

QIU DESHU

(1948–2020)

- 1948** Born in Shanghai, China
1970–73 Studied at Shanghai Art School, Shanghai, China
1978 Studied at Zhejiang Academy of Fine Arts (currently known as the China Academy of Art), Hangzhou, China
1979 Founded the Grass Painting Society (*Cao Cao She*), a group of twelve artists dedicated to the promotion of artistic originality
1985–86 Artist-in-residence at Tufts University, Medford, USA
2020 Passed away in Shanghai, China

Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2017** *Qiu Deshu*, Pearl Lam Galleries, Shanghai, China
2015 *Art of Fissuring*, Pearl Lam Galleries, Singapore
Night and Day: The Art of Qiu Deshu—1979 and After, Pearl Lam Galleries, Hong Kong, China
Qiu Deshu, NanHai Art, Millbrae, California, USA
Liebian/Fissure: The Art of Qiu Deshu, NanHai Art, Singapore
2013 *The Fissuring World of Qiu Deshu*, Pudong Airport Terminal 2, Shanghai, China
2012 *Qiu Deshu, Ink Painting from 1980 to 2012*, Michael Goedhuis Gallery, London, UK
B-Cities: Solo Exhibition of Chinese New Painting by Qiu Deshu and Lin Jiabing, Tian Ren He Yi Art Center, Hangzhou, China
2011 *New Works by Fissuring*, Shanghai Grand Theater Gallery, Shanghai, China
2010 *Fissuring—Buildings & Courtyard, Latest works from Qiu Deshu*, Wu Chang Shuo Museum, Shanghai, China
2008 *Fissuring—Qiu Deshu Contemporary Water-Ink Exhibition*, Shanghai Art Museum, Shanghai, China
Crack of Dawn—Qiu Deshu Exhibition, Zee Stone Gallery, Hong Kong, China
Fissuring—Qiu Deshu, SMYH Gallery, Beijing, China
2007 *Fissuring—Landscape, New Works from Qiu Deshu*, Leda Fletcher Gallery, Geneva, Switzerland; Shanghai, China
Qiu Deshu—Ten Years after the Grass Painting Society, Shanghai Duolun Contemporary Art Museum, Shanghai, China
2006 *Chinese Contemporary Art—Qiu Deshu*, Frankfurt, Germany
2005 *Fissuring—Qiu Deshu New Works*, Changliu Art Museum, Taipei, Taiwan
2004 *Fissuring—Contemporary Chinese Art from Qiu Deshu*, Fletcher Art Museum, Geneva, Switzerland
Fissuring—Qiu Deshu's New Paintings, Hai Shang Shan Art Center, Shanghai, China
2003 *Fissuring—Qiu Deshu*, Goedhuis Contemporary, New York, USA
2000 *Fissuring—Qiu Deshu*, Courtyard Gallery, Beijing, China; Asian Art Museum, Seoul, South Korea
1999 *Fissuring—Qiu Deshu*, Consulate General of Germany, Shanghai, China
1996 *Fissuring—Genesis-Sublimation*, Plum Blossoms Gallery, Hong Kong, China; Singapore
1994 *Fissuring—The Paintings of Qiu Deshu*, Shanghai Art Museum, Shanghai, China
Fissuring, Panlong Art Center, Taiwan
1993 *Fissuring—Qiu Deshu*, Shanghai American Culture Center, Shanghai, China
1992 *Fissuring*, Lommel Gallery, Leverkusen, Germany
Fissuring, Maroochy and Noosa Regional Gallery, Queensland, Australia
1988 *Fissuring*, John King Fairbank Center, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA
Qiu Deshu Retrospective Exhibition, 1981–88, The Art Waves Gallery, New York, New York, USA
1986 *Fissuring*, Chinese Culture Institute, Boston, USA
1985 *Fissuring*, The Campus of Harvard University; The Art Gallery of Tufts University, Massachusetts, USA

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2022** *Reclusive Means*, Pearl Lam Galleries, Hong Kong, China
- 2019** *Ink Now Shanghai: Inquiry on Water*, presented by 3812 Gallery, Shanghai Suning Art Museum, Shanghai, China
- 2018** *Chinese Art in the Post-Mao Era Part II*, Ethan Cohen Gallery, New York, USA
Beyond Ink: 20th China Shanghai International Arts Festival, China Art Museum, Shanghai, China
- 2017** *Boundless: Ongoing—Chinese Ink Art*, Art Museum of Sichuan Fine Arts Institute, Sichuan, China
Maritime extension—2017 Shanghai artists joint exhibition, China Arts Museum, Shanghai
Contemporary Art Exhibition of Painting and Calligraphy, Shanghai Seal Art Center, Shanghai, China
INK GLOBAL, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Center, Hong Kong, China
The Weight of Lightness—Ink Art at M+, M+ Museum of Hongkong Nine West Cultural District, Hong Kong, China
Two works selected in the main venue of the BRICs Conference
Tracing the Past and Shaping the Future, Grand Opening exhibition of Powerlong Museum, Shanghai, China
Contemporary Ink Painting Exhibition, Luxehills Art Museum, Sichuan, China
Marginality Landscape, The Museum of Han Tianheng, Shanghai, China
- 2016** *Structures of Recollection*, curated by Paul Moorhouse, Pearl Lam Galleries, Hong Kong, China
Oriental Ink Rhyme—Shanghai Hong Kong Ink Art Exchange Exhibition, Hong Kong Central Library, Hong Kong; LIU HAISU Art Museum, Shanghai, China
Fissuring—Green Landscape selected to be exhibited at the main venue of Hangzhou G20 conference
- 2015** *Theatre of Paper*, Pearl Lam Galleries, Shanghai, China
2015 New Year Exhibition, Shanghai Huayi Art Club, Shanghai, China
New Style, Shanghai Leading Artists of Ink Painting, National Art Museum of China, Beijing, China
The New Possibilities of Ink Art, Inside-Out Museum, Beijing, China; Museum of Fine Arts, Brussels, Belgium; Chicago Asian Art Institute, Chicago, USA; Mei-ling Gallery (renamed Gallery 1F in 2017), Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall, Taiwan
The Realm of Emptiness: Landscape and Scenery, Ming Contemporary Art Museum, Shanghai, China
Stratosphere, Duoyunxuan Art Center, Shanghai, China
New Ink Painting Exhibition, Shanghai Zhu Qizhan Art Museum, Shanghai, China
Hong Kong - Shanghai - Macao Contemporary Ink Painting Exhibition, Central Library Exhibition Hall of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, China
The Modeling of the Medium, The Fine Arts College of Shanghai University, Shanghai, China
- 2014** *The Art of Line: Contemporary Chinese Ink and Brush*, Pearl Lam Galleries, Singapore
Abstraction and Refinement: Contemporary Chinese Ink Paintings, Gajah Gallery, Singapore
Oil & Water: Reinterpreting Ink, works by Qiu Deshu, Wei Jia, and Zhang Hongtu, Museum of Chinese in America, New York, USA
Rendering the Future—Chinese Contemporary Ink Painting Exhibition, Asia Art Center, Beijing, China
Ink Painting since 1980—Experiments to Transformation, Long Island, New York, USA
Ethereal Dimness—New Water Ink Research Series, Avant-Garde Contemporary Art Center, Nanjing, China
Reconstructing Oriental Beauty—Beauty in Discerning Eyes: Aspirations in Ink and Wash, Nanjing Arts Institute and Museum of Guangzhou Academy of Fine Arts, Nanjing & Guangzhou, China
- 2013** *Beyond Colour: Chinese Contemporary Art*, Pearl Lam Galleries, Shanghai, China
Beyond Black and White: Chinese Contemporary Abstract Ink, Pearl Lam Fine Art, Shanghai, China
The Second Reconstructing Oriental Beauty Painting Exhibition—*Contemporary Life: Aspiration in Ink and Wash*, Shanghai Duolun Museum of Modern Art, Shanghai, China
Tension of White Line, Modern Ink Painting Exhibition from Mainland China, Hong Kong; Taiwan
Light Before Dawn Unofficial Chinese Art 1974–1985, Asia Society Hong Kong Centre, Hong Kong, China
Insightful Charisma, Shanghai Himalayan Museum, Shanghai, China
- 2012** *Tension of White Line*, National Chiao Tung University Arts Center, Hsinchu, Taiwan; Zhu Qi Zhan Museum of Art, Shanghai, China
2012 Shanghai China CEIBS Contemporary Art Exhibition, Melbourne, Australia
Ink: The New Ink Art from China, Saatchi Gallery, London, UK
2012 Context China, Sanchuan Modern Art Museum, Nanjing, China
2012 International Ink Painting Exhibition and Symposium, Chung Shan National Gallery, National Dr.

- Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall, Taipei, Taiwan
Taste of the East—Masterpieces of Chinese Art, Shanghai Art Museum, Shanghai, China; How Art Museum, Shanghai, China
- 2011**
2011 Chinese Context “Super Freehand” 10 + 10, Beijing Museum of Contemporary Art, Beijing, China; Fragrant Hill Museum, Beijing, China
A New Horizon of Contemporary Chinese Art, National Art Museum of China, Beijing; National Museum of Australia, Sydney, Australia
Blooming in the Shadows: Unofficial Chinese Art, 1974–1985, China Institute, New York, USA
Ink Reproduction—World Tour of Contemporary Ink Painting, Chinese Culture Center in Berlin, Germany; Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; Singapore
- 2010**
Age of Water-Ink Art—New Water-Ink Art Grand Exhibition, Shanghai Duolun Contemporary Art Museum, Shanghai, China; Zhu Qi Zhan Art Museum, Shanghai, China; Spring Art Salon, Shanghai, China
Crossing Asia and Europe—Dialog of Civilization (Paris-Shanghai), Contemporary Art from Chinese and French Artists Grand Exhibition, Zhe Jiang Art Museum, Hangzhou, China; Expo Theme Pavilion, Shanghai, China; Paris Senior Art Institute, Paris, France
Contemporary Chinese Ink Brush Painting, Morlan Gallery, Arkansas, USA
- 2009**
Chinese Ink Painting: Change and Growth I, Shanghai Zendai Museum of Modern Art, Zendai Zhujiajiao Art Museum, Shanghai, China
Open and Change, Creative Water-Ink Art Exhibition, Taipei Art Museum, Taipei, Taiwan
- 2008**
Chinese Blue Arts Festival, Malmö, Sweden
Turn to Abstract—Retrospective of Shanghai Experimental Art from 1976 to 1985, Shanghai Zendai Museum of Modern Art, Shanghai, China
New Ink: Chinese Contemporary Ink Art, the National Art Museum of China, Beijing, China; Dresden, Germany
Story of Ink—Contemporary Artists Nomination Exhibition, Beijing Contemporary Art Museum, Beijing, China; RAAB Gallery, Berlin, Germany; Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA
- 2007**
In Transit—Shanghai New Water-Ink Grand Exhibition, Shanghai Duolun Contemporary Art Museum, Shanghai, China; Zhu Qi Zhan Art Museum, Shanghai, China
07 Contemporary Cultural Venation—China Version, Today Art Museum, Beijing, China
China Onward—Chinese Contemporary Art, 1966–2006, Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, Denmark
OST WEST Dialog I, Kulturaustausch, Haus Metternich, Koblenz, Germany
- 2006**
Rebirth of Water-Ink, Shanghai New Water-Ink Art Exhibition, Zhu Qi Zhan Art Museum; Shanghai, China; Shanghai Duolun Contemporary Art Museum, Shanghai, China
International Contemporary Water-Ink, Manhattan Asian Art Center Gallery, New York, USA
The 21st Asian International Art Exhibition, Singapore National Museum, Singapore
First Taipei International Modern Ink Painting Biennial, National Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Memorial Hall, Taipei, Taiwan
- 2005**
Sky Group Human Merge—Liu Guosong, Chen Jialing, Qiu Deshu, Shanghai Duolun Museum of Modern Art, Shanghai, China
2005 Water-Ink Art Exchange Exhibition, Hong Kong City Hall, Hong Kong, China
25th Anniversary of The Grass Painting Society, Shanghai Hai Shang Shan Art Center, Shanghai, China
- 2004**
Protruding Schema, Shanghai Art Museum, Shanghai, China
Shanghai Abstract Art Exhibition, Shanghai Mingyuan Cultural Art Center, Shanghai, China
Dreaming of the Dragon’s Nation: Contemporary Art Exhibition from China, Dublin, Ireland
First Exhibition of Peninsula Art Center, Peninsula Museum of Art, Burlingame, California, USA
- 2003**
Chinese Art Today Grand Exhibition, Beijing World Art Museum, Beijing, China
- 2002**
Rocks and Art, Chambers Fine Art, New York, USA
East+West Chinese Contemporary Art, Shanghai Art Museum, Shanghai, China; Künstlerhaus, Vienna, Austria
Metaphysics 2002, Shanghai Abstract Art Exhibition, Shanghai Art Museum, Shanghai, China
First Guangzhou Triennial, Guangzhou Art Museum, Guangzhou, China
On the Edge of the Millennium: New Art from China, Goedhuis Contemporary, New York, USA; London, UK
- 2001**
China without Borders, Goedhuis Contemporary at Sotheby’s, New York, USA
Metaphysics 2001, Shanghai Abstract Art Exhibition, Shanghai Art Museum, Shanghai, China
First Chengdu Biennale, Chengdu, China
Shanghai-Taiwan New Century Water-Ink Dialog, National Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Memorial Hall, Taipei, Taiwan
- 2000**
New Chinese Painting Touring Exhibition, Shanghai, China; Nanjing, China
Second International Water-Ink Biennale, Guan Shanyue Art Gallery, Shenzhen, China
- 1999**
Fantasy 2000—Chinese Contemporary Chinese Painting and Sculpture, Lubeck, Germany; Stuttgart,

- Germany; Dortmund, Germany
- 1998** The 3rd International Exhibition of TSAI-MO Art, Touring Exhibition in Taiwan, France, China, and El Salvador
- 1997** First International Water-Ink Biennale, Guan Shan Yue Art Museum, Shenzhen, China
Gathering of Innovations, Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre, Hong Kong, China
Shanghai Art, St. Petersburg, Russia
- 1996** *Asian Art Ancient and Contemporary*, Michael Goedhuis Gallery, London, UK
Shanghai Ink, Art Museum of Arizona University, Joseph Gross Gallery of the University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona, USA
Contemporary Chinese Painting and Sculpture, Goedhuis Contemporary, London, UK
- 1995** First Gwangju Biennale, *Beyond the Borders*, Gwangju, South Korea
25 Years of Chinese Paintings 1970–1995, Michael Goedhuis Gallery, London, UK
- 1994** *Chinese Contemporary Ink Paintings from Liu Guosong and Qiu Deshu*, Zhuhai, China
Modern Chinese Water-Ink Art from the Mainland/Taiwan/Hong Kong Grand Exhibition, Taichung Provincial Museum, Taichung, Taiwan; Chung Cheng Art Gallery, Taipei, Taiwan
Between East and West: Transformations of Chinese Art in the Late 20th Century, Discovery Museum, Bridgeport, Connecticut, USA
East Asian Arts Exchange and Invitational Exhibition, Hong Kong, China
- 1993** *20 Years of Sister Relationship between Shanghai and Yokohama*, Shanghai Modern Art Exhibition, Yokohama, Japan
Shanghai-Taipei Modern Water-Ink Exhibition, Shanghai Art Museum, Shanghai, China
First East Asia Games, Shanghai Art Museum, Shanghai, China
- 1992** *Encountering the Others (K18)*, Kassel University, Kassel, Germany
- 1990** *The New Generation of Chinese Art*, Smith College Art Museum, Northampton, Massachusetts, USA
Asian Artists, Hong Kong Entertainment Centre, Hong Kong, China
- 1987** *Chinese Art*, Plum Blossoms Gallery, Hong Kong, China
- 1986** *Paintings of Four Chinese Artists*, New York, USA
- 1984** *Qiu Deshu and Kong Boji*, Princeton University Art Museum, New Jersey, USA
- 1982** *Painting the Chinese Dream*, Smith College Art Museum, Northampton, Massachusetts; Boston City Hall Art Gallery, Boston, Massachusetts; Brooklyn Museum, New York, USA
- 1980** *Painting of the Eighties*, Luwan Cultural Palace, Shanghai, China

Selected Collections

Asian Art Museum of San Francisco, California, USA
 Asian Art Museum, Seoul, South Korea
 Brooklyn Museum of Modern Art, Brooklyn, USA
 Contemporary Art, Dunkerque, France
 Duolun Museum of Modern Art, Shanghai, China
 M+ Museum, Hong Kong, China
 Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, Massachusetts, USA
 National Art Museum of China, Beijing, China
 Nusa Art Centre, Australia
 Origo Family Foundation, Geneva, Switzerland
 Princeton University Art Museum, New Jersey, USA
 Rathaus of Hamburg, Hamburg, Germany
 Shanghai Art Museum, Shanghai, China
 Sullivan Showroom of Oxford University, UK
 Taichung Provincial Art Museum, Taichung, Taiwan
 The University of Arizona Museum of Art, Arizona, USA