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Ma Jianfeng Irreconcilable

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Ma Jianfeng: Irreconcilable July 03 to August 14, 2021

Magician Space is delighted to present Ma Jianfeng's solo exhibition, Irreconcilable. Painted primarily on inexpensive material or readymade objects, including cardboard, wooden board, tarp, hemp. Ma Jianfeng's practice expands from the surface to the physical space, where temporary materials constitute the vehicle of his painting. It is a way in which the artist explores this medium while overcoming the setbacks of two-dimensional. Ma Jianfeng paints and visualizes ideas and moods into different spatial dimensions, presenting the order and conflict between the internal and external ways of looking.

Ma Jianfeng's paintings embody the linguistic styles of Neo-Expressionism, where the notions of abstraction, figuration, composition, and visual perspectives are not drawn from knowledge but from his experiences in working with various spatial dimensions and materials. Ma Jianfeng tempers the relationship between the painting surface and the three-dimensional like all translations of fiction and reality. Materials, actions, display, and way of seeing determine the co-existing qualities of openness and transience of Ma Jianfeng's works. Ma's work translates between various structural states if the medium of painting pursues a form of consistency. They cannot be perceived instantly – this is a rebellion against the gaze. Drawing and painting are being constantly deconstructed, reassembled, compressed, forming new orders at the limit of the visual threshold.

About the Artist

Ma Jianfeng was born in Zhejiang in 1983, graduated from the Department of Mural Painting at China Academy of Art in 2007. He received his Meisterschüler at the University of the Arts Berlin in 2012. Currently he lives and works in Beijing, China.

Ma Jianfeng is adept at creating artworks from scrap materials found in everyday life. By configuring them into shapes, dismantling, reassembling and displaying them, the artist disrupts the order of elements intrinsic to these found materials and images. Displaying his works as painting installations, he creates chaotic and theatrical spaces brimming with ambiguity and vitality.

His major exhibitions include *Ma Jianfeng: Irreconcilable*, Magician Space, Beijing, CN (2021); *Let Painting Talk*, Taikang Space, Beijing, CN (2021); *Being of Evils*, Hive Center for Contemporary Art, Beijing, CN (2020); *Garage Sale*, Sandwich Gallery, Bucharest, RO (2019); *Ghost Island*, I: project space, Beijing, CN (2019); *Ma Jianfeng: Treasure Island*, GAO Gallery, London, UK (2019); Asia Culture Center, Gwangju, KOR (2018); *The U-Cloister*, Institute for Provocation, Beijing, CN (2018); *The New Normal: China, Art and 2017*, UCCA, Beijing, CN (2017); *MA*, Ying Space, Beijing, CN (2016); *Never Arriving*, OCAT Xi'an, Xi'an, CN (2014); *Wall*, Don Gallery, Beijing, CN (2013).

Exhibition View







A Chat 2020 acrylic on canvas 112 x 149 cm





Look down at Casa Milà 2021 acrylic on canvas 111.5 x 83.5 cm



Casa Batlló 2021 acrylic on canvas 108.5 x 84 cm





Roundabout (Return) 2021 acrylic on canvas 73 x 171 cm



B&W Movie 2021 acrylic on canvas 73.5 x 171 cm





Party 2019 acrylic on canvas 70 x 131.5 cm







The South Pole 2021 acrylic on canvas 103 x 170.5 cm





Squares - Carb 2020 cardboard, acrylic, spray paint triptych 116.5 x 99 cm each 116.5 x 33 cm





Squares - Analysis 2021 cardboard, acrylic, spray paint, photograph 66 x 116.5 cm



Scenery - Roman Column No.1 2018-2020 cardboard, acrylic, oil paint, masking tapes, nails triptych 236 x 90 x 59 cm



Afternoon 2020 acrylic on canvas 149 x 112 cm







Expo 2021 acrylic on canvas 58 x 58 cm



Talking Man 2019 cardboard, acrylic, spray paint triptych 116.5 x 66 cm each 116.5 x 33 cm





Diamonds - Landscape (front) 2019-2020 cardboard, acrylic, spray paint dimensions variable



Diamonds - Landscape (back)



Diamonds - Landscape (detail)









Treasure Island Series 2, 3, 4, 5 2019 cardboard, acrylic, masking tapes left to right: 100 x 60 cm, 100 x 59.5 cm, 100 x 57 cm, 100 x 60 cm


Treasure Island Series 1 2019 cardboard, acrylic, masking tapes 193.5 x 65 cm





Cycle Series - Landscape No.2 2019 acrylic, cardboard, spray paint, masking tapes 80.5 x 18 x 33 cm









1934 2016-2021 oil painting on cardboard, acrylic on board top: 36 x 22 cm bottom: 24.2 x 35 cm

Greenbelt Series - No.1 2021 cardboard, acrylic, spray paint, masking tapes 166.5 x 33cm*3









Greenbelt Series - *No.2* 2021 board, acrylic, crayon 35 x 27 cm Scenery - Roman Column No.2 2019-2020 cardboard, acrylic, oil paint, masking tapes, nails triptych 215 x 130 x 60 cm





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Diamonds - Pearls (front) 2018-2020 MDF, acrylic, spray paint 241.3 x 122.3 cm







Diamonds - Cattle's Head (back)





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Diamonds - Squares (front) 2018-2020 MDF, acrylic, spray paint 241.3 x 122.3 cm









Mask 2020 acrylic on canvas 70 x 80 cm



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Casa Milà 2021 acrylic on canvas 58 x 58 cm





Lonely Island 2021 acrylic on canvas 60 x 50 cm

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