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中国艺术之旅

A Journey With Chinese Art

9th February -
31st March 2024

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~ A Journey With Chinese Art ~

The *Welcome Swallow Gallery* is extremely proud to present its second exhibition, *A Journey With Chinese Art* that is inspired by Chinese history and traditions. Throughout Chinese history, the practice of art is first learned by rote, in which the master shows the "right way" to draw. Generations of new artists are encouraged to demonstrate mastery of continuous brush strokes and movement until it becomes instinctive.

However, in contemporary times, debates have established the limits of this tradition. Within modern art scenes, innovation is now more the rule. As with Western traditions, changing lifestyles, tools, and colors are also influenced by new waves of Chinese master painters.

Yong Ming Liu is a consummate artist in the traditional Chinese landscape style. His sublime scrolls that featured in our last exhibition were sold to European collectors and throughout New Zealand. The current exhibition boasts four more of his scrolls together with a special intriguing Chinese perspective on the New Zealand landscape at Lake Taupo.

Using a mixture of the elaborate style supplemented with innovative techniques, **Jing Liu**, shows considerable artistic dexterity in presenting several paintings that dynamically capture New Zealand flora, birds and delicately painted insects. Additionally, she presents two beautifully painted fans that both tell stories. Represented in Chinese art as one of the four 'noble

gentlemen', The plum tree's blossom featured in one of the fans, (No. 15 in the Catalogue), is seen as a symbol of winter ending and the heralding of spring. The tree's pale pink blossoms are cherished because they bloom vibrantly and so bravely amidst the winter chill.

In this exhibition we are also showcasing Chinese calligraphy. This is the stylized artistic writing of Chinese characters, the written form of Chinese that unites the spoken languages. Such calligraphy is considered supreme among the visual arts in China, setting the standard by which Chinese painting is judged. **Yu Ting Li** demonstrates her mastery of this art with several representations of Chinese calligraphy, with three forms of the *Heart Sutra* that was developed in China some 600 years ago from original Sanskrits.

Li's calligraphic form and content embodies the notion of the emptiness of lived experiences and compassion as being dialectically related. Accordingly, these works point the art of calligraphy towards the heart of cultural discourse and matters of philosophical debate regarding the human condition. There can be no greater narrative than this: *A Journey With Chinese Art*. The exhibition is designed to provide an immersive experience that challenges, informs and delights.



ACCCT Board, February 2024

1.



Yong Ming Liu

Autumn Mountain and
Waterfall 《秋山瀑布图》

Watercolour on Chinese Rice
Paper

1190 x 680mm

Price: \$6000

2.



Yong Ming Liu

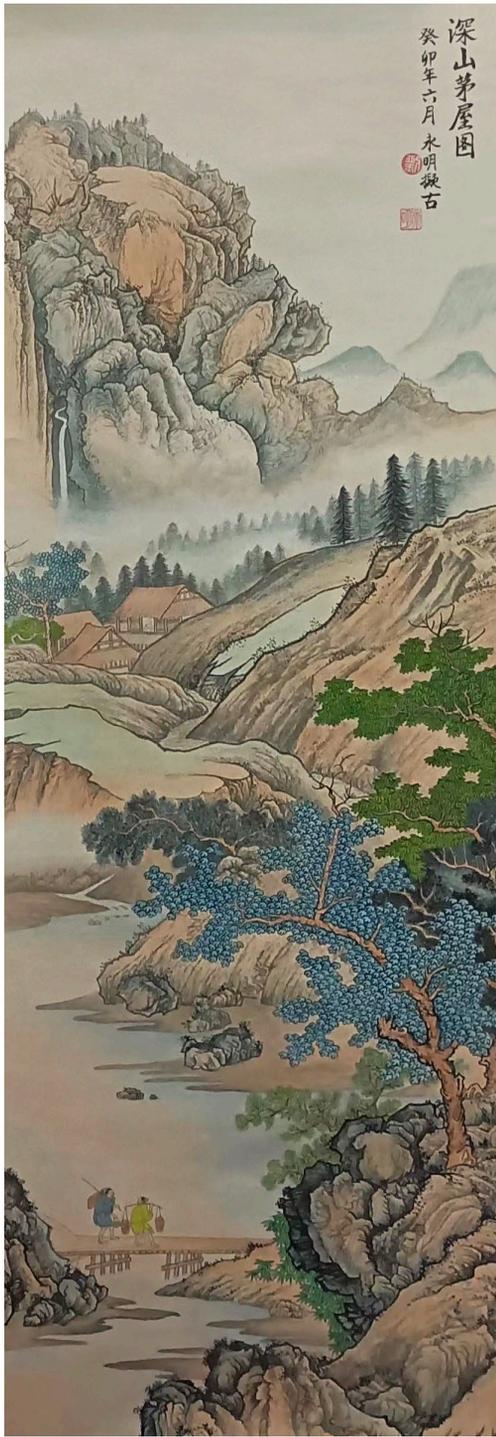
Mountain, Pine and Spring
《青山松泉图》

Watercolour on Chinese
Rice Paper

1000x500mm

Price: \$4000

Rice-paper scrolls are mounted on Ling, a type of silk



Yong Ming Liu

Small House in the Mountain

《深山茅屋图》

Watercolour on Chinese Rice Paper

1310x490mm

Price: \$4100

3.



4.

Yong Ming Liu

Fairy Mountain and Pavilion

《仙山楼阁》

Watercolour on Chinese

Rice Paper

1110x580mm

Price: \$4500

5.



Jing Liu

Rock, Pine, Bamboo and Plum Blossom 《石松竹梅图》

Watercolour on Chinese Rice Paper

1250x360mm

Price: \$2300

6.



Yong Ming Liu

Lake Taupo

《淘坡印象》

Watercolour on Chinese Rice Paper

450x680mm

Price: \$950

7.



Jing Liu

Grapes and Insects

《葡萄草虫图》

Watercolour on Chinese Rice Paper

260x285mm

Price: \$1200



Jing Liu

White-eye and Loquat

《枇杷绣眼图》

Watercolour on Chinese
Rice Paper

290x290mm

Price: \$1200

8. 9.



Jing Liu

Kingfisher

《翠鸟》

Watercolour on Chinese
Rice Paper

320x290mm

Price: \$1200

10.



Jing Liu

Glowing Orchid

《白兰》（绢本）

Watercolour on Silk
200mm d.

Price: \$1300

11.



Jing Liu

Plum Blossom
《清客·暗香》

Watercolour on Chinese Rice Paper
200x340mm

Price: \$1200



12.

Jing Liu

Butterfly (double sided)
《扑蝶》（双面画）

Watercolour on Chinese Rice Paper

300x200mm

Price: \$1500



13.

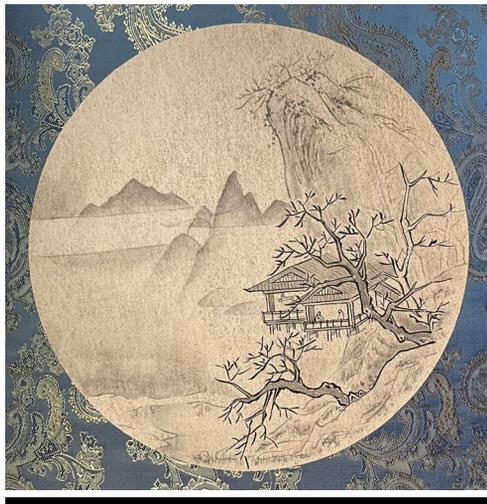
Jing Liu

Orchid
《兰》（绢本）

Watercolour on Silk

115x115mm

Price: \$500



14.

Jing Liu

Viewing Mountains and Fog
《观山雾》

Watercolour on Paper

210x210mm

Price: \$850



15.

Jing Liu

Plum Blossom in Snow
《雪梅折扇》

Watercolour on Chinese Rice Paper

Fan base 570 w. x 330mm r.

Price: \$1100

(wooden case included)

16.



Jing Liu

Let It Be

《随缘》

Watercolour on Chinese

Rice Paper

640x375mm

Price: \$3200

17.



Jing Liu

Excerpt of the Painting

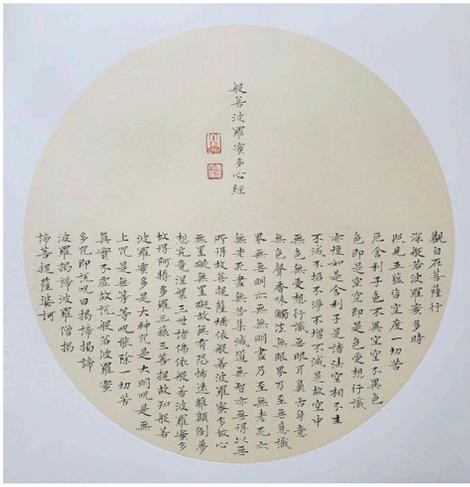
<A Panorama of Rivers and Mountains>

《千里江山图节选》

Watercolour on Silk

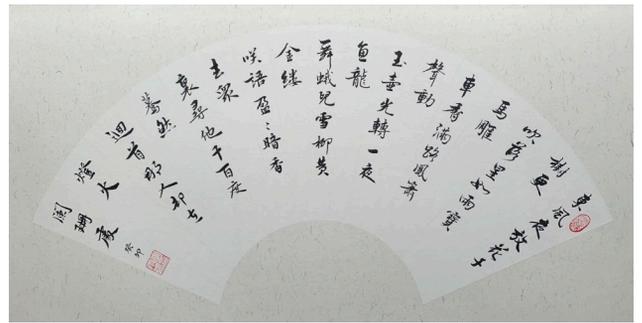
280x280mm d.

Price: \$2500



Yu Ting Li
 The Heart Sutra
 《波若波罗蜜多心经》
 Ink on Chinese Rice Paper
 380x380mm d.
 Price: \$750

18.



19.

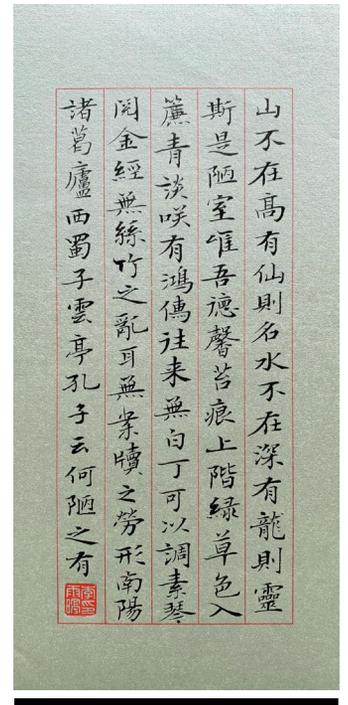
Yu Ting Li
 Green Jade Cup
 《青玉案·元夕》
 Ink on Chinese Rice Paper
 330x650mm
 Price: \$650



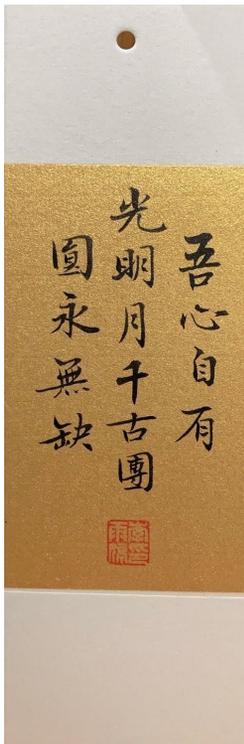
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Yu Ting Li
 Yearning for the South - Composed
 at the Detachment Tower
 《望江南·超然台作》
 Ink on Japanese Gold Paper
 270x240mm
 Price: \$500

21.



Yu Ting Li
 Inscription for My Simple
 and Humble Hut
 《陋室铭》
 Ink on Chinese Rice Paper
 260x130mm
 Price: \$450



22.

Yu Ting Li

Bookmarks (multiples)
《书签》 (多件)

Ink on Batik and Rice Paper
180x60mm and 210x70mm
Price: \$15 each

23.



Sample characters

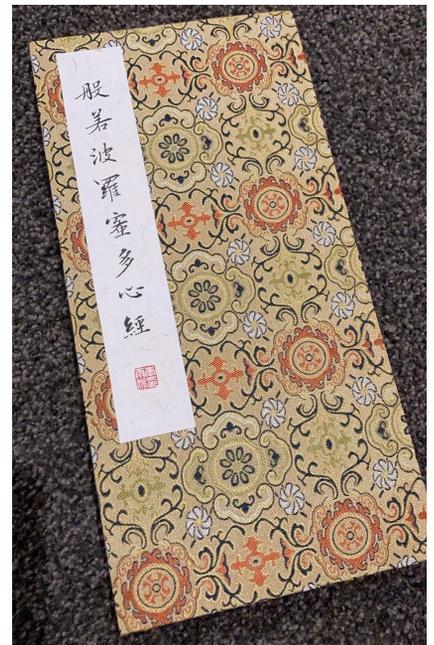
Yu Ting Li

A Moonlit Night on the Spring River
《春江花月夜》

Ink on Watercolour Paper
310x150mm
Price: \$700

24.

Yu Ting Li
The Heart Sutra
《波若波罗蜜多心经》
Ink on Chinese Batik Paper
1280x300mm
Price: \$650



Sample Characters



25.



Jing Liu

The Heart Sutra

《波若波罗蜜多心经》

Ink on Chinese Rice Paper

1100x220mm

Price: \$600



26.

Yu Ting Li

The Heart Sutra



《波若波罗蜜多心经》

Ink on Chinese Gold Paper

1850x200mm

Price: \$650

27.



Yong Ming Liu

Green Mountains After New Rain

《青山新雨后》

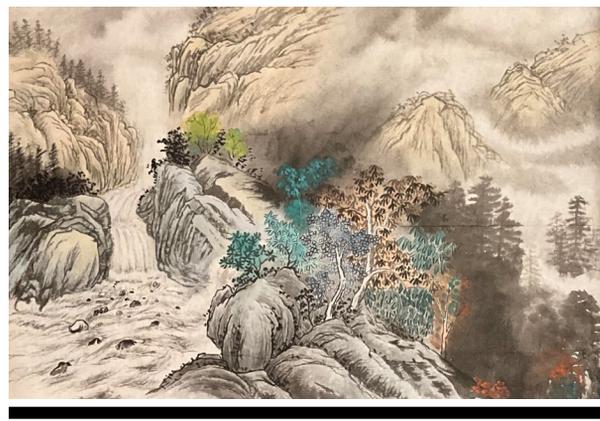
Watercolour on Chinese

Rice Paper

670x450mm

Price \$950

28.



Yong Ming Liu

Surging Clouds and Unbroken

Mountain Range

《连山云涛》

Watercolour on Chinese Rice Paper

430x670mm

Price: \$950

Artists' Biographical Notes

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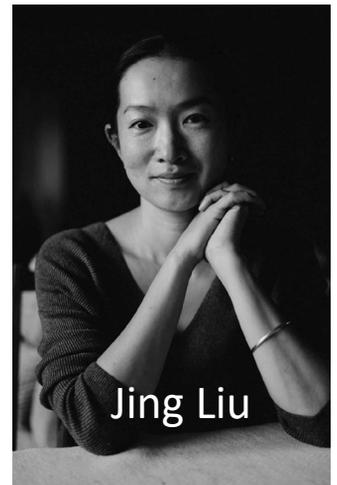


Yu Ting Li

Yu Ting Li, who lives and works in Auckland, has been, for over twenty years, a professional calligraphy artist. Her clients include; Balenciaga, Tiffany & Co., Prada, Burberry and Auckland Transport. As a calligraphy master and designer, she also holds classes for students who wish to perfect their own artistry. Originally from Beijing, she has a Bachelor of Arts in Advertising from the *Communication University of China* and a Master of Arts in Cultural and Creative Industries from *King's College London*.

YOUTUBE: www.youtube.com/channel/UCrn5EKzvZ7uSmHJP27bciNQ

Jing Liu is a self-taught artist who primarily likes sketching using the elaborate style of the traditional Chinese watercolour painting. In particular she enjoys using lines, shapes, colours, light and shadow to create an illusion of feelings and emotions for her audience. She also enjoys experimenting with different drawing ideas, such as combining sketching and Chinese watercolour while working on both sides of rice papers to create a subtle and interesting visual look. She is an established artist at the *Welcome Swallow Gallery*.



Jing Liu

FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/thewelcomeswallow/



Yong Ming Liu

Based in China, **Yong Ming Liu** is a self-taught artist. He is the father of Jing Liu. Yong Ming has a passion for the elaborate style of landscape watercolour painting that is a Chinese tradition. He is also fond of Chinese calligraphy. All the calligraphy on his artworks are written by him. His scroll paintings from the first Chinese exhibition held by the *Welcome Swallow Gallery*, received wide critical acclaim. His work was sold to New Zealand collectors as well as attracting European buyers of Chinese art. All of his exhibition paintings were sold.

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