Shah (Delhi)
Wael Shawky (Alexandria)
Noriko Shinohara (New York)
Ushio Shinohara (New York)
Jakkai Siributr (Bangkok)
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