

BIOGRAPHY

HUANG RUI 黃銳

Born in 1952, Beijing, China

Huang Rui stands as one of China's most esteemed artists. His artistic creations are deeply rooted in intellectual observations of history, music, politics, and the world at large. Huang Rui can be described as a philosopher artist, delving into both the past and present to express his ideas through various mediums such as paintings, sculptures, performances, and installations. What sets Huang Rui apart is his ability to distil complex concepts and ideas into simple and accessible forms. Through his artistic endeavours, he strives to communicate a universal understanding that resonates with individuals from diverse backgrounds. His work embodies a golden rule of comprehension, transcending cultural, social, and ideological boundaries. Huang Rui's artistic vision goes beyond aesthetic beauty; it aims to provoke thought, challenge conventional wisdom, and inspire dialogue. His works serve as catalysts for introspection, encouraging viewers to contemplate the complexities of the human experience, the interplay between history and the present, and the dynamics of power and politics. Since the 1970s, Huang Rui has been active at the forefront of Chinese contemporary art as an artist and instigator, who notably co-organised the "Stars Art Exhibition" in 1979 and pioneered contemporary art practice in China.

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 Huang Rui: Sea of Silver Sand, 10 Chancery Lane Gallery, Hong Kong
- 2024 Huang Rui: Red – The Lack of Coagulated Blood, Ginkgo Space, Shanghai, China
Huang Rui: Collage and Décollage, Temple Dong Jing Yuan, Beijing, China
- 2023 Huang Rui: The Name of Absence, Long Museum, Shanghai, China
Huang Rui – HERE, 10 Chancery Lane Gallery, Hong Kong
Huang Rui - Together for Peace, Embassy of Poland, Beijing, China
Huang Rui – The Gate of Absence Spurs Gallery Beijing, China
- 2022 Together for Peace, Embassies of Poland and Ukraine, Beijing, China
Huang Rui – The Absence of Space, CASHART, Shenzhen, China
- 2021 Freedom Creates Art, Art Creates Freedom, German Embassy in China, Beijing, China
Zi Jin Ding, Mandarin Oriental Hotel, Beijing, China
Huang Rui: The Art Life, Jupiter Museum of Art, Shenzhen, China
- 2019 Huang Rui – Stars Flag | Fire in Winter, Danysz Gallery, Shanghai, China
- 2018 Huang Rui Ink Paintings 1980-2000, 10 Chancery Lane Gallery, Hong Kong
Huang Rui: Completion Ceremony of Snake Nest, Huang Rui Cloud House, Beijing, China
The Sketched Drafts of Huang Rui Cloud House, Huang Rui Cloud House, Beijing, China
- 2017 Huang Rui Ink Painting 1980s-1990s, Huang Rui Cloud House, Beijing, China
- 2016 Intersections: Huang Rui and Japanese Art In the 1980s, 10 Chancery Lane Gallery, Hong Kong
Intersections: Huang Rui and Japanese Art In the 1980s, Boers-Li Gallery, Beijing, China
Huang Rui: 1976, Zürcher Gallery, Paris, France

- In Search of Trigrams, Performance Art, Zürcher Gallery, Paris, France
- 2015 Language Color, Zürcher Gallery, New York, USA
- 2014 Black and White Cats 49, Then?, 10 Chancery Lane Art Projects, Hong Kong
 Erotic Huang Rui: Hadrien de Montferrand Gallery, Beijing, China
 Black and White, MD Gallery, Shanghai, China
 Meaning Matter, MD Gallery, Shanghai, China
 One Country Two Systems, 50 Years Unchanged, 10 Chancery Lane Gallery Art Projects, Hong Kong
 Space Structure 1983-1986, 10 Chancery Lane Gallery, Hong Kong
- 2013 The Wasteland Series, Boers-Li Gallery, Beijing, China
2012. Language Colour, 10 Chancery Lane Gallery, Hong Kong
 Woman, Outdoor Sculpture Show, German Embassy, Beijing, China
 Ping-Pong, Shanghai Tang, Hong Kong
 I-Ching, Opposite House, Beijing, China
- 2011 I Joy You Joy, 604 Gallery, Busan, South Korea
 Huang Rui Exhibition, Space Hongjee, Seoul, South Korea
 CZECHINA, Embassy Art Gallery, Embassy of the Czech Republic, Beijing, China
- 2010 "1989 : 365 Art Days in China and Germany", 10 Chancery Lane Gallery, Hong Kong
- 2009 Animal Time: 1204-2009, Coudenberg Museum, Brussels, Belgium
 Comerchina, 10 Chancery Lane Gallery, Hong Kong
 Comerchina, Chinese Contemporary, Beijing, China
- 2008 Chinese History in Animal Time, Shao Foundation, Beijing, China
 Chinese History in Animal Time, Museo delle Mura, Rome, Italy
 Beijing 2008: Huang Rui, Sala 1, Rome, Italy
- 2007 Huang Rui - The Stars ' Time 1977-1984, He Xiangning Art Museum, Shenzhen, China
 Chai-na/China, Les Rencontres Photographiques d'Arles, Arles
 Texts are the Legacy of Great Thought!, Chinese Contemporary, New York, USA
- 2006 Chairman Mao 10,000 RMB, Chinese Contemporary, Beijing, China
 One Country Two Systems – Unchanged After 50 Years!, 10 Chancery Lane Gallery, Hong Kong
- 2000 Non-existent Journey III, KCAL Kansai Contemporary Art Laboratory, Amagasaki, Osaka, Japan
 Non-existent Journey IV, Osaka Contemporary Art Center, Osaka, Japan
 Huang Rui Exhibition, Kaze Gallery, Osaka, Japan (also '98,97,95,92,90)
- 1999 Beijing 0:00 (Performance), Wenzhi Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
- 1998 Huang Rui Exhibition, JF Mayer Galerie, Marseille, France
 Huang Rui Exhibition, Kaze Gallery, Osaka, Japan
- 1997 Huang Rui Exhibition, Tokyo Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
 I Ching + Planned Road, Nishetenma Area, Osaka, Japan
 Huang Rui Exhibition, Bricollage Gallery, Osaka, Japan
- 1996 Gold Fish + Planned road, Nishetenma Area, Osaka, Japan
 Huang Rui Exhibition, Kaibundo Gallery, Kobe, Japan
- 1995 Water + Wood + Paper, Ruine der Kunst, Berlin, Germany
 Huang Rui Exhibition, Galerie Bellefroid, Paris, France
 Water + Abenosuji, Abenosuji Gallery, Osaka, Japan

- Ergoutou Spirit+ Ruin (Performance), Guan Yuan area, Beijing, China
 Huang Rui Exhibition, Kaze Gallery, Osaka, Japan
- 1994 Huang Rui Exhibition, Kaibundo Gallery, Kobe, Japan
 Huang Rui Exhibition, Gallery Ueda, Tokyo, Japan
 Water + Fish, Huang Rui Studio, Beijing, China
 Water + Bamboo, Huang Rui Studio, Beijing, China
- 1993 100th Anniversary of Chairman Mao, Ai Weiwei Studio, Beijing, China
- 1992 Huang Rui Exhibition, International Art Museum, Beijing, China (cancelled)
 Huang Rui Exhibition, September Gallery, Beijing, China (Banned)
 Water + 40 Faces, September Gallery, Beijing, China (Cancelled and moved to Self Owned studio, Beijing)
 Huang Rui Exhibition, Modern Chinese Art Center, Osaka, Japan
 Huang Rui Exhibition, Kaze Gallery, Osaka, Japan
- 1991 Huang Rui Exhibition, Gallery Ueda, Tokyo, Japan (also '94)
 Huang Rui Exhibition, Kaibundo Gallery, Kobe, Japan
 Huang Rui 1991, Alisan Fine ARTS, Hong Kong, China
- 1990 Huang Rui Exhibition, Osaka Contemporary Art Center, Osaka, Japan
 Huang Rui Exhibition, Gallery Kaze, Osaka, Japan (also '92,'95,'97,'98,'00)
 Huang Rui Exhibition, Modern Chinese Art Center, Osaka, Japan
- 1989 Huang Rui Exhibition, Tor Road Gallery, Kobe (also 1986, 1985) , Japan
- 1986 Huang Rui Exhibition, Chinese Modern Art Center, Osaka, Japan (also '88,'90','92)
 Huang Rui Exhibition, Gallery Ueda Warehouse, Tokyo, Japan
 Huang Rui Exhibition, Tor Road Gallery, Kobe, Japan
- 1985 Huang Rui Exhibition, Tor Road Gallery, Kobe, Japan (also '86,'89)
- 1984 Huang Rui Exhibition, Central Gallery, Osaka, Japan (also '94)

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 Liberté de l'art - Les Etoiles, The Stars, Beijing, 1979, Centre Pompidou, France
 Mightier Than the Sword-Writing Freedom, Heidelberg University Museum, Germany
 Common Light, CoBra Gallery, Shanghai, China
 All The Breathes, CoBra Gallery's joint exhibition with Aman Yangyun, Shanghai, China
 Celebration of Contemporary Chinese Art, U.S Embassy & Consulates in China, Beijing, China
 Common Light, CoBra Gallery, Shanghai, China
- 2020 Traces of Actions: Asian Abstract Art from Long Museum Collection, Long Museum, Shanghai, China
 Duration: Transformation in Chinese Art, Beijing Minsheng Art Museum, Beijing, China
 When Speed Become Form, Live in Your Screen, Wind H Art Center, Beijing, China
 The Stillness Within, 10 Chancery Lane Gallery, Hong Kong
 CLEAN, SPURS Gallery, Beijing, China
 We Will Meet Again: Tokyo Gallery + BTAP 70th Anniversary Special Exhibition, Tokyo Gallery + BTAP, Beijing, China
 El Lissitzky's Rooms, Surplus Space, Wuhan, China
- 2019 Stars 1979, OCAT Institute, Beijing, China

- 2018 *40x40: From 1978 to 2018 - Art History Shaped by 40 Artists*, Powerlong Museum, Shanghai, China
Exchange and Practice: An Exhibition of Chinese Contemporary Art, Ullens Center for Contemporary Art, Beijing, China
Yukihito Tabata with Chinese Contemporary Art 1989-2018, Tokyo Gallery + BTAP, Beijing, China
- 2017 Art and China after 1989: Theatre of the World, Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, USA
- 2016 Right is Wrong - Four Decades of Chinese Contemporary Art from the M+ Sigg Collection, Artistree, Hong Kong
 Agitprop! , Elizabeth A. Sackler Center for Feminist Art, Brooklyn Museum, New York, USA
- 2015 Commemoration 85, Xinhua Art Museum, Shanghai, China
 Right is Wrong - Chinese Art from the 1970s to Now, M+ Sigg Collection, The Whitworth, The University of Manchester, UK
 "Under the Surface" Chinese Contemporary Art Re-enlightenment: From 1979 to 1984, Xi'an Art Museum, Xi'an, China
 The Civil Power, Special Invited Unit, Beijing Minsheng Art Museum Opening CHINA 8, Kunsthalle Düsseldorf, Kunstmuseum Bonn, Germany
 Focus Beijing, Museum Van Boijmans Beuningen, Rotterdam, Holland
- 2014 Right is Wrong / Four Decades of Chinese Art from the M+ Sigg Collection, Bildmuseet, Umea, Sweden
- 2013 The Change of Essence – The Shenzhen Public Sculpture Exhibition 2013, Shenzhen, China
 The Grand Canal, Collateral Exhibition 55th Venice Biennale, Venice, Italy
 Light before Dawn, Asia Society Hong Kong Center, Hong Kong
- 2012 Chai-na/China Signs: Works by Huang Rui & Ko Siu Lam, Slought Foundation and the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, USA
- 2011 Guangzhou LIVE Performance Art Festival, Xiaozhou Village, Guangzhou, China
 Blooming in the Shadows: Unofficial Chinese Art, 1974-1985, China Institute, New York and Asia Society Hong Kong
 Documentation of Chinese Performance Art Exhibition, Songzhuang Art Museum, Beijing, China
 Mid-Autumn Moon, 10 Chancery Lane Gallery, Hong Kong
- 2010 Let's Do I-Ching, Czech Republic Pavilion Day, Shanghai World Expo, Shanghai (*Canceled by Expo Security Council*)
 Warm Winter Arts Project, Three Shadows Photography Art Centre, Beijing (*Canceled by Chaoyang District Public Security Bureau*)
 Kollowitz and Chinese Artists, Artmia Art Center, Beijing, China
2009. Warm Winter Arts Project, Zhengyang Art District, Beijing, China
 OPEN, Performance Art Festival, Open Art Gallery, Beijing, China
 Berlin Wall Memorial Exhibition, Twentieth Anniversary of the Fall of the Berlin Wall Ceremony, Berlin, Germany
 Berlin Wall Memorial Exhibition, Garden, German Embassy, Beijing, China
 Images of China: The City Flag, Qujiang District Art Center and Dayan Pagoda Square, Xi'an
 Xian Qujiang International Contemporary Art Festival, Xian, China Xian Qujiang International Contemporary Art Festival
- 2008 Christian Dior & Chinese Artists, UCCA, Beijing, China
 SH Contemporary Outdoor Exhibition: Sichuan Forever, Shanghai Exhibition Center, Shanghai

- Earthquake, Art Channel, Beijing, China
- Memory of China, Galerie Zdenek Sklenar, Prague, Czech Republic
- Interval of Silence, Redstar Gallery, Beijing, China
- China Avant-Garde, Groningen Museum, The Netherlands
- 2007 China Action, Louisiana Museum, Copenhagen, Denmark
- Chinese Performance Art Photography, Inter Art Center/Gallery, Beijing, China
- Made in China - Contemporary Art Exhibition, Louisiana Museum, Copenhagen, Denmark
- China Now, Reincarnation of Chinese Contemporary Art Cobra Museum, Amsterdam
- 2006 China Now, Reincarnation of Chinese Contemporary, Art Sammlung Essl Museum, Vienna, Austria
- Create History, Commemoration Exhibition of Chinese Modern Art in 1980s, Shenzhen Art Museum
- 2005 2nd Dashanzi International Art Festival: Language/Fable, Beijing, China
- Transparent Box, Jianwai Soho, Beijing, China
- Cubism in Asia, National Museum of Modern Art of Japan, Tokyo, Japan
- 2004 1st Dashanzi International Art Festival: Radiance and Resonance / Signals of Time, Dashanzi Art District, Beijing, China
- Transborder Language 2nd edition, DIAF, 798 Art District, Beijing, China
- 2003 Transborder Language: Live Poetry/Performance Art, Beijing Tokyo Art Project, Beijing, China
- Blue Sky Exposure – Anti SARS Exhibition, Dashanzi Art District and Yi Zhuang, Beijing, China
- Left Hand, Right Hand, Dashanzi Art District, Beijing, China
- Reconstruct 798-798 Art District United Activity, 798 Art District, Beijing, China
- 2002 The 1st Guangzhou Triennial, Guangzhou Museum, Guangzhou, China
- Theater of Our Lives, Hyogo Prefecture Museum of Art, Kobe, Japan
- 2001 Art Exhibition, Red Mansion Foundation, London, UK
- 2000 The Stars: 20 years, Tokyo Gallery
- Documentation of Chinese Avant-Garde Art in the 1990s, Fukuoka Asian Art Museum
- Theater of Our Lives, Hyogo Prefecture Museum of Art, Kobe, Japan
- 1999 Memories of 100 Years, Huang Rui Studio, Osaka, Japan
- 1998 NIPAF 8: Nippon Performance Art Festival, Nagano etc., Japan (also '99)
- 1997 Chinese Abstraction and Beyond, Hong Kong Arts center, Hong Kong
- 1996 The Origins and Myths of Fine New Art from Japan, China and Korea, The Museum of modern Art, Saitama, Japan
- 1994 The Stars: Chinese Modern Art and Culture, Kunsterhaus Mousonturm, Frankfurt, Germany
- Asian Art Now, Hiroshima City Museum of Contemporary Art, Japan
- 1993 The Stars: 15 years, Tokyo Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
- 1992 Asian Wave, Tokyo Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
- Art Now II Twelve Artists and the New Horizon in the 1990s, Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Modern Art, Kobe, Japan
- 1990 Ma Desheng, Huang Rui, Wang Keping Exhibition, Han Art Gallery, Taipei, Taiwan
- Huang Rui and Wang Keping Exhibition, Monte Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
- The Stars: 10 years, Salpetriere Church, Paris, France
- 1989 The Stars: 10 Years, Han-Art Gallery, Hong Kong & Han-Art Gallery, Taipei
- 1987 The Stars Exhibition Documentation, Harvard University Cultural Center, Boston, USA

- 1985 Ma Desheng and Huang Rui Exhibition, Osaka Contemporary Art Center, Osaka, Japan
- 1983 Ma Desheng, Huang Rui and Wang Keping Exhibition, Beijing Elementary School, Beijing, China
- 1981 China Contemporary Art Exhibition, New York, Boston, USA
- 1980 The 2nd Stars Exhibition, China Art Museum, Beijing, China
- 1979 The 1st Stars Exhibition, outside of the China Art Museum & Hua Fang Zhai Gallery, Beijing, China

COLLECTIONS

Centre Pompidou, France

M+ Uli Sigg Collection, Hong Kong

Samsung Museum, Korea

Burger Collection

Guggenheim Museum, New York

Fukuoka Museum, Fukuoka Japan

K11 Art Foundation

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Guan Yi Collection

Essl Collection, Austria

Long Museum, Shanghai, China

The Kotanko Collection

National Art Museum of China

Guangdong Museum of Art

Jupiter Museum of Art