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LEO GALLERY | HONG KONG

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OPENING HOURS

11 am - 7 pm  
Monday - Saturday  
(Public Holidays closed)

**Art Basel Hong Kong 2021**

***Lin Yan: No Return***

A solo exhibition exploring the works of Lin Yan

**Exhibition Duration:** 19.05 – 23.05.2021

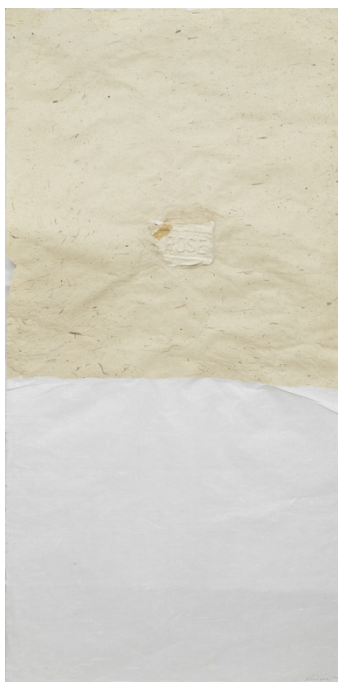
**Venue:** Hong Kong Conventional and Exhibition Centre

1 Harbour Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong

Since the establishment in 2008, **Leo Gallery** has been a progressive force in nurturing young and representing established contemporary artists regardless of nationality. Coinciding the gallery's participation in **Art Basel Hong Kong**, the gallery brings Chinese-born, Brooklyn-based artist **Lin Yan**'s solo exhibition "***Lin Yan: No Return***" to the Hong Kong exhibition space.

**Lin Yan** is internationally recognised for her site-specific installations, sculptures, and two-dimensional works made of various Chinese handmade paper. In the past decade, Lin has been employing Xuan paper to bring out the essence, depth, and complexities of this traditional medium, particularly to illustrate its associated Eastern aesthetics and philosophy in the contemporary context. The diverse representations of materiality are of paramount importance for the artist. Lin's meditative works poetically reveal the textural and painterly qualities of her creative process by crumbling, folding, layering, mounting, and casting the Xuan paper, and often executed either without colour or with dark ink.

In early 2017, the artist started to create a new series named after the Big Dipper called Regeneration of Hope. The works are presented as site-specific installations and are located in various cities globally, commenting on the everlasting global warming and environmental deterioration. Life and death have become an eerily intimate topic during the trying times of the worldwide pandemic. It is in this vein that Lin creates the installation "**Megrez (天权) II -No Return**" (2021), which depicts the essential components of the living ecosystem as well as the unity between nature, humanity, and the universe. Therefore, Lin's work opens a contemplative portal for the viewer to delve into the world of inner peace by appreciating its splendid imagery, structure, and lyricism.



Lin Yan  
Rose 022  
140 x 70 cm  
Ink, Handmade xuan paper  
2018



Lin Yan  
Empire 003  
140 x 70 cm  
Ink, Handmade xuan paper  
2018



Lin Yan  
Rose 024  
140 x 70 cm  
Ink, Handmade xuan paper  
2018



Lin Yan  
Pray 022  
140 x 70 cm  
Ink, Handmade xuan paper  
2018



Lin Yan  
Rose 001  
140 x 70 cm  
Ink, Handmade xuan paper  
2018



Lin Yan  
Empire 015  
140 x 70 cm  
Ink, Handmade xuan paper  
2018

## **About Leo Gallery**

Established in 2008, Leo Gallery is respected for being a progressive force in nurturing young and representing established contemporary artists regardless of nationality.

Situated in Ferguson Lane in Shanghai, the diplomatic quarter of Shanghai's former French Concession, Leo Gallery has 2 galleries at 374 and 376 Wu Kang Road. Leo Gallery has expanded its operation to Hong Kong after 6 successful years in Shanghai, which is situated at 189 Queen's Road West, Sheung Wan.

Apart from our exhibition programs that promoted Asian and European art, Leo Gallery has also been working on a number of public art projects with commercial and educational entities ranging from various shopping malls to public and private schools.

Leo Gallery has participated in a number of international art fairs, including Art Basel Hong Kong, Art Stage Singapore, Photo Fairs Shanghai, West Bund Shanghai, Art 021 Shanghai Contemporary Art Fair, Art Shenzhen and Art Beijing.

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