

H O U Y I J I E

Hou Yijie (b. 1996, Chengdu, China) graduated from the printmaking department of Sichuan Fine Arts Institute, he currently lives and works in Chongqing.

Hou's spirited pursuit of art revolves around integrating the feelings and emotions arising from real life conundrums, with histories, legends, fables, and anecdotes in Chinese culture. He uses free and easy strokes to create a charged space pulled in so many directions by conflicting social dynamics: those of the imperial court, of the hermit retreat, and of the outlaw wilderness, mixed with the theme of adventure. Hou recreates the space, along with the myriad of personalities within, to examine the irreducible fluid state of human nature, where individuals have to make constant decisions for themselves as they come to grips with the environment, to listen to one's inner voice without being corralled by dogmas or rules. The job of an artist is not to judge those personal decisions, but to lay bare the complexity within them.

Solo Exhibitions

- 2024 Compass Pointing to the Secret Treasure, MANGROVEGALLERY, Shenzhen, China
- 2023 Journaling, MANGROVEGALLERY Artist-in-Residence Programme, Nantou City, Shenzhen, China

Group Exhibitions

- 2023 Tree of Fire, MANGROVEGALLERY, Shenzhen, China
"Sprouting! The Future of Printmaking Art" ; The 13 Years of Zhou Chunya Scholarship, Long Museum, Chongqing, China
I-Define II: 7 Questions, A Thousand Plateaus Art Space, Chengdu, China
The Nomatic Diamond Hearts, ArtDepot, Beijing, China
- 2022 Nap-of-the-Earth, The Young Artist Residency Programme of Sichuan Fine Arts Institute, Chongqing, China
- 2021 Spirit of Youth, 2021 Triennial of Chinese Industrial Art Prints, Hubei Museum of Art, Chongqing, China
Luo Zhongli Scholarship, Annual Exhibition of Works 2021, Sichuan Fine Arts Institute, Chongqing, China
"The Gifts" ,The Awards Nomination of Students Works, The Schools of Fine Arts, Sichuan Fine Arts Institute, Chongqing, China
- 2019 The Third International Print Biennial, The Xuyuan Art Museum, Beijing, China
The Start of a Long Journey, Outstanding Works by Graduates of 2018 from Key Art Academies in China, Central Academy of Fine Arts, Beijing, China

Awards

- 2021 Luo Zhongli Scholarship
"The Gifts" ,The Awards Nomination of Students Works, nomination award
The First Constellation Award
- 2020 The 8th Zhou Chunya Scholars

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