

Eli Klein Fine Art

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ZHANG GONG: WHERE WE GO

July 26, 2012 - August 31, 2012

Opening reception: Thursday, July 26, 2012 from 6 - 8 pm

Eli Klein Fine Art is pleased to present *Where We Go*, a solo exhibition of new work by Zhang Gong opening Thursday, July 26, 2012 from 6 – 8 PM.

Zhang Gong's newest collection of paintings entitled *Where We Go*, inspired by animation and western pop-culture of cartoon narrative, bring back his exploring female character Miss Panda. As much a stranger as she is a peer, Miss Panda is found amongst her old group of familiar characters like Donald Duck, Simpsons, Minnie Mouse, and Tim Burton's Victor Van Dort in a whole new series of cheeky, realistic renderings. Iconic scenes and pop-like figures illustrate these highly detailed paintings bringing the viewer to an immersive and engaging level.

A country ingrained in rules of censorship and detached from western entertainment highlights cultural and generational differences between Chinese and American contemporaries. Zhang Gong's heroine Miss Panda, her panda minions, and gang of American and Japanese cartoon figures mock and explore the existent gap between China and the rest of the world. Zhang Gong, by constructing a stunning world that otherwise would never have been able to exist, provides us with a setting where cultural and generational differences can merge, meet, and play.

Each subject limned in Breugel-esque compositions and neoclassical portraiture is made up of tiny repetitious lines and found in contemporary scenes. Breaking from the archetypes of their respective period and elevated by the stylized technique, a world is created where layers of art and culture can roam unfettered.

Zhang Gong received his Master of Fine Arts from the Central Academy of Arts and Design, Beijing and is currently a Professor in the Department of Information at Tsinghua University. His works have been exhibited at the Kunstmuseum in Bonn, Germany, Singapore Art Museum, and the Museum of Contemporary Art in Shanghai. Zhang Gong's animations have been selected for prestigious international film festivals throughout Asia, Europe, the United States, Australia, and Latin America.

Where We Go will be on view at Eli Klein Fine Art from July 26th through August 31st, 2012. The artist will be present for the opening reception on July 26th from 6 - 8 PM. For further information, please contact the gallery at info@ekfineart.com or at +1 (212) 255-4388.



Zhang Gong *A Boat in the Ocean*, 2012. Acrylic on canvas. 47 1/4 x 78 3/4 inches (120 x 200 cm).

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