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Born in 1977 in Suide, in Shaanxi province of Northern China, Liu Jiu Tong graduated from the Art Institute of Xi'an and continued his studies in Beijing. Being brought up in the rugged highlands of Northwestern China with majestic mountains and vast fields of wilderness have imbued Liu Jiu Tong's oil painting with a heroic spirit of grandeur. Interplaying the abstract and the figurative, Liu Jiu Tong's inclination towards abstractism and his mastery of the art form is evident with his unrestrained landscapes are inspired by renowned Chinese poets of the Warring States and Tang Dynasty.

Striking a perfect equilibrium between western painting style and oriental composition, Liu has successfully infused the aesthetic standard and application of the east and the west, the old and the new into his works. Through Liu's artistic vision, he has harnessed the essence of traditional China and projected its timeless beauty through western expression as his paintings lead the viewers into an enchanting journey of exploration and contemplation.

Through the raw textures, dynamic colour palette and uninhabited brushstrokes that gracefully balance between the delicate lines and bold swashes, Liu creates a visual poetry in motion of undulating mountains, meandering rivers, of the ethereal heaven above and the solidity of the earth below, all elements that encapsulate the lasting and untamed beauty of nature. Inspired by his travels, old charming buildings of Shanghai and peaceful villages appear in his artworks, serenading with a nostalgic melody of longing and yearning of a bygone time. These aesthetic paintings are unified by elements of duality; exquisite yet simple, concrete and abstract, exploring a new form of art that is all Liu Jiu Tong.

Liu Jiu Tong's artworks have been exhibited in many prestigious international shows, such as the International Contemporary Art Exhibition of Paris and the 9th Contemporary Art Exhibition in Milano. His painting "Distant Traveller" was nominated for the 7th International Price Arte Laguna in Venice, Italy. His works are in prominent collections in the region.



Dream in the Wind, 2016
Oil on canvas
130 x 160 cm - 51.2 x 63 in.



Where Water Meets the Sky, 2013
Oil on canvas
140 x 140 cm - 55.1 x 55.1 in.



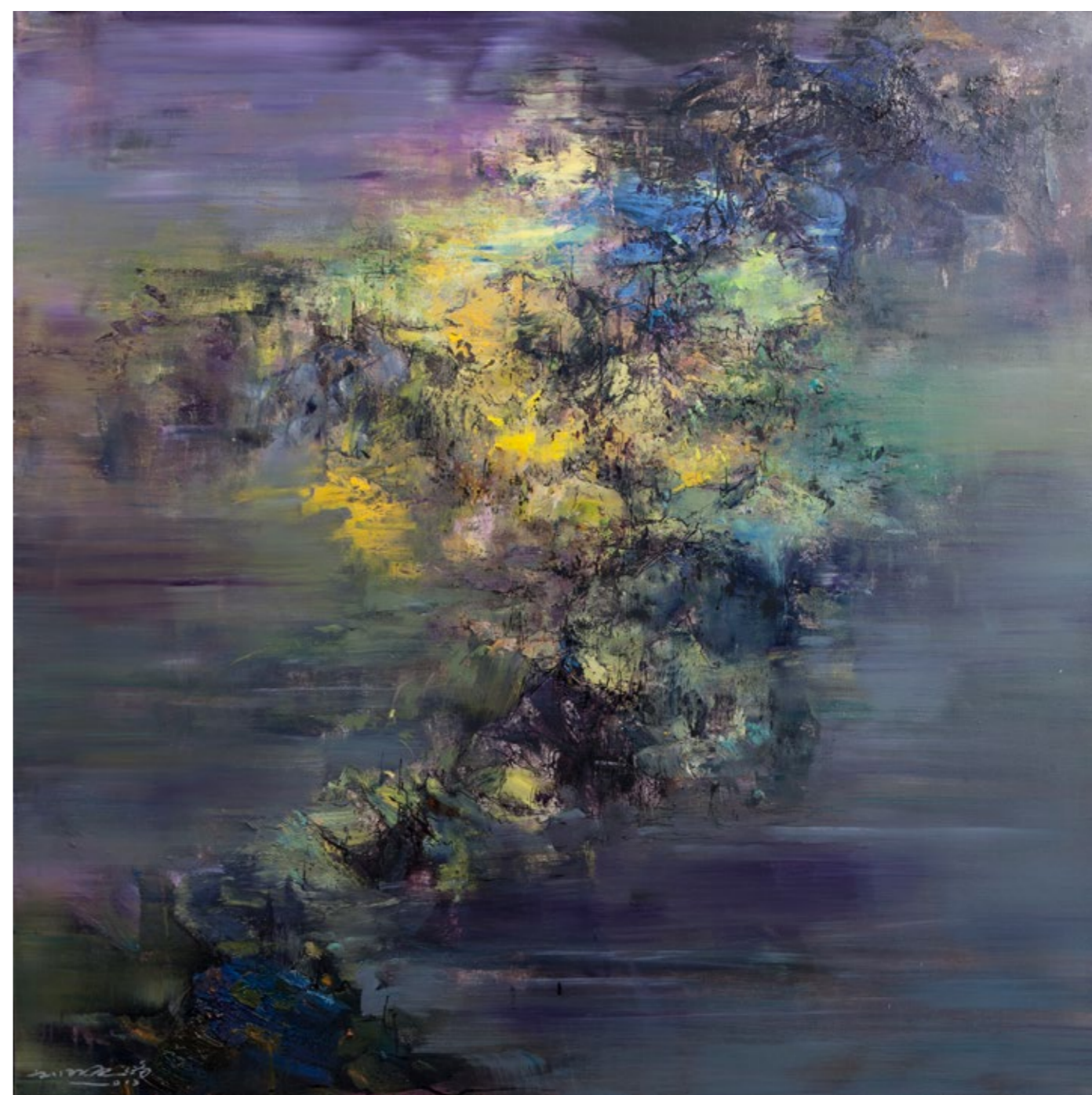
Watching the River, 2012
Oil on canvas
140 x 140 cm - 55.1 x 55.1 in.



Dreaming of the Mountains, 2013
Oil on canvas
120 x 120 cm - 47.2 x 47.2 in.



Order from Chaos, 2010
Oil on canvas
140 x 140 cm - 55.1 x 55.1 in.



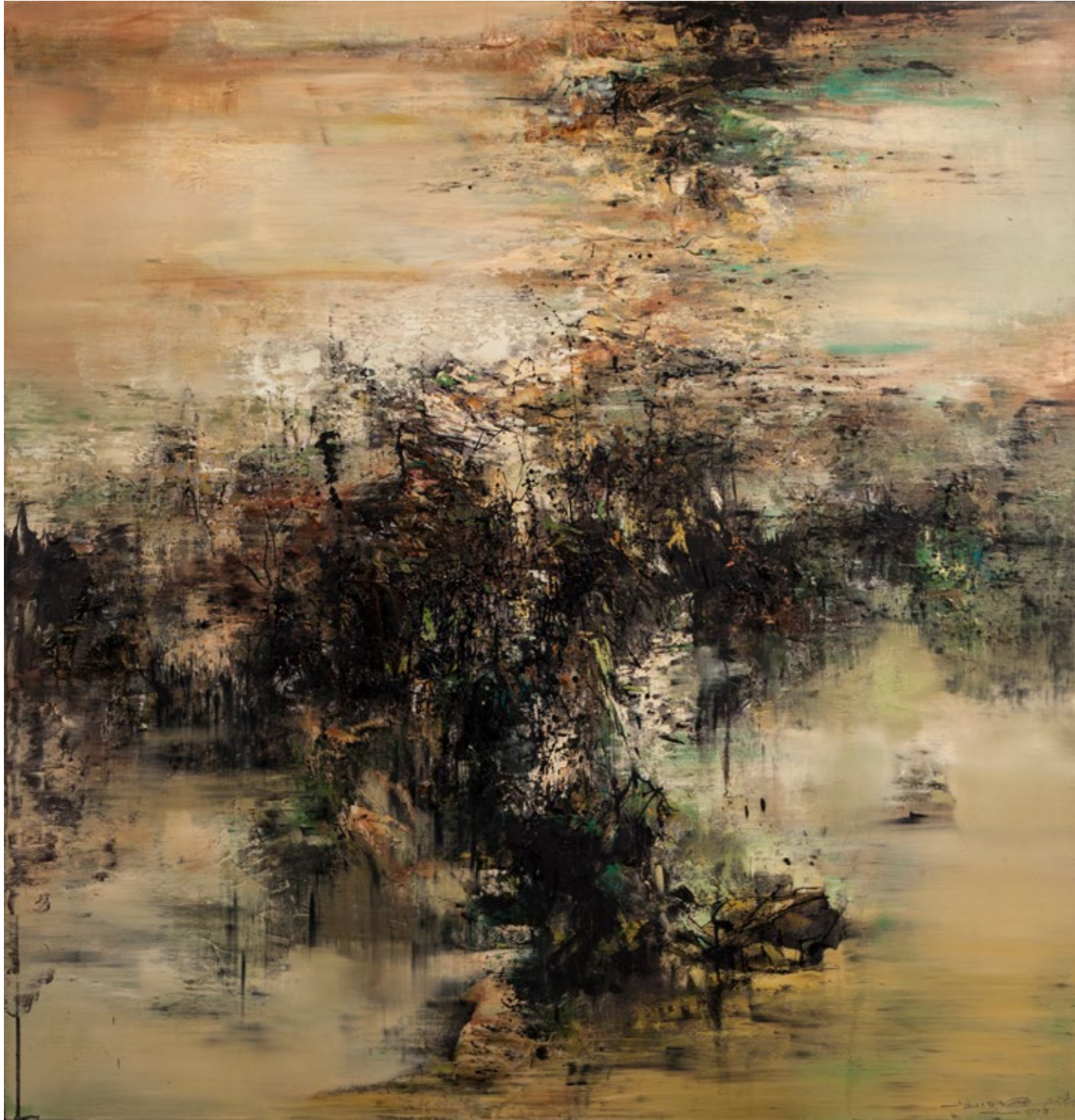
Grand Wilderness, 2013
Oil on canvas
140 x 140 cm - 55.1 x 55.1 in.



Green Peaks on the River, 2014
Oil on canvas
Diptych: 110 x 220 cm - 43.3 x 86.6 in.



Idyllic, 2014
Oil on canvas
100 x 120 cm - 39.4 x 47.2 in.



Not by Chance, 2010
Oil on canvas
145 x 140 cm - 57.1 x 55.1 in.



Observer, 2013
Oil on canvas
140 x 140 cm - 55.1 x 55.1 in.

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AWARDS

Nominated for the 7th International Prize Arte Laguna for Distant Traveller, Venice, Italy

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

- 2016** Art Stage, Singapore
- 2015** Art revolution, Taipei, Taiwan
Solo Show, Galleria d'Arte III Millenio, Venice, Italy
- 2014** Art Taipei, Taipei, Taiwan
Art Kaohsiung, Solo Show, GP DEVA Frontier Art & X, Power Gallery, Los Angeles, USA
- 2013** Paris International Contemporary Exhibition, Paris, France
Contemporary Step 09 Fine Art Exhibition, Milan, Italy
National Art Museum of China, Beijing, China
Great Tang Dynasty West Market Museum, Xi'an, China
Art Revolution, Taipei, Taiwan
Kelti Art Festival, Taipei, Taiwan
- 2012** Solo Show "Inspiration of the Land", Kelti Cultural Foundation, Taipei, Taiwan
Zhou Xiwei & Liu Jiu Tong, Osti Art Gallery, Taipei, Taiwan
The Exhibition of Evolution of Chinese Contemporary Art, Taipei, Taiwan
VIP Room at Art Taipei 2012, Taipei, Taiwan
- 2011** Kelti Cultural Foundation, Taipei, Taiwan
Art Revolution, Taipei, Taiwan
- 2010** Blur, Gallery on Old Bailey, Hong Kong, China
Solo Show, Kuo Mu Sheng Art Center, Taipei, Taiwan
- 2009** Giant Orient Contemporary Oil Painting, 60th National Day of Peoples' Republic of China, Shanghai, China
- 2008** Contemporary Artists Workshop, Beijing, China
- 2007** Shanghai - Hong Kong Exchange Exhibition, China
Solo Show at Dingsheng Art Gallery, China
- 2006** Shanghai Art Fair, Shanghai, China
- 2005** Solo Show, Yizhi Art Gallery, Hong Kong



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