

Chen Wei (°1980, Zhejiang Province, China). Currently lives and works in Beijing, China. With photography as well as installation; oftently constructed in the artist's studio, Chen Wei illustrates an intricate imagination fascinated with the eccentric and fanciful pursuits of early science, mathematics, alchemy, philosophers and madmen. Taxidermy, broken mirrors, melted wax, bats, bees, deserted bedrooms, and found objects become the artist's tableau. With a meticulous attention to details, Chen Wei creates mesmerizing scenes that leave the viewer puzzled by their intricate narrative, fantastic visual impact and odd beauty. Chen Wei's creative and contemplative process consists of searching for and compiling myriad fragments of personal memories, and incorporating inspiration and objects from childhood or fantasies imagined juxtaposed with realities found in modern China. The spirit and style of Chen Wei's photography works also point towards a new generation of emerging Chinese artists born in the 1980's who are less focused on political history or obvious social criticisms than personal and intellectual freedoms and the individual's place in a now modern and developed China.

Selected Group Exhibitions

Chinese Spring #3 , Stieglitz19, Antwerp 2018
 Witness: Chen Wei, Cui Jie, Hao Jingban & Zhang Ruyi , Pilar Corrias Gallery, London 2018
 Online Only Summer Show - Psychoceanography , Galerie Rüdiger Schöttle 2017
 Simultaneous Eidos,"Guangzhou Image Triennial 2017, Guangdong Museum of Art, Guangzhou, China 2017
 After Party: Collective Dance and Individual Gymnastics,"Blindspot Gallery, Wong Chuk Hang, Hong Kong 2017

Selected Solo Exhibitions

Chen Wei: Falling Light , Galerie Rüdiger Schöttle, Munich, Germany 2018
 Chen Wei: Fresh Dewdrop , Ota Fine Arts, Singapore 2018
 Chen Wei: Fresh Dewdrop , Ota Fine Arts, Tokyo, Japan 2017
 Night Paris , Ota Fine Arts, Tokyo, Japan 2015
 Chen Wei - Yesterday Shop , Galerie Rüdiger Schöttle, Munich, Germany 2015
 Chaotic Sentences , Stieglitz19, Antwerp, Belgium 2015
 Noon Insomnia, Ota Fine Arts, Singapore 2015
 In The Waves, chi K11 Art Museum, Shanghai, China 2015
 Yesterday Shop, Galerie Rüdiger Schöttle, Munich, Germany 2015
 The Stars in the Night Sky are Innumerable, Australia China Art Foundation, Sydney, Australia 2014
 Slumber Song, Ben Brown Fine Arts, London, UK 2014
 CHEN WEI, Gallery EXIT, Hong Kong 2014
 CHEN WEI, Leo Xu Projects, Art Basel, Hong Kong 2013
 More, Leo Xu Projects, Shanghai, China 2012
 Rain in Some Areas, Galerie Rüdiger Schöttle, Munich, Germany 2012
 Tight Rope, Yokohama CreativeCity Center (YCC), Yokohama, Japan 2011
 The Vase Fell To The Floor And Broke Into Fragment, SHcontemporary 11, Shanghai 2011
 The Augur's Game, Galleria Glance, Turin, Italy 2011
 Chen Wei: photography2006-2009, Full Art, Sevilla, Spain 2010
 House of Recovery, Platform China, LISTE 15, Basel, Switzerland 2010
 Chen Wei's Photography Works From 2007-2009, m97 Gallery, Shanghai, China 2009
 Everyday scenery and props, Gallery EXIT, Hong Kong 2009
 Partial Melancholy, Laboratory Art Beijing, Beijing, China 2009
 The Fabulist's Path, Platform China Contemporary Art Institute, Beijing, China 2008

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Art Basel Hong Kong, Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre, Wan Chai, Hong Kong 2017
 Shanghai Art Fair, Shanghai World Expo Exhibition and Convention Center, Shanghai, China 2016
 Sullivan's Attic, MOUart Art Space, Beijing, China 2016
 The Suggestive Wheel: An Era of Metaphors, Boxes Art Space, Shenzhen, China 2016
 New voices: a dslcollection story, Klein Sun Gallery, New York, NY 2016

We - A Community of Chinese Contemporary Artists, chi K11 Art Museum, Shanghai, China 2016
28°00'N 120°42'E, How Art Museum, Wenzhou, China 2015
The System of Objects, Mingsheng Art Museum, Shanghai, China 2015
Cinematheque, chi K11 Art Museum, Shanghai, China 2015
Performance and Imagination: Chinese Photography 1911-2014, Stavanger Art Museum, Stavanger, Norway 2014
Silence: The 1990s, Balice Hertling Gallery, Paris, France 2014
My Generation: Young Chinese Artists, Tampa Museum of Art & Museum of Fine Arts, St. Petersburg, FL 2014
28 Chinese, Rubell Family Collection/Contemporary Arts Foundation, Miami 2013
Degeneration, OCAT Shanghai, Shanghai, China 2013
Reading, Leo Xu Projects, Shanghai, China 2013
Shanghai Surprise: A Group Show on Contemporary Art in Shanghai, chi K11 art space, Shanghai, China 2013
ON | OFF: China's Young Artists in Concept and Practice, Ullens Center for Contemporary Art, Beijing, China 2013
Daily of Concept, A Practice of Life, The Fifth Shanghai Duolun Youth Art Exhibition, Shanghai Duolun Museum of Modern Art, Shanghai, China 2012
The first 'CAFAM Future' exhibition - Sub-phenomena: Report on the State of Chinese Young Art, CAFA Art Museum, Beijing, China 2012
Rising Dragon: Contemporary Chinese Photography, Katonah Museum of Art, New York, NY; Krannert Art Museum, Champaign, IL; San Jose Museum of Art, San Jose, CA 2012
In The Heat of The Sun, Gallery Hyundai, Seoul, South Korea 2011
Sweet Dreams (Are Made of This), Leo Xu Projects, Shanghai, China 2011
One Man Theater, He Xiangning Art Museum, Shenzhen, China 2011
Catch The Moon In The Water, James Cohan Gallery, New York, NY 2011
Red, 10 Chancery Lane Gallery, Central, Hong Kong 2011
In a Perfect World, Meulensteen Gallery, New York, NY 2011
Parts and Whole, Hiromi Yoshii, Tokyo, Japan 2011
Alex: A Tribute to Alexander McQueen, James Cohan Gallery, Shanghai, China 2010
MARK FLOOD, AGATHE SNOW and CHEN WEI: Group Show, Galerie Rüdiger Schöttle, Munich, Germany 2010
Reflection of Mind - MoCA Shanghai Envisage III, Museum of Contemporary Art, Shanghai, China 2010
TORA! TORA! TORA!: Photography Exhibition, Beijing Caochangdi Photo Spring, Beijing, China 2010

Soldier Crab, Li-Space, Beijing, China 2010
Jungle: A Close-Up Focus on Chinese Contemporary Art Trends, Platform China Contemporary Art Institute, Beijing, China 2010
Seoul International Photography Festival 2009, Seoul, South Korea 2009
Santa's Workshop Shanghai, James Cohan Gallery, Shanghai, China 2009
China E-flux 'PAWNSHOP', The Shop, Beijing, China 2009
YiPai - Century Thinking: A Contemporary Art Exhibition, Today Art Museum, Beijing, China 2009
Blackboard, ShanghART H-Space, Shanghai, China 2009
The 3th Guangzhou Photo Biennial, Guangdong Museum of Art, Guangzhou, China 2009
China Now - The Edge of Desire, Max Lang Gallery, New York, NY 2009
New Work from China - Painting, Photography & Video, Fortune Cookie Projects Singapore, HTContemporary Space, Singapore 2009
Exquisite Corpse: China Surreal, M97 Gallery, Shanghai, China 2008
Mediations Biennale 2008, Poznan, Poland 2008
Deep Pond and Float Chamber, Nanjing Qinghe Current Art Center, Nanjing, China 2008
China Pingyao International Photography Festival 2008, Pingyao, China 2008
Night on Earth - Spatial Constructions and Time based Collisions, Museum of Contemporary Art, Shanghai, China 2008
Amateur World: A Contemporary Art Exhibition, Platform China Contemporary Art Institute, Beijing, China 2007
Refresh: Emerging Chinese Artists, Arario Gallery, Beijing; Zendai Museum of Modern Art, Shanghai, China 2007
Unpredictable: New Photography from China, Morono Kiang Gallery, Los Angeles, CA 2007
Against the Wall: Contemporary Chinese Artists, Corkin Gallery, Toronto, Canada 2007
On View: Selections from China, Fortune Cookie Projects, Paul Morris Gallery, New York, NY 2007
Shouting Truth: A Contemporary Art Exhibition, Platform China Contemporary Art Institute, Beijing, China 2007
The 4th Seoul International Media Art Biennale, Seoul Museum of Art, Seoul, South Korea 2006
Poetic Reality: A Reinterpretation of Jiangnan, RCM Art Museum, Nanjing, China 2006
Restless: Photography and New Media, Museum of Contemporary Art, Shanghai, China 2006
GIFTS: Contemporary Art Exhibition, H.N.U. Art Museum, Hangzhou, China 2005
Four Seasons: Sound Performance, BizArt Art Center, Shanghai; Cubic Art Center, Beijing, China 2005
White Tower Mountain, Contemporary Art Exhibition, Baitaling, Hangzhou, China 2003