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Education

2006 BA, Communication University of China, Beijing, China

Selected Solo Exhibitions

(* indicates a publication)

- 2025 *Teenager*, Kunsthalle Wien, Vienna, Austria
- 2023 *From Leaves to Shields*, David Kordansky Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2021 *Wake Up in a House Called Season*, Kraupa-Tuskany Zeidler, Berlin, Germany
- 2020 *8 stories*, Antenna Space, Shanghai, China
- 2019 *Products Farming*, Bonner Kunstverein, Bonn, Germany
Fiction Archive Project, curated by Wassan Al-Khudhairi with Misa Jeffereis, Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis, St. Louis, MO
- 2018 *Individuality has completely vanished, only traces become memories that linger in the recesses of consciousness*, Kunsthalle Winterthur, Winterthur, Switzerland
- 2017 *Living Sci-Fi, under the red stars*, Kraupa-Tuskany Zeidler, Berlin, Germany
- 2016 *Elastic Sleep*, chi K11 art Museum, Shanghai, China
Flattened Metal, Institute of Contemporary Arts, London, England
Weather Forecast, Jeu de Paume, Paris, France; CAPC musée d'art contemporain de Bordeaux, France
- 2015 *Basic Logic*, Antenna Space, Shanghai, China
Artists' Film Club: Breaking Joints: Part 1, Institute of Contemporary Arts, London, England
- 2014 *Something Happened Like Never Happened*, Kraupa-Tuskany Zeidler, Berlin, Germany
Something Always Happens Keeps Happening, Art Berlin Contemporary, Berlin, Germany
- 2013 *Survivors' Hunting*, Magician Space, Beijing, China

Selected Group Exhibitions

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- 2026 *Affirmation Room*, Mendes Wood DM, New York, NY
each thing is itself in not being itself, and is not itself in being itself, Emanuel Layr, Vienna, Austria
- 2025 *Shape of Spirituality: Special Exhibition for the Year of the Snake*, Long Museum West Bund, Shanghai, China
Second Body, curated by Molly Everett, David Kordansky Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
LICHTAUS LICHTAN (Light from Light), Stiftung St. Matthaeus, Berlin, Germany
Stay Connected: Art and China Since 2008, Tai Kwun, Hong Kong
One stone is always hidden from view, Hermit Space, Beijing, China
Reunion, Hong Kong Chai Wan Industrial Building, Hong Kong
- 2024 *Keep See, Keep Seeing*, G Museum, Nanjing, China
Laozi's Furnace, White Rabbit Gallery, Chippendale, Australia
Chapter II: The Color of Energy, Salzburger Kunstverein, Salzburg, Austria
Chapter I: The Color of Energy, VCT Statement, Vienna Contemporary, Vienna, Austria
Fictional Syntheses, Kraupa-Tuskany Zeidler, Berlin, Germany
Antenna-Tenna: Project Space, Antenna Space, Shanghai, China
Screening Project I: Spring Chamber, START Museum, Shanghai, China
- 2023 *Dust Piles Us Up*, Suhe Haus x Longlati Foundation, Suhe Haus, Shanghai, China
**After Laughter Comes Tears*, Mudam Contemporary Art Museum of Luxembourg, Luxembourg
Horizons: Is there anybody out there?, Antenna Space, Shanghai, China
Supersublime, GIANT, Bournemouth, England
**20*, David Kordansky Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
Atlas of Affinities: Vol. 2, Scores for Movement, HUA International, Beijing, China
On the Value of Time: New Presentation of the Collection of Contemporary Art, curated by Barbara Engelbach, Museum Ludwig, Cologne, Germany
- 2022 *Moving in Stereo: Highlights from the Mercedes-Benz Art Collection*, Mercedes-Benz Museum, Stuttgart, Germany
**Post-Capital: Art and the Economics of the Digital Age*, Kunsthall Charlottenborg, Copenhagen, Denmark
Cloud Walkers, Leeum Museum of Art, Seoul, South Korea
I'm stepping high, I'm drifting, and there I go leaping, curated by Weng Xiaoyu, Xiao Museum of Contemporary Art, Rizhao, China
Summer of LOVELOVELOVE, U2 by UCCA Center for Contemporary Art, Beijing, China
My Reflection of You, The Perimeter, London, England
ON | OFF 2021: Carousel of Progress, curated by Sun Dongdong, He Art Museum, Shunde, Guangdong, China
- 2021 *Though It's Dark, Still I Sing*, 34th Bienal de São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil
The Dreamers, 58th October Salon, Belgrade Biennale, curated by Ilaria Marotta and Andrea Baccin, Museum of Yugoslavia, Serbia
**Post-Capital: Art and the Economics of the Digital Age*, curated by Michelle Cotton, Grand Duke Jean Museum of Modern Art, Luxembourg City, Luxembourg
Planet Time, 69° Art Campus, Beijing, China
No Thing Is Waiting, Zabudowicz Collection, London, England
K60, Hallen #2, Berlin, Germany
- 2020 *X Museum Triennial 1st Edition: How Do We Begin?*, X Museum, Beijing, China
KölnSkulptur #10: ÜberNatur—Natural Takeover, Skulpturenpark Köln, Cologne, Germany

Metamorphosis Overdrive, Kunstmuseum St. Gallen, St. Gallen, Switzerland

The Yebisu International Festival for Art & Alternative Visions 2020: The Imagination of Time, Tokyo Photographic Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan

- 2019 *Long Day*, Aranya Art Centre, Qin Huang Island, China
Better Than Tomorrow, The 6th Anyang Public Art Project: *Symbiotic City*, Anyang, Korea
hybrlD, Kunsthhaus Hamburg, Hamburg, Germany
While I Kiss The Sky, Gabriele Senn Galerie, Vienna, Austria
**Sound On The 4th Floor*, Daimler Contemporary, Tiergarten, Berlin, Germany
On Repeat, Grundy Art Gallery, Blackpool, England
Honolulu Biennial 2019: To Make Wrong / Right / Now, University of Hawaii, John Young Museum of Art, Honolulu, HI
**Producing Futures—An Exhibition on Post-Cyber-Feminisms*, Migros Museum für Gegenwartskunst, Zurich, Switzerland
- 2018 **The Culture Collider: Post-Exotic Art*, Manggha Museum of Japanese Art, Krakow, Poland
Here We Meet –Münchhausen Trilemma and Rest, co-produced by KADIST, The Galaxy Museum of Contemporary Art, Chongqing, China
**Saudade, China & Portugal: Contemporary Art*, Museu Coleção Berardo, Lisbon, Portugal
Transcendental Empathy, Antenna Space, Shanghai, China
**Saudade: Unmemorable Place in Time*, curated by Yuko Hasegawa, Fosun Foundation Shanghai, Shanghai, China
NOW: A dialogue on female Chinese contemporary artists, Golden Thread Gallery, Belfast, United Kingdom
Paradise, Westport Arts Center, Westport, CT
Ascending from the Liquid Horizon, Le Lieu Unique, Nantes, France
- 2017 *Like a Moth to a Flame*, Fondazione Sandretto Re Rebaudengo, Turin, Italy and OGR—Officine Grandi Riparazioni, Turin, Italy
The Vague Space, Weserburg Museum of Modern Art, Bremen, Germany
**Future Eaters*, Monash University Museum of Art, Caulfield East, Australia
Hybrid Layers, Center for Art and Media (ZKM), Karlsruhe, Germany
**Viva Arte Viva*, 57th Venice Biennale, Venice, Italy
**Boros Collection / Bunker #3*, Berlin, Germany
Nautilus, Marsèlleria, curated by Zoë De Luca, Milan, Italy
Mutations, The High Line, New York, NY
**Jaguars and Electric Eels*, Julia Stoschek Collection, Berlin, Germany
A Temporary Futures Institute, M HKA Museum of Contemporary Art, Antwerp, Belgium
- 2016 *Everybody has a plan until they get punched in the face, Part II*, curated by Christian Ganzenberg and Simon Elson, Galerie Klemm's, Berlin, Germany
She, Long Museum (West Bund), Shanghai, China
H Y P E R C O N N E C T E D, Moscow Museum of Modern Art, Moscow, Russia
The Present in Drag, 9th Berlin Biennale, Berlin, Germany
This Future of Ours, Red Brick Art Museum, Beijing, China
Kaleidoscope: A Moment of Grace, Modern Art Oxford 50th Anniversary Programme, Oxford, England
**Emotional Supply Chain*, Zabłudowicz Collection, London, England
GLOBALE: New Sensorium, ZKM, Karlsruhe, Germany
We—A Community of Chinese Contemporary Artists, chi K11 art museum, Shanghai, China
TUTORIALS—Moving images and instructions for use from China, Museo Pino Pascali, Polignano, Italy
A Moment of Grace, Modern Art Oxford, Oxford, England
Emotional Supply Chains, Zabłudowicz Collection, London, England
- 2015 *Inter-Subjectivity*, 2015 Huayu Youth Award, Sanya, China
Hugo Boss Asia Art Award for Emerging Asian Artists 2015, Rockbund Art Museum, Shanghai, China
La vie moderne, Biennale de Lyon, Lyon, France
From a Poem to the Sunset, Daimler Contemporary, Berlin, Germany

*2015 Triennial: Surround Audience, New Museum, New York, NY
*Rare Earth, Thyssen-Bornemisza Art Contemporary, Vienna, Austria

- 2014 *Nihilistic Belief*, Antenna Space, Shanghai, China
 Die 8 der Wege—Kunst in Beijing, Uferhallen, Berlin, Germany
 Performance and Imaginations: Photography from China 1911-2014, Museum Stavanger, Stavanger, Norway
 Degeneration, curated by Mariagrazia Costantino, Australia China Art Foundation (ACAF) Art Terminal T1 Creative Space, Sydney, Australia
 **Don't You Know Who I Am? Art After Identity Politics*, M HKA Museum of Contemporary Art, Antwerp, Belgium
- 2013 *Degeneration*, curated by Mariagrazia Costantino, OCT Contemporary Art Terminal Shanghai, Shanghai, China
 Difference Engine, Magician Space, Beijing, China
 Antenna Space Shanghai Opening Exhibition, Shanghai, China
 AMNUA Drawing Show Series—*Drawing, Expression, and Limit*, Art Museum of Nanjing, University of the Arts, Nanjing, China
 Video Unchained, Aike-Dell'Arco, Shanghai, China
- 2012 *Sunset Vacuum Plug*, Taikang Space, Beijing, China
 **Accidental Message—Art is not a system, not a world*, OCAT, Shenzhen, China
 Blind Spots, Gallery Yang, Beijing, China
- 2011 *Gallery Hotel Art Project*, Gallery Hotel, Beijing, China
 +*Follow*, MoCA Shanghai, Shanghai, China
- 2010 *Get It Louder*, Sanlitun SOHO, Beijing, China
 Will You Miss Me When I Burn?, C-Space, Beijing, China
 Mummery, Art Channel, Beijing, China
 TORA TORA TORA: Chinese Cutting-Edge Photography Exhibition, Caochangdi PhotoSpring, Beijing, China
- 2008 **China Design Now*, V&A Museum, London, England
 Self-Experience—Young Artists Group Show, Platform China Contemporary Art Institute Space A, Beijing, China
- 2007 *SWEN China—Chile*, Segment Space, Beijing, China
 FLOATING—New Generation of Art in China, National Museum of Contemporary Art Korea, Seoul, Korea
 Infantilization, Shanghai Art Museum, Shanghai, China

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- 2022 **Prime: Art's Next Generation*, New York: Phaidon, 2022
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- 2021 **34th Bienal de São Paulo – Though It's Dark, Still I Sing*, São Paulo: Fundação Bienal de São Paulo, 2021
**KölnSkulptur #10: ÜberNatur - Natural Takeover*, Cologne: Walther König, 2021
**Post-Capital, A Reader*, edited by Michelle Cotton, Luxembourg and Milan: Mudam Luxembourg and Mousse Publishing, 2021
**Art in the Age of Anxiety*, edited by Omar Kholeif, Sharjah and London: Sharjah Art Foundation and Mörel Books, 2021
White, Katie, "Chinese Collector Yan Du on Her Mission to Support the Greater Asian Art Ecosystem, and the Young Artists She's Watching Now," *Artnet.com*, May 20, 2021
Goldstein, Caroline, "'It's a Kind of Meditation': Watch Artist Guan Xiao Break Free of Her Phone—and Find Liberation in the Process," *Artnet.com*, April 29, 2021
"Guan Xiao: Breaking Free," *Art21: Extended Play* (video), April 28, 2021
Theurer, Sarah Johanna, "Guan Xiao in Conversation with Sarah Johanna Theurer," *CURA Magazine #36*, April 16, 2021, pp. 113-130
"DSCENE Exclusive Interview with Artist Guan Xiao," interview by Katarina Djoric, *DesignScene.net*, February 19, 2021
- 2020 **X Museum Triennial 1st Edition: How Do We Begin?*, Beijing: X Museum, 2020
Scheller, Jörg, "Already Made," *Studio Magazine* and *Magazine.studio*, Autumn / Winter 2020
Luan Xiao, "Guan Xiao: Individual Human Forms Have an Abstract Collective Identity," *CFileOnline.org*, November 20, 2020
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- 2019 **Producing Futures: A Book on Post-Cyber-Feminisms*, edited by Heike Munder, Zurich: Migros Museum für Gegenwartskunst, 2019
**Sound on the 4th Floor*, edited by Renate Wiehager, Ebersbach: Daimler AG, 2019
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- 2011 Ambrozy, Lee, "Best of 2011," *Artforum*, December 2011