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## **A Beautiful Deception – Feng Zhengjie Solo Exhibition**

**Duration:** 1<sup>st</sup> July – 31<sup>st</sup> July 2006

**Opening Reception:** Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2006, 6pm (Invitations Only)

**Venue:** SHiNE Art Space (Block 9, No.50 Moganshan Road, Shanghai)

**Opening Hours:** 10am–6pm (Tuesday to Sunday)

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**F**eng Zhengjie takes as his subject, women and their consumer lifestyles, commenting upon its narcissistic foundations. He laments what he sees as an obsessive focus upon self-image, questioning whether ‘beauty’ can be obtained or even enhanced by means of physical adornment.

In the ‘China’ series Feng Zhengjie’s opulent, luxurious paintings entice the viewer, drawing him into a pulsating palette and drowning him in the sensuousness of the female image. The luscious red lips, the flawless complexions, and the flaxen hair all serve to create a sumptuous woman whose sole task is to seduce. With radiant reds and greens the women loom out of the canvas, each figure possessing a halo of white as if emitted by the flash of a camera. To view one of Feng Zhengjie’s sensuous images is to be deceived, however, for it is only on being sucked into the electrifying image that one realizes that this is all there is. Beyond the surface is nothing, a vacuum of meaning, and the unseeing eyes, which are helplessly unable to focus upon anything, serve as a window into the void beneath.

Feng Zhengjie has created deceptive works that highlight our own instinctive reactions to beauty, questioning the superficiality of human nature whilst demonstrating the powerful prevalence of the ‘image’ in contemporary society.

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