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四季人生
a year in the life of...
林海容个展
Lin Hairong Solo Exhibition

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Shine Art Space is pleased to announce '*a year in the life of...*', Lin Hairong solo exhibition 2008.

Continuing her signature use of subdued tones and simplistic composition, Lin Hairong took the content of her works further into creating twelve paintings, representing her imaginary journey through a year, taking the viewers on a visual feast.

In her new works Lin Hairong has taken the historical and literal references further by applying some of the story line and titles to her works. By doing so, Lin Hairong appears to have blurred the lines between memory and reality, past and present.



Born in Heilongjian province, Lin Hairong graduated from Fine Arts Department of Henan Normal University in 1999. She then went on to study at the Oil Painting Department of the Sichuan Fine Arts Institute under Mr Pang Maokun. She graduated with a Masters degree in 2006. Lin Hairong has won several renowned awards nationally and has had solo and group exhibitions both nationally and internationally. She now lives and works in Beijing and Chongqing, China.

*work title: September: Joyous Sunset Ride in Gentle Scents, 180x150cm, Oil on Canvas, 2008

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*short statements written by Lin Hairong to accompany twelve paintings.

*林海容随笔

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January: Life Goes On

No matter how far the journey may be, everyone wants to go home for the New Year
Especially women

Despite the rise in prices, cabbages are still needed for making buns and dumplings
Despite how melancholy one may be, life goes on

February: New Year's Eve Dinner Alone

Happiness is always accompanied by red coloured wine
After passions realize, everything turns into pointlessness
New Year's eve dinner repeats itself year after year just to reunite a family
The liquid level in the glass keeps rising and falling
Enjoy oneself

March: Leisurely Return Whilst Flowers Blossom

When everything eventually becomes a myth
We are still keen to repeat the story over and over
Wild imagination
Embracing oneself in romantic spring scenery
Calls for a leisurely return whilst flowers blossom

April: Sand Storm Coming, Quick, Plant Trees!

I looked all over eagerly
An overwhelming view of city jungle

In a moment of haziness, sand storm snatches one's memory

Unable to return to my homeland
Whether I have ever left

May: We Are Here With You

(* words are not provided by the artist, this piece will be donated in support of the Sichuan earthquake victims)

June: At a Place Far Away

The place far away has nothing but remoteness

The further the place is the lonelier it becomes
The place far away: it has nothing but distance far away

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July: Chongqing, One of the Ways to Escape Flood in My Dream

July in Chongqing
Heavy rain flooded Tank Loft
After soaking up the rain, earth on hills start to crash and crumble
The drains vigorously turn into a pool of rushing water after a short moment of brief sobs

This made me crouch on a chair
Mulling over the cause and effect of black humour

August: Paint the Pattern of the Flag onto a Heart

We are merely the descendents of average men,
but hold dreams of a royalty

September: Joyous Sunset Ride in Gentle Scents

Romance carries mysterious scent
Lurking at the corner at the turns of seasons
Strike!

October: Awkward Mask

Masks are really hard to portray well
Let's just make it an awkward one
There really isn't any significance in a game itself
Only the participants appreciate its pleasure

November: Dozing Bath in the Winter

Such flowers and plants to adore
Such lives and deaths occur willingly and unwillingly
Such bitterness and hardship no one wish for
Alas! Happiness and serenity exist not in reality

December: I Will Give You Anything You Ask For

Sweet people!
Ask for anything you want
Whatever you ask for
I will give them to you

Ignorant people!
Ask for anything you want
Only with the desire of longing
Comes the purpose of being alive