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Zhao Gang

Lives and works in Beijing and New York

- 1961 Born in Beijing, China
- 1983 Attended Stadsacademie voor Toegepaste Kunsten (Maastricht Institute of Arts), Maastricht, The Netherlands
- 1984 - 87 Attended Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, New York, USA
- 1999 Completed M.F.A., Bard College, Annandale on Hudson, New York, USA

Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2025 'Zhao Gang: The Basterd Gentry - Act One: Shadow', Lisson Gallery, Shanghai, China
'Zhao Gang: The Basterd Gentry - Act Two: Flesh', ASE Foundation, Shanghai, China
'Zhao Gang: Qingdao, Qingdao', TAG Art Museum, Qingdao, China
- 2024 'Zhao Gang: Southward', D+ Art Museum, Shenzhen, China
'Zhao Gang: Carnivore', Lisson Gallery, Beijing, China
'Zhao Gang: China Stories', Galerie Nagel Draxler, Berlin, Germany
- 2023 'Zhao Gang's Solo Exhibition: Platform', Jia Art, Wuhan, China
- 2022 'Holiday', JINGHOPE Art Center, Sanya, China
'Zhao Gang: Nothing is Happening', Long Museum Chong Qing, Chongqing, China
- 2021 'Zhao Gang: Domestic Anxiety', Long Museum West Bund, Shanghai, China
- 2020 'Supports / ColorLumps as Anthropography of History', Kuandu Museum of Fine Art, Taipei
'Chinese Eastern Railway: Zhao Gang', Long March Space, Beijing, China
- 2019 'Zhao Gang: History Painting', Pérez Art Museum Miami (PAMM), Miami, USA
'Zhao Gang: Passage to Dynasty', Greene Naftali Gallery, New York, USA
'Diluted Retrospective', Each Modern, Taipei
'Hermeneutics and Deconstruction', Galerie Nagel Draxler, Cologne, Germany
- 2018 'Acquiring Identity', Long March Space, Beijing, China
- 2017 'Useless Things – Zhao Gang New Works', AYE Gallery, Beijing, China
'Zhao Gang', Tang Contemporary Art, Hong Kong, China
'Earlier Works', Nagel Draxler Kabinett, Berlin, Germany
- 2016 'Zhao Gang', Tilton Gallery, New York, USA
'Contemporary Chinese Painting', Galerie Nagel Draxler, Cologne, Germany

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‘Zhao Gang: The Road to Serfdom II’, Museo de Arte Contemporáneo (MAC),
Santiago, Chile

‘Zhao Gang’, Dingyun Art Salon, Wuhan, China

2015 ‘Cocksucker Blues’, Bank, Shanghai, China

‘Paramour’s Garden’, Suzhou Museum, Suzhou, China

‘Zhao Gang: The Road to Serfdom’, Ullens Center for Contemporary Art, Beijing,
China

‘The Collection of Lust Empire’, Aura Gallery, Taipei, China

2014 ‘Emperor and His...’, AYE Gallery, Beijing, China

2013 ‘The Khitans’, Platform China, Beijing, China

‘Another Reality’, Gallery LIN, Taipei, China

2012 ‘Zhao Gang Solo Exhibition’, Wada Fine Arts, Tokyo, Japan

2011 ‘Sisyphus’, Aura Gallery, Beijing, China

‘Sick Man’, Today Art Museum, Beijing, China

‘Burning the Wood: The Collection of Du Yuesheng’, AYE Gallery, Beijing, China

2010 ‘Zhao Gang’, Galerie Christian Nagel, Berlin, Germany

2009 ‘Dance in Dream’, Triumph Art Space, Beijing, China

2008 ‘Painting of Zhao Gang’, Hong Kong Art Center/Hanart TZ Gallery, Hong Kong,
China

‘Zhao Gang’, TSI Yi Space Gallery, Beijing, China

2007 ‘After Thought’, Galerie Christian Nagel, Cologne, Germany

‘Zhao Gang: Recent Works’, 10 Chancery Lane Gallery, Hong Kong, China

‘Portrait Landscape Memory’, He Xiangning Art Museum, Shenzhen, China

2006 ‘Broken Narrative’, Galerie Bleich-Rossi, Vienna, Austria

2005 ‘Want Sex’, Beijing Art Now Gallery, Beijing, China

‘The War Game’, Galerie Christian Nagel, Berlin, Germany

2004 ‘Irony of Mistranslation’, Michael Goedhuis, New York, USA

2002 ‘Zhao Gang’, Gallery 4A, Sydney, Australia

1999 ‘Constructed Dreams’, Courtyard Gallery, Beijing, China

1994 ‘Zhao Gang’, Peg Alston Fine Arts, New York, USA

1992 ‘Zhao Gang’, Vorpall Gallery, New York, USA

1991 ‘The Unpainted Landscapes’, Gutharc Ballin Gallery, Paris, France

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- 1990 'Zhao Gang', Vorpall Gallery, New York, USA
- 1989 'Zhao Gang', Via Del Moro 25/b, Rome, Italy
- 1987 'Zhao Gang', Lavaggi Gallery, New York, USA

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2025 'Flowers in the Concrete', Bund Art Center, Shanghai, China
'Depictura', Lisson Gallery, Shanghai, China
'The Pillow Painting', XIN ART SPACE, Guangzhou, China
'Strings of Planes', IN&OUT, Ningbo, China
- 2022 'Upstairs Cities', ASE Foundation, Shanghai, China
- 2021 'Jing Zhe', Surplus Space, Wuhan, China
'1st Meseberg International for Contemporary Art', Galerie Nagel Draxler, Meseberg, Germany
- 2020 'Life During Wartime: Art in the Age of Coronavirus', USF Contemporary Art Museum, Tampa, USA
- 2018 'Turning Point - 40 years of Chinese Contemporary Art', Long Museum West Bund, Shanghai, China
'Painting: Now and Forever, Part III', Greene Naftali, New York, USA
- 2017 'Art and China after 1989: Theater of the World', Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, USA
'Marching in Circles', Long March Space, Beijing, China
'Today. Future', Guiyang 798 Art Center, Guiyan:g, China
'Zhao Gang: Comfortably Dumb', KWM Art Center, Beijing, China
'Carnival', Massimo De Carlo, Hong Kong, China
- 2016 'Self', Massimo De Carlo, London, UK
'Global Terror', Nagel Draxler Kabinett, Berlin, Germany
'Our Painting', Yang Museum, Beijing, China
- 2015 'Chinese Spirit - The Fourth Chinese Oil Painting Exhibition', Chinese Academy of Oil Painting, Beijing; Tianjian Art Museum, Tianjin; Shangdong Art Museum, Jinan; Shanghai Art Museum, Shanghai; Xi'an Art Museum, Xi'an, China
'The Civil Power - Beijing Minsheng Art Museum Opening Exhibition', Minsheng Art Museum, Beijing, China
'Big Painting Exhibition', Platform China Contemporary Art Institute, Beijing, China
- 2014 'About Painting', OCT Contemporary Art Terminal, Xi'an, China
'The Unofficials: Art before 85', Boers-Li Gallery, Beijing, China

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‘Early – Wang Xingwei, Wang Yin, Zhang Enli, Zhao Gang, Zhou Tiehai’, Platform China Contemporary Art Institute, Beijing, China

- 2013 ‘Paint(erly)’, BANK, Shanghai, China
‘Life Drawing Project’, Platform China Contemporary Art Institute, Beijing, China
‘Jungle II – A Thriving Morphology: Theory of Relativity’, Platform China Contemporary Art Institute, Beijing, China
- 2012 ‘Pinellia’, Aura Gallery, Beijing, China
- 2010 ‘Demolition Milk II’, Kunst Im Tunnel, Düsseldorf, Germany
- 2009 ‘Malen ist Wahlen 1981-2009’, Galerie Christian Nagel, Berlin, Germany
‘Embrace Suzhou - Exhibition of the Chinese Contemporary Arts’, Suzhou Museum, Suzhou, China
Guangzhou Triennale, Guangzhou, China
Yokohoma Triennale, Yokohoma, Japan
- 2008 ‘Delirious Beijing’, PKM Gallery, Beijing, China
‘Chinese Apartment Art: 1970s -1990s’, Shuimu Art Space, Beijing, China
‘Global EurAsia’, Art Cologne, Cologne, Germany
- 2007 ‘Yi School: Thirty Years of Abstract Art Preview in Beijing’, Wall Art Museum, Beijing, China; CaixaForum, Madrid, Spain
‘Origin Point: Star Group Retrospective Exhibition’, Today Art Museum, Beijing, China
‘Harlem School of New Social Realism’, PERFORMA, New York, USA
‘A Point in the Red: Contemporary Chinese Art’, Kashya Hilderbrand Gallery, Zurich, Switzerland
‘Feng Zhengjie & Zhao Gang’, Tilton Gallery, New York, USAC
- 2006 ‘Jiang Hu: 34 Contemporary Chinese Artists’, Tilton Gallery, New York, USA
‘The Face of Contemporary Art in China’, Virginia Beach Contemporary Museum of Art; Federal Reserve, Washington D.C., USA
- 2005 ‘Contemporary Erotic Drawings’, The Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum, Ridgefield; Diverse Works Gallery, Houston, USA
‘A Project - Incommunicable’, Platform China Contemporary Art Institute, Beijing, China
‘David Diao and Gang Zhao’, Hanart TZ Gallery, Hong Kong, China
- 2004 ‘Sunrise Sunset’, Smack Mellon Gallery, New York, USA
‘Silknet’, Galerie Urs Meile, Luzern, Switzerland
‘Le Monie et la Demon - Chinese Contemporary Art’, Museum of Contemporary Art Lyon, Lyon, France
- 2003 ‘David Diao / Gang Zhao: at Mid-Career’, Asian American Arts Center; Chambers Fine Art, New York, USA
- 2002 Jessica Murray Projects, New York, USA

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- 2001 'Reconfiguration', Central Academy Gallery of Fine Art, Beijing, China
'Wei Liu and Gang Zhao', Ray Hughes Gallery, Sydney, Australia
- 2000 'Demand for Artistic Freedom, The Stars 20 Years', Tokyo Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
- 1998 'Salon 300', Williamsburg, USA
'David Lowe and Gang Zhao', Peng Gallery, Philadelphia, USA
- 1990 'The Door', P.S.1 Institute of the Arts/Blum Helman Gallery, New York, USA
- 1989 'The Stars: 10 Years', Festival d'Automne de Paris, Paris, France
- 1987 SUNY Albany Art Gallery, Albany, USA
- 1986 'Beijing/ New York: Avant-Grade Chinese Art', Sharon Creative Arts Foundation, Connecticut; Vassar College Art Gallery, Poughkeepsie; City Gallery, New York, USA
- 1980 'Xing Xing (The Stars)', China Art Gallery, Beijing, China
- 1979 'Xing Xing (The Stars)', Beihai Park, Beijing, China

Collections

Long Museum, Shanghai, Chongqing, China
Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, California, USA
M+, Hong Kong, China
Museo de Arte Contemporáneo (MAC), Santiago, Chile
Pérez Art Museum Miami, Miami, Florida, USA
Suzhou Museum, Suzhou, China