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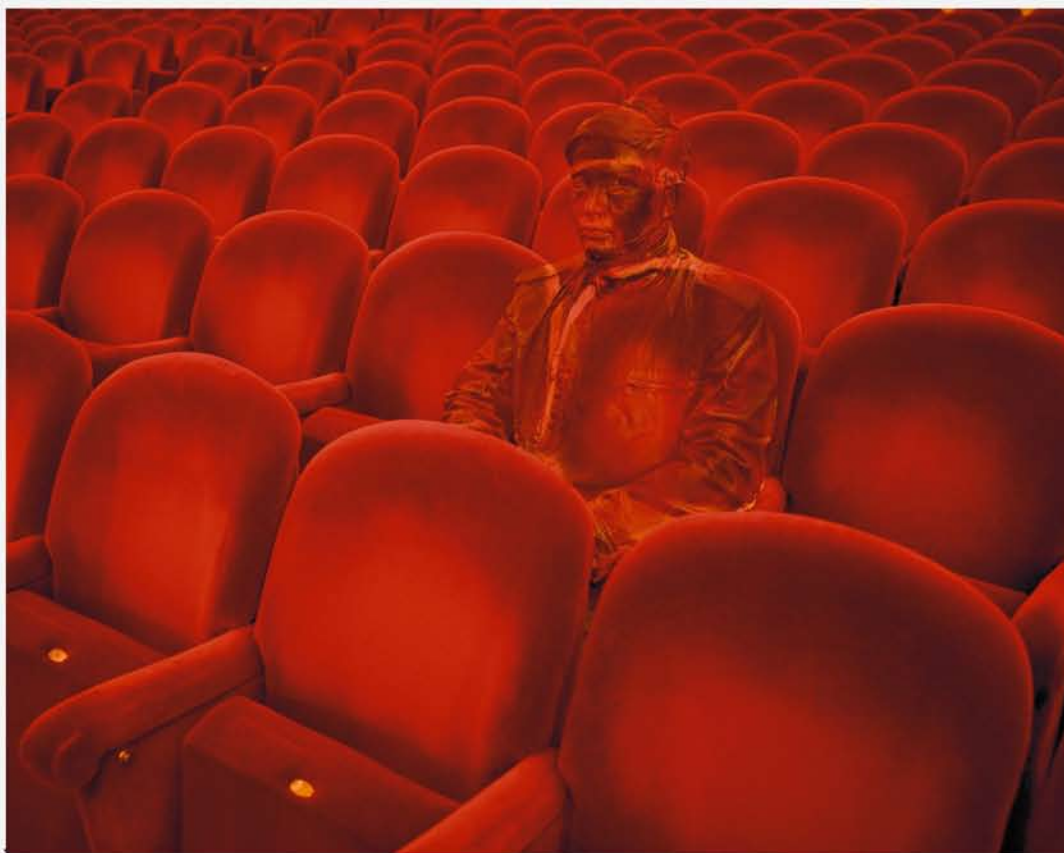
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LIU BOLIN VIA ELI KLEIN FINE ART

Disappearing Act

AT a time when the whereabouts of the artist Ai Weiwei are unknown, the theme of disappearance in Liu Bolin's work seems particularly relevant. Mr. Liu, a Chinese artist born in Shandong Province in 1955, has created an entire oeuvre based on a vanishing trick: photographs in which he blends (almost surreally) into backgrounds as grand as the

Forbidden City in Beijing or as humble as a pile of coal. What Mr. Liu does may be a gimmick (each photo can take hours to set up, and the artist insists there's no digital retouching), but it's a gimmick taken to fascinating lengths. They can be seen at Eli Klein Fine Art Gallery, 462 West Broadway (Houston Street), starting June 29. *FRED A. BERNSTEIN*