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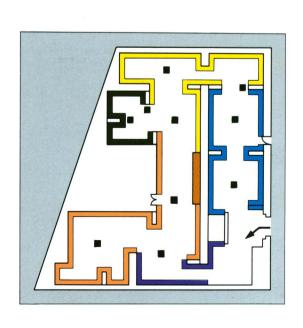
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Art in Hong Kong

從八十年代轉入九十年代,新的社會現象湧現,香港藝術家如何回應這變遷的時代,將成為其創作的新課題。



Hong Kong is a cosmopolitan city at the entrance to South China. On the one hand, the Chinese-dominated society has inherited many cultural traditions from China, on the other hand, it has been under continuous Western influence for one hundred and fifty years. It is therefore not surprising that art in Hong Kong,like so many other facets of life in the territory, has developed along manifold lines. Some artists staunchly uphold the ideals of traditional landscape painting, some pursue the goals of Western art, while there are those who work to integrate the different idioms of the Chinese and Western art in an attempt to transgress cultural boundaries.

The beginnings of art in Hong Kong may be traced to the 1920s and 30s, when several developments were taking place simultaneously. A number of studios, art guilds and institutions were established; artists trained abroad returned to live and work in Hong Kong; artists from China paid lengthy visits to Hong Kong. These developments laid the foundation of art in Hong Kong. In the 40s and 50s some traditional masters left China to settle in Hong Kong, swelling the ranks of local traditional artists. Hong Kong began to feel the impact of modern Western art in the 60s. To those already painting in the Western idiom, modernism meant moving from conservative to avant-garde styles. To traditional Chinese artists, modernism introduced novel subjects and experimental techniques. In this trend was generated the concept of a "local art", with a voice, a flavour, an aura peculiar to Hong Kong. The mid 70s witnessed the disappearance from the scene of several art associations. The newer generation of artists are keen to establish their own personal styles, so that art in Hong Kong has become even more multifarious.

Hong Kong in transition from the 80s to the 90s is undergoing acute social changes. How to respond to these changes is the challenge facing Hong Kong artists.

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莊子自在1974 呂壽琨(1919-1975) 水墨設色紙本

Zhuangzi 1974 Lui Shou-kwan (1919-1975) Ink & colour on paper AC76.59

灑落的山音1977 劉國松(1932生) 水墨設色紙本

Reverberation of Mountain Echo 1977 Liu Kuo-sung (b.1932) Ink & colour on paper AC77 41 國畫素材以紙筆墨為主,顏料為輔。在香港,有大批的畫家以這素材創作。他們的作品有保存傳統精神的,有承襲嶺南派畫風的,也有追求時代感和創新的。

傳統的國畫注重筆墨,對物象的描繪要求帶出其意景文章。畫家要以通達的公靈,透過精饒寫別的一次,蕭立聲的氣質,都是筆意相通的與一次,蕭立聲的羅漢,都是筆意相通的模式,一份的作品,不單表現了字觀景物的情緻,不單表現了傳統山水天地人合一的意念。

嶺南畫派保留了中國沒骨花鳥畫的描繪及設色技法,又吸納了西畫着重寫生、透視、明暗、形似和色彩的特點,他們的作品集工筆和意筆的趣味,對自然的描寫,活靈活現。趙少昂的花鳥,楊善深的動物,技法純熟,滿有自然生趣。



了新水墨的創作技巧,豐富了山水畫的視覺效果。至於陳福善充滿夢幻和童真的畫象,朱興華富有時代感和社會性的人物畫,在素材上雖用上國畫物料,但在意念、技法和題材上卻完全脫離了傳統的規範,為國畫發展道出另一個可能性。

Chinese painting



雲溪秋色圖1978 彭襲明(1908生) 水墨紙本

Autumn in the Cloudy Spring 1978

Pang Chap-ming (b.1908) Ink on paper AC78.41 Paper, brush and ink are of primary importance in Chinese painting, with pigment occupying a secondary position. In Hong Kong there are many artists engaged in Chinese painting, some strictly adhering to the traditional path, some following the direction of the Lingnan School, while others are striving for innovation and a sense of modernity.

Traditional Chinese painting puts great emphasis on the use of the brush. In addition to capturing the physical likeness of the subject, the brushwork has to bring out its inner essence or convey its artistic concept. It is only through clarity of mind and distillation of technique to its absolute essential that the artist can capture the spirit of his subject, whether it be nature or figure. Pang Chap-ming's and Jao Tsung-i's landscapes and Siu Lap-sing's *luohan* paintings are examples of what is meant by "the integration of the brush and mind". On the other hand, works of Fang Chao-ling and Ding Yan-yong are remarkable for their traditional flavour enlivened with a sense of innocence and naivety. The landscapes of Cheng Kar-chun and Yam Chun-hon express the philosophical concept of the unity of nature and man.

In its bird-and-flower paintings the Lingnan School perpetuates the traditional "boneless" method of colour application, at the same time modifying it with Western methods of life drawing, perspective, tone, verisimilitude and colouring. Works of the Lingnan School, combining the flavour of *gongbi* and *yibi*, are marked by lively depiction of nature. Chao Shao-an's birds and flowers and Yang Shensum's animals are all painted in a vivid manner that belie the painters' sophisticated skills.

Lui Shou-kwan, active in the 60s, was a fervent advocate, in both theory and practice, of the "spirit of modernism" to widen the scope of traditional Chinese painting. This was the emergence of a type of ink painting which laid great stress on experimentation in fundamental aspects of Chinese painting: subject matter, form and material. In exploring of the possibilities of abstract form, Lui Shou-kwan and Irene Chou are still capable of maintaining the vigour of brush and ink. Ng Yiu-chung, Yeung Yick-chung and Cheng Wei-kwok paint surrealistic landscapes with their different and unique brushwork and method of colouring. Another group of artists, Chui Tze-hung, Wucius Wong and Poon Chun-wah, are remarkably successful in creating a lyrical atmosphere through variations in composition and changes of perspective. Through his ceaseless experiments with technique, Liu Kuo-sung has greatly enriched the visual effects of ink painting. In the fantastic and naive images of Luis Chan and the vividly contemporary figures of Chu Hing-wah, the artists have, despite the use of Chinese materials, shaken off the constraints of traditional painting in terms of subject matter, concept and technique to forge ahead in new directions.



黃土高原1985 方召툫(1914生) 水墨設色紙本

Yellow Earth Highland 1985 Fang Chao-ling (b.1914) Ink & colour on paper AC86.46



篆書對聯1984 饒宗頤(1917生) 水墨紙本

Couplet in Seal Script 1984 Jao Tsung-i (b.1917) Ink on paper AC90.28 (a-b)



香港的書法大略可分為三大類型,即文人書法、書家的書法和畫法和畫家的書法和治學事法。執筆修心遣興的工夫,文人也是修心遣興的工夫,數書體承繼帖學傳統,平正穩重,熟

練秀逸。代表有晚歲居港的清末進士桂玷、岑光 樾,近代學者董作賓、饒宗頤等。

此外一批畫家如丁衍庸、趙少昂、楊善深、鄭家鎮等,在繪畫之餘亦兼書法,他們的書法多配合其畫風,故其書體或筆法往往不拘一格,筆觸常見明快奔放,結體獨特多變,成為香港書壇中別饒趣味的作品。

Chinese calligraphy



隸書七言詩1986 區大為(1947生) 水墨紙本

Poem in Clerical Script 1986 Ou Dawei (b.1947) Ink on paper AC87.85 Over the centuries several categories of calligraphic scripts have evolved in China for the writing of the language which is composed of ideograms, commonly called characters. The scripts are <code>zhuanshu</code> (seal script), <code>lishu</code> (clerical script), <code>caoshu</code> (cursive script), <code>xingshu</code> (running script) and <code>kaishu</code> (regular script). Each script has its own structure, as well as its own set of rules in the manipulation of the brush and the formation of characters. Outside of these constraints, however, calligraphers have the freedom to apply their own concept to the style of individual characters, and to the placement of characters in each column and of columns in the entire piece of work, in order to achieve a certain flow, rhythm and resonance. It is because of these considerations that calligraphy has traditionally been regarded as significant an art form as painting.

Calligraphy of Hong Kong may be classified into three schools: literati calligraphy, calligrapher's calligraphy and painter's calligraphy. For the literati, the daily practice of calligraphy is a discipline, a source of pleasure, and a means of cultivating moral character. Literati calligraphers follow the styles of old masters characterized by such qualities as, skill, balance and elegance. Representatives of the literati school include Qui Dian and Cen Guangyue, both of whom were successful candidates in the highest level of public examination held in the late Qing shortly before the abolition of the system. They lived in Hong Kong in their old age. Other representatives of the school are contemporary scholars such as Dong Zuobin and Jao Tsung-i.

Personal style is of special importance in calligrapher's calligraphy as writing is considered as an artistic expression. Representatives of the earlier generation are the four masters, Deng Erya, Luo Shuzhong, Jian Qinzhai and Fung Hong-hou, and a group of calligraphers, such as Ou Jiangong, Zeng Keduan, Xie Xi and She Xue-man, who contributed much to the teaching of calligraphy. Chan Man-kit, Jat See-yeu and Lee Yun-woon were prominent practitioners in the 70s, and Ou Da-wei and Chin Hoi-man in the 80s. The earlier calligraphers of this school tended to develop their personal styles on the basis of the brushwork of old masters, while those of or near our time pay more attention to the structure and formation of characters as well as the arrangement of characters in the overall composition.

Artists such as Ding Yan-yong, Chao Shao-an, Yang Shensum and Cheng Kar-chun are calligraphers in addition to being painters. Their calligraphy usually serves as complement to their paintings, hence the versatility and untrammelled quality of their styles. It is due to these qualities that their work commands interest in the context of calligraphy in Hong Kong.



紅團1988 陳餘生(1925生) 塑膠彩布本

Red Lump 1988Gaylord Chan (b.1925)
Acrylic on canvas
AC88.75

逐影1989 韓志勳(1922生) 塑膠彩布本

Another Sphere 1989 Hon Chi-fun (b.1922) Acrylic on canvas AC91.14 一九六四年一個以探求現代藝術為鵠的之中元畫 會成立,主要的成員有韓志勳、張義、文樓、尤 紹曾、徐榕生、金嘉倫、郭文基等,他們將流行



於當時西方的藝術潮流帶到香港。西畫藝壇經過 一段現代化的轉變後,部份藝術家逐漸在西方的 潮流中回轉,在其創作中融入中國文化的元素, 為香港的西畫創立獨特的面貌。

七十年代一群年青的藝術家在港崛起,他們包括 視覺藝術協會的成員如陳餘生、郭孟浩,從歐美 歸港的黃祥、黃仁逵、蔡仞姿、韓偉康等,他們 皆以新的視覺元素表達自己的創念。

至八十年代,香港藝壇呈現較強的個人主義取向,在畫像或意念上協調中西文化這觀念再不是年青畫家的課題,他們多追隨新表現主義的創作形式,以個人的藝術意象符號來表達自己的感情及世界觀。

Western painting



無**題1990** 黄仁逵(1955生) 混合素材布本

Untitled 1990 Yank Wong (b.1955) Mixed media on canvas AC91.7 The foundation of Western painting in Hong Kong was laid in the 1930s when a number of artists — Li Tiefu, Yee Bon, Lee Byng and Wong Chiu-foon — returned to Hong Kong after they had finished their training abroad. Together with local artists Luis Chan and Wong Siu-ling and European members of the Hong Kong Art

Club, they contributed a great deal to the early development of Western painting.

The 50s and 60s were a transitional period in the Western painting of Hong Kong. In 1957 a group of people who were deeply concerned with the development of modern art founded the Society of Hong Kong Artists, under whose auspices painters exhibited their works. Among these, the paintings of Kwong Yeu-ting and Douglas Bland stood out by their sense of modernity. In the early 60s the Modern Literature and Art Association organized three salons known as the "Hong Kong International Salon of Paintings". The City Hall Museum and Art Gallery held an exhibition called "Hong Kong Art Today" in an attempt to provide the public with an overview of modern art in Hong Kong. These events acted as stimulus in encouraging local artists to break out of the conservative mode and embrace the spirit of modernism.

In 1964 the Circle Art Group was formed. Its principal members Hon Chi-fun, Cheung Yee, Van Lau, Jackson Yu, Chui Yung-sang, King Chia-lun and Kwok Van-chi actively introduced to Hong Kong contemporary trends current in the West. Towards the end of this transitional period, with its keynote of modernization, some artists began to look back to the East for inspiration. They included certain elements of Chinese culture into their paintings, thus creating a unique character in the Western painting of Hong Kong.

The 70s saw the emergence of a group of young artists — Gaylord Chan and Kwok Mang-ho of the Visual Art Society, and Michael Wong, Yank Wong, Choi Yan-chi and Josh Hon — on their return from sojourns overseas. They have in common the expression of their own creative ideas through new visual means.

Western art in Hong Kong was characterized in the 80s by strong individualism, the integration of East and West in subject matter and style having lost its appeal to young artists. In the pursuit of new expressive modes, many of them simply made use of their own codes and symbols to express their emotions and views of the world.

版畫、素描及混合素材



園1990 鄺耀鼎(1922生) 絲印版畫

Chinese Garden 1990 Kwong Yeu-ting (b.1922) Silkscreen AC90.91

本刻版畫在中國由來已久,這技代 多用於印刷書籍、插圖及年畫。一九刻版畫運動,傳統的木刻版畫運動,傳統的本刻技一度 為藝術創作的表現媒界。當時的香港強烈一度的 為藝術創作的表現媒界。當時的香港強烈一度的 大版畫創作的人為數 意識。今日香港以木刻版畫創作的人為數 以水印見稱的有梅創基,精於油印的有唐國 以水印見稱的有梅創基,



Heavenly Banyan 1985 Aser But (b.1949) Charcoal & acrylic on paper AC85.48



Print, drawing and works in mixed media



形態 〈三 〉 1981 呂豐雅 (1947生) 混合素材紙本

Forms of Life III 1981 Lui Fung-ngar (b.1947) Mixed media on paper AC81.37

挑水者1969 陳福善(1905生) 塑膠彩紙本

The Water Carrier 1969 Luis Chan (b.1905) Acrylic on paper AC78.57 (1-4)

尋道者1988 鍾大富(1956生) 蝕刻版畫

Those Who Search for the Truth 1988
Chung Tai-fu (b.1956)
Etching
AC88.64

Print-making is an indirect mode of expression. The artist executes his idea on a certain kind of plate and it is only through this plate that the image can be printed on paper. Some artists prefer print-making to painting for the textural and colour effects which can be achieved only on prints, and for the multiplicity of images that

can be obtained from one plate.

Wood-block printing has a long history in China. It was used mainly in the printing of books, illustrations and New Year pictures. During the 1930s the writer Lu Xun was instrumental in transforming the traditional printing technique into a medium of artistic expression. Hong Kong was also a centre of wood-block printing, and works of that period are marked by intense social consciousness. Today there are quite a number of artists engaged in producing wood-cuts. Among these are Mui Chong-ki, who distinguishes himself in water-based prints, and Tong Kwok-fai, who excels in oil-based prints.



In the 60s and 70s screen printing became popular in Hong Kong. Both Kwong Yeu-ting and Hon Chi-fun employ colourful screen prints for images with strong Chinese flavour, while Ming Fay and Poon Man-lock make use of the crisp lines and well-defined areas of such prints to highlight the contrast between void and solid or changes in colour "pads".





無題 廖少珍(1952生) 石版畫

Untitled Liu Siu-jane (b.1952) Lithograph AC85.42

逝〈二〉1979 羅偉顯(1939生) 水彩紙本

Fading into the Past II 1979 Law Wai-hin (b.1939) Watercolour on paper AC79 43

無題1976 瑪莎・萊森(1944生) 鉛筆紙本

Untitled 1976 Martha Lesser (b.1944) Pencil on paper AC77.14 Printing by stone plates and copper plates are less favoured techniques because the processes are more complex and require more costly materials. Nevertheless, there are some outstanding works in these categories. The copper engravings of John Li and Chung Tai-fu, and the lithographs of Liu Siu-jane amply demonstrate the artists' skill and originality. More experimental approaches of print-making may be seen in Cheung Yee's innovative use of oracle-bone script in paper casting, and Ha Bik-chuen's inclusion of natural materials in his prints.

Contrast to print-making, drawing is an art that calls for simple materials and a more direct mode of expression. None the less it lends itself to a variety of styles as the fluency of Kong Kai-ming, the liveliness and lucidity of Martha Lesser, and the rich textures of Leung Kui-ting testify. Materials are but the means by which artists execute their concepts. In order to achieve certain visual effects or build up a personal style, artists may combine certain materials or techniques in unorthodox or novel ways. The collages of Luis Chan and the layered painting of Lui Fung-ngar, and the of installations Kwok Mang-ho have successfully transgressed the restrictions and limitations of their respective medium and enabled the artists to enjoy a greater degree of artistic freedom.







祖1977 張義(1936生) 木雕

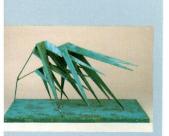
Spirit 1977 Cheung Yee (b.1936) Wood AC78 4



無**題1987** 朱漢新(1950生) 花崗石

Untitled 1987 Chu Hon-sun (b.1950) Granite

AC87.94



秋葉 文樓(1933生) 青銅

Autumn Leaves Van Lau (B.1933) Bronze AC88.4 香港的雕塑藝術在六十年代開始發展,一九六四年中元畫會成立,推動本港藝術,其中的會員片義及文樓專注發展雕塑藝術。張義先後以銅扇片。張大樓則多以金屬為素材。兩者的作品皆以現代雕塑的形式來表達中國於古文字、圖像等為題材,表現出一種原始恆古的力量。

一九八二年香港雕塑家協會成立,成為香港專業 與業餘雕塑家的交流點。會中的高華文、黎日 晃、胡文偉、劉有權等亦以扎實的技巧在香港藝 壇崛起。

The art of sculpture began to develop in Hong Kong in the 60s. Among the members of the Circle Art Group, founded in 1964 with the aim of promoting Hong Kong art, were Cheung Yee and Van Lau who chose to concentrate on sculpture. Cheung Yee used bronze, stone and wood as materials while Van Lau worked mainly with metal. Both of them utilized modern sculpture to give form to the spirit of Chinese culture. In their sculptures, ancient Chinese scripts, images and totems are employed to express a kind of primordial force.

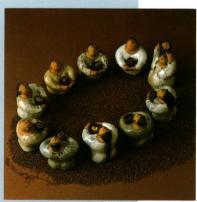
A new generation of sculptors came to the fore in the 70s. Tong King-sum, Ha Bik-chuen and Poon Sui-wah favoured wood as the medium of their expression, but Samuel 0 and Kwok Mang-ho made use of non-traditional materials for their creation. Two sculptors who returned from overseas were Aries Lee and Mak Hin-yeung; both worked with metal to articulate a modern idiom, using respectively abstract and latter concrete forms. In the early 80s Chu Hon-sun, newly returned from Italy, embarked on an exploration in marble of the relationship between solid and void. To sum up, we may say that sculptors of the new generation have become much more diversified in both their ideas and use of materials.

Since its founding in 1982, the Hong Kong Sculptors Association has served as the meeting point of professional and amateur sculptors. Members such as Norman Ko, Lai Yatfong, Wu Man-wai and Lau Yau-kuen are distinguished by their solid technique.



戰魂1989 梁祖偉(1963生) 炻器

Soul of Warrior 1989 Leung Cho-wai (b.1963) Stoneware AC89.63



儀式1986 李慧嫻(1950生) 炻器

The Ceremony 1986 Li Wei-han (b.1950) Stoneware AC86.37 (1-10)

In the 1930s, 40s and 50s, a number of potters of some renown were hired from Jiangxi, Fujian and Guangdong to supervise the production of ceramics in Hong Kong factories. These factories had been set up after the closure of the kilns at Wun Yiu, Taipo, which in their heyday produced large quantities of folk wares typical of South China. Among these potters were Shiwan potters Ho Ping-chung and Lai Chiu, and they contributed significantly to the promotion of Shiwan pottery in Hong Kong.

During the 60s and 70s pottery making of studio type as distinct from kiln production gained a place in the curriculum of some educational institutions. Those who were interested in ceramics had many opportunities in the 80s to receive and further their training from the numbers of pottery courses and workshops held. The Hong Kong Polytechnic offered a certificate course on ceramics organized by professional potters Katherine Mahoney and Laurence Tsang. Other potters, Mak Yee-fun, Christopher Chau, Lee Tze-leung and Wong May-lee among them, ran workshops after their return to Hong Kong on completion of studies abroad. Lau Wai-ki, Wong Ping-kwong, Li Wei-han and Joe Leung are among the potters who received their training in Hong Kong in the 80s; they have worked hard to develop their own styles with a degree of success.