

Lian Zhang

Lian Zhang was born in 1984 in Hangzhou, China, currently lives and works in London. She received her first MA in Painting from China Academy of Art, Hangzhou (2007-2010) and second MA from the Royal College of Art, London (2011-2013). She has won several painting prizes including Curator's Prize The Open West 2014, Hine Painting Prize 2013, Shortlisted for Valerie Beston Award 2013. Recent exhibition include Antisocial Isolation, Saatchi gallery, London, 2020; Constellations and Folds (solo), Lychee One, London, 2020; Bone Memory, Lychee One, London, 2019: Rifts in silence (with Wu ding and Zhao Qian), M art center, Shanghai, 2018, Flickering boundaries, Madeln Gallery, Shanghai, 2018, Mingled Spaces (with Caroline Walker and Gareth Cadwallader), Lychee One, London, 2017; The Open West, The Wilson | Cheltenham Art Gallery & Museum, Cheltenham, 2014; Deserts of Humanity, Display London, 2014; Painting Show & Performances, Winter Projects, London, 2013; Young Masters, Sphinx Fine Art, London, 2013; The masks we wear, Kristin Hjellegjerde gallery, London, 2013

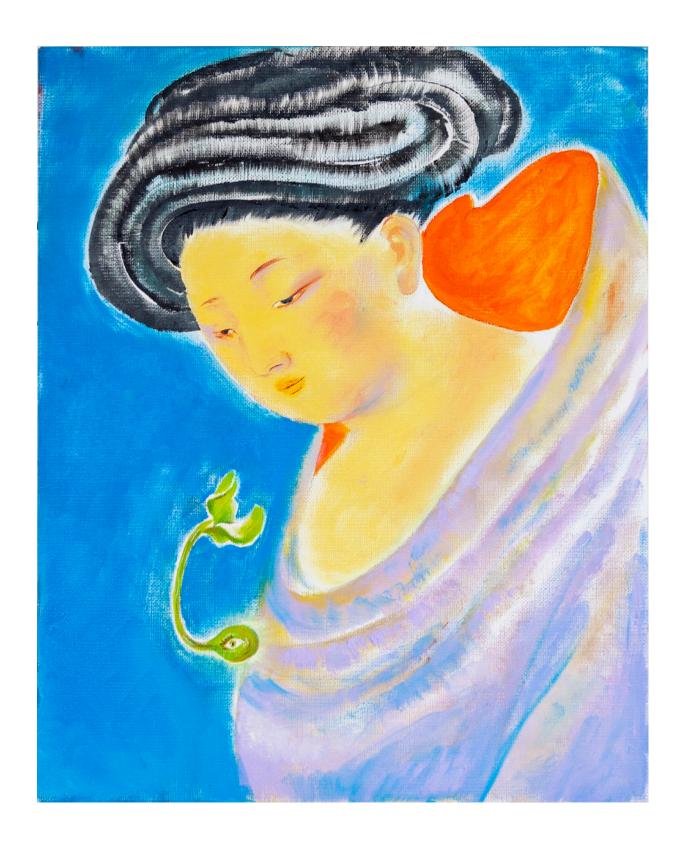
My working practice is based upon a practice of assembling constellations of images through which a serial network of fractured narratives, start to emerge. Partly this involves a splicing together of the imaginary and reality in ways that break up the logic of both realms and syntax of images. The process of fracturing opens out the process to differing velocities so the paintings might appear in a state of arrest or suspension, as being in slow motion or even subject to the blur of speed. It is as the underlying laws pertaining to physical reality are transformed but the way in which images might start to cohere into their departure from the habitual. If images are subject to the process of fragmentation, then temporality is likewise, and in this way, new and surprising conjunctions might yield from the folding operations of interiority and exteriority.

There are two types of drawing in my work, one pertaining to the inscription of figures and forms and one that draws lines pertaining to invisible abstractions. Painting is the means of discovering just how these two orders of inscription might cohere together. Recently a shift has start to occur in my work. There is the same kind of multiplicity and fragmentation, but it is directed away from the memory of either collage or cinematic montage toward the construction of imaginary mood-scapes in which traces of memory surface but without definite anchorage. They might be drifting apart from any sense of fixed determination or stylistic will. I might say that this is born out of hybridity as a critical concept but that is a far too lazy term because it implies a critical operation or device. Instead the word fascination comes to mind because it evokes the suspension of both time and will. **J

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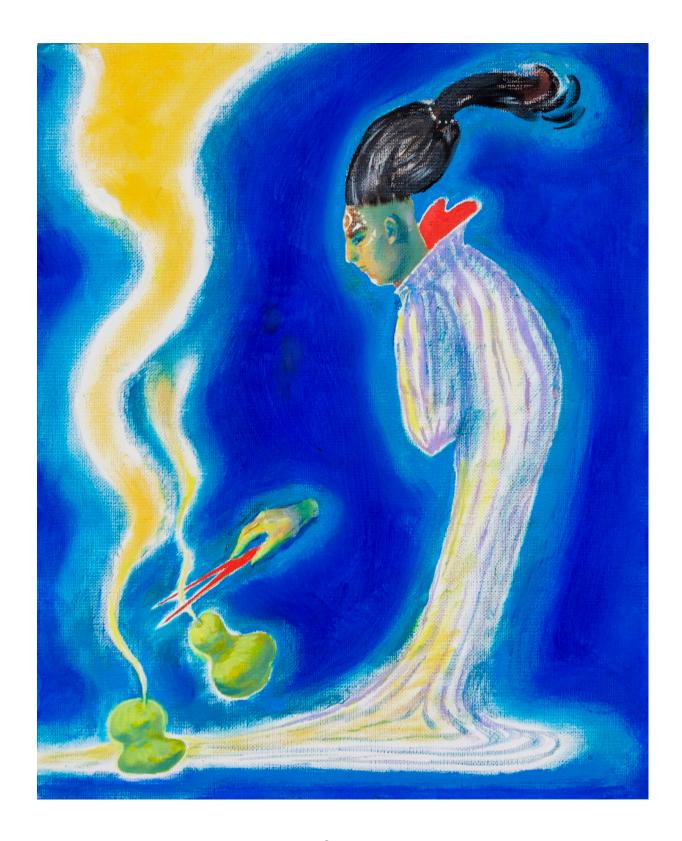
Hair up
2020
oil on canvas paper
41 x 33 cm
£500



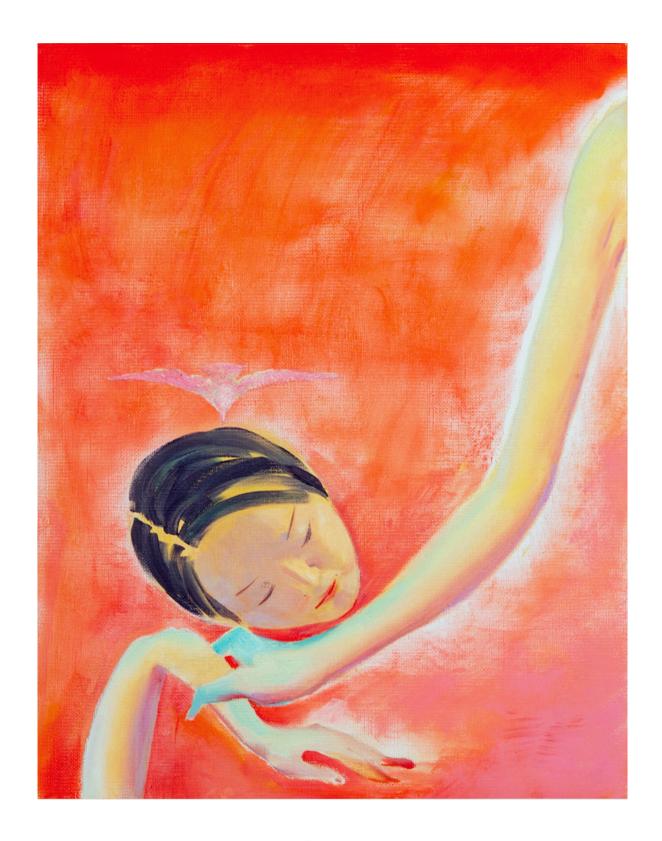
Companion 2020 oil on canvas paper 41 x 33 cm £500



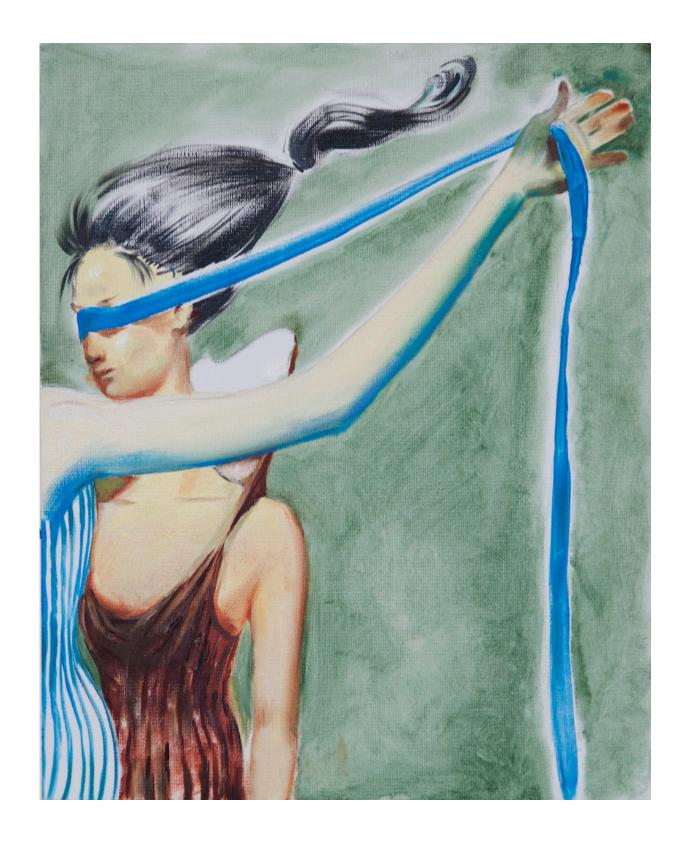
Ginseng fruit 2020 oil on canvas paper 41 x 33 cm £500



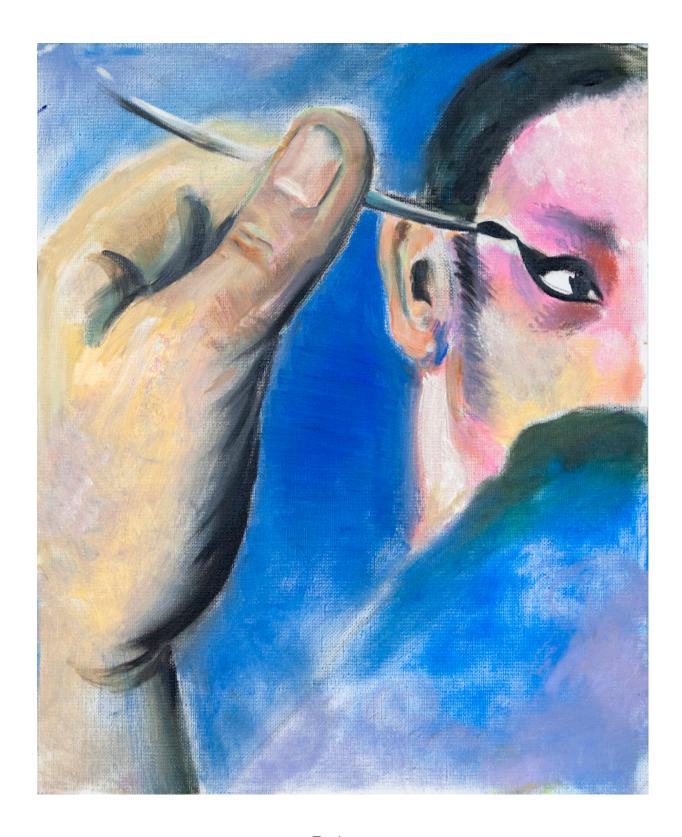
Crops 2020 oil on canvas paper 41 x 33 cm £500



Follower 2020 oil on canvas paper 41 x 33 cm £500



Invitation
2020
oil on canvas paper
41 x 33 cm
£500



Eyebrow
2020
oil on canvas paper
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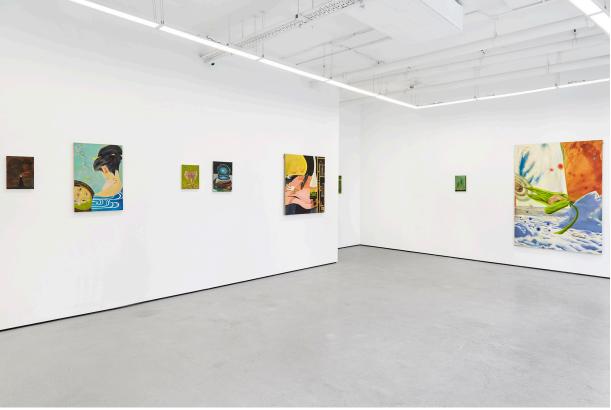
Sunset 2020 oil on canvas paper 33 x 20.5 cm £200



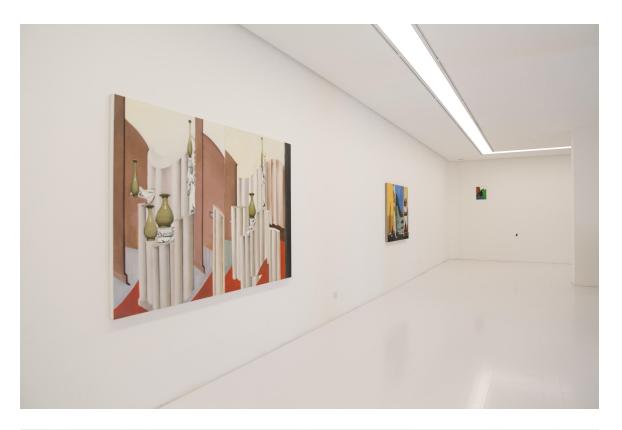
Root 2020 oil on canvas paper 28 x 20.5 cm £200

Previous Exhibition Views





Constellations and Folds, Installation View, Lychee One, London, 2020





Rifts in silence, Installation View, M art center, Shanghai, 2018





Mingled Spaces, Installation View, Lychee One, London, 2017

Artist CV

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Born in 1984

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Education

2011-2013 MA Painting Royal College of Art, London

2007-2010 MA Painting China Academy of Art

Selected Exhibitions

2020	Antisocial Isolation	Saatchi Gallery with Delphian Gallery, London
2020	Constellations and folds (solo)	Lychee One, London
2018	Bone Memory	Lychee One, London
2018	Rifts in silence	M Art Center, Shanghai
2018	Flickering Boundaries	Madein Gallery, Shanghai
2017	Mingled Spaces	Lychee One, London
2015	Elsewhere	Lychee One, London
2014	10 Year Anniversary show	Cynthia Corbet Gallery, London
2014	The Open West 2014	The Wilson Cheltenham Art
		Gallery & Museum, Cheltenham
2014	Deserts of Humanity	Display London, London
2013	Painting Show & Performances	Winter Projects, London
2013	Young Masters	Sphinx Fine Art, London
2013	The masks we wear	Arteco gallery, London
2013	RCA degree show	Royal College of Art, London
2013	Notes to Self-Thinking	Royal College of Art, London
2012	Summer show	Royal College of Art, London
2012	Interim show	Royal College of Art, London
2012	RCA secret	Royal College of Art, London
2010	Graduation show	China Academy of Art, Hangzhou
2010	Giant	Today Gallery, Beijing
2009	Utopia	Regina Coffee, Hangzhou
2008	Art Spring	Orientation Gallery, Hangzhou
2008	Spade	798 T space, Beijing
2007	New Generation of South River	Eye Level Gallery, Shanghai
2007	Star of the Century 2	China Academy of Art, Hangzhou
2007	Personate	Hong Temple Art, Shanghai
2006	Reflection	Zhejiang Museum, Hangzhou

Awards and Residency

Curator's Prize The Open West 2014 Hine Painting Prize 2013 Shortlisted for Valerie Beston Award 2013 International City of Arts Paris 2009