

Craig Yu

Biography

1979 born in Glasgow, GB
lives and works in Chicago, US

Traumata and the representability of traumatic moments are recurring topics in the work of Craig Yu, who grew up in Hong Kong and Great Britain and currently lives in Chicago. Yu's formally reduced works, which are mostly dominated by shades of black and grey, refer to actual events such as displacement, natural or chemical disasters, war or physical threat, which he translates into atmospheric images by deliberately staging formal clashes. By simultaneously reflecting the repulsion and attraction of disaster, his paintings exert a fascinating effect on the viewer and thus trigger a distinctly personal process of awareness.

Exhibitions (selection)

- 2015 »New American Paintings«, Elmhurst Art Museum, US
»(Id like to suggest) LINGER ON«, 3200 W. Carroll, Chicago, IL, US
- 2014 »Phantom Limb««, Devening Projects + Editions, Chicago, IL, US*
- 2013 »Das kleine Schwarze«, Häusler Contemporary, Munich, DE
- 2011 »New Positions III: Craig Yu 'The Search'«, Häusler Contemporary, Zurich, CH*
- 2009 »Home Wreckage«, Devening Projects + Editions, Chicago, IL, US
»Temperamente auf Papier, Häusler Contemporary, Zurich, CH
»The Horror Show« (re-installation), Dorsky Gallery, Long Island City, New York, NY, US
»Contemporary Drawing: 7 Perspectives«, Elder Gallery, Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, Nebraska, US
- 2008 »Zero Entropy«, Devening Projects + Editions, Chicago, US
»The Horror Show«, Chicago City Arts Gallery, Chicago, US
»Private Eye«, Häusler Contemporary, Munich, DE
»National Juried Competition: Works of Art on Paper«, Brooklyn Museum of Art, LBIF, New Jersey, US
- 2007 »Drawing Invitational«, Kent State University, Kent, US
»I heart America & America hearts me«, Old Gold Gallery, Chicago, IL, US

- »Preview Exhibition«, Devening Projects + Editions, Chicago, IL, US
- 2006 »Drawing No Conclusions«, Urban Institute, Grand Rapids, US
»Art Chicago«, Devening Projects + Editions, Chicago, IL, US
22nd International Festival Sarajevo, RS
MFA Thesis Exhibition, Block Museum, Evanston, IL, US
- 2003 »Milieu Perversions«, Goethe Institute Gallery, Hong Kong, CN *
- 2002 »City of Light«, Art Scene China, Hong Kong, CN
- *solo show

Collections

Pinakothek der Moderne, Munich, DE
University of Gloucestershire, GB

Awards and Grants

- 2006 Northwestern University Graduate Fellowship
- 2005 Morton Mickenberg/Martin Sosin Graduate Student Fellowship
- 2001 Materials Award, University of Gloucestershire

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