

Craig Yu

Short Biography

1978 born in Glasgow, UK

lives and works in Hong Kong and 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.

Solo Exhibitions (Selection)

- 2014 »Phantom Limb«, Devening Projects + Editions, Chicago, IL, US
- 2011 »New Positions III: Craig Yu 'The Search«, Häusler Contemporary, Zürich, CH
- 2003 »Milieu Perversions«, Goethe Institute Gallery, Hong Kong, CN

Group Exhibitions (Selection)

- 2015 »New American Paintings«, Elmhurst Art Museum, US
- »(I'd like to suggest) LINGER ON«, 3200 W. Carroll, Chicago, US
- 2013 »Das kleine Schwarze«, Häusler Contemporary, München, DE
- 2009 »Home Wreckage«, Devening Projects + Editions, Chicago, US
- »Temperamente auf Papier«, Häusler Contemporary, Zürich, CH
- »The Horror Show« (re-installation), Dorsky Gallery, Long Island City, New York, US
- »Contemporary Drawing: 7 Perspectives«, Elder Gallery, Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, US
- 2008 »Zero Entropy«, Devening Projects + Editions, Chicago, US
- »The Horror Show«, Chicago City Arts Gallery, Chicago, US
- »Private Eye«, Häusler Contemporary, München, DE
- »National Juried Competition: Works of Art on Paper«, Brooklyn Museum of Art, New York, US
- 2007 »Drawing Invitational«, Kent State University, Kent, US
- »Preview Exhibition«, Devening Projects + Editions, Chicago, US
- 2006 »Drawing No Conclusions«, Urban Institute, Grand Rapids, IL, US
- »Art Chicago«, Devening Projects + Editions, Chicago, US
- 22nd International Festival Sarajevo, Sarajevo, BIH
- MFA Thesis Exhibition, Block Museum, Evanston, IL, US
- 2002 »City of Light«, Art Scene China, Hong Kong, CN
- heart America & America hearts me«, Old Gold Gallery, Chicago, US

Collections (Selection)

Pinakothek der Moderne, München, DE

University of Gloucestershire, GB

Prices and honors

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