

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **"A Gift of Don Quixote" Duo Exhibition**

**Press Meeting: February 24<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 to 2:30 PM**

**Exhibition Duration: February 25th - April 7th, 2024**

**Artists: Xie Aige & Zuo Wenquan**

Art+ Shanghai Gallery is pleased to present its upcoming exhibition, ***"A Gift of Don Quixote,"*** featuring the works of artists Xie Aige and Zuo Wenquan. This joint exhibition draws inspiration from Miguel de Cervantes' iconic novel, "Don Quixote," and explores the universal themes of aspirations, dreams, and resilience.

Xie Aige, born in Hunan Province, China in 1977, has gained international recognition for her exceptional artwork showcased in exhibitions and art fairs across China, London, Miami, Taipei, and more. Her exhibition at Art+ Shanghai Gallery features two remarkable sculpture series: "Toy" and "Floral World." The "Toy Series" reflects Xie Aige's profound contemplation and enrichment of her childhood experiences. Raised in the mountains, Xie Aige's childhood was deeply connected to nature. She used naturally found items as toys, fostering her imagination and creating cherished memories. As an adult, she began collecting toys from around the world, each holding unique sentimental value. Xie Aige's sculptures in the "Toy Series" depict toys interacting with minimalist figures, capturing the essence of childhood, family growth, and the cycle of life.

The "Floral World" series by Xie Aige is inspired by her profound interpretation of the "Heart Sutra." Through her daily recitation of the sutra, Xie Aige gained deeper insights into family, love, social responsibility, and human nature. The series artistically represents human material desires through floral imagery, symbolizing femininity, life's bloom, and human accomplishment. The extensive use of floral motifs in Xie Aige's work explores the essence of life and the intricate interplay between humanity, nature, and desires. Her minimalist approach invites viewers to rediscover and connect with the world in a purer and more profound way.

Zuo Wenquan, born in Gansu Province, China in 1991, is an artist who has seamlessly integrated art into his life. Trained in oil painting at the Chinese National Academy of Arts, Zuo Wenquan's artwork is characterized by his unique portrayal and incorporation of flowers and crows. Symbolism plays a significant role in his art, reflecting his childhood memories and personal experiences. The flowers in Zuo Wenquan's artwork symbolize cherished memories of his happiest times, while the image of crows represents his aspirations for freedom.

Zuo Wenquan's art reflects the balance between rationality and chaos, drawing inspiration from Nietzsche's concept of life's ideal.

"**A Gift of Don Quixote**" exhibition at Art+ Shanghai Gallery showcases artworks that radiate youthful innocence and invite viewers to contemplate their own aspirations and challenges. The exhibition encourages embracing idealism, staying steadfast in decisions, and bravely moving forward.

### **About Art+ Shanghai Gallery :**

Art+ Shanghai Gallery is a leading contemporary art gallery located in a historical YIFENG building within walking distance to Shanghai's famous Bund area. With a focus on promoting Chinese contemporary art, the gallery showcases a diverse range of artworks across various mediums, including painting, sculpture, photography, and more.

Art+ Shanghai Gallery is dedicated to supporting and nurturing emerging and established artists, bringing their unique visions to a global audience.

In addition to holding group and solo exhibitions, Art+ Shanghai Gallery offers art consultation services for private and corporate companies.

### **Venue:**

Art+ Shanghai Gallery  
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Huangpu District,  
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Tue-Sun, 10:30 am -6:30 pm (Monday Closed)

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