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Martin Wehmer – Ta Men

Opening Reception: 6 – 8 pm, Wed 17th Sep, 2014

Mr. Nikolaus Graf Lambsdorff, Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Hong Kong will officiate the opening ceremony at 7 pm.

Artist will be in attendance.

Venue: CONTEMPORARY BY ANGELA LI
G/F, 248 Hollywood Road, Sheung Wan, Hong Kong

Exhibition Duration: 17 Sept – 11 Oct 2014

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Contemporary by Angela Li is proud to present Martin Wehmer's solo exhibition – ***Ta Men***, the first solo exhibition of the Beijing-based German artist in Hong Kong. His paintings, in thick oil paint, are snapshots of people in different states of mind and engaged in different daily activities. Wehmer's brushstroke is free and bold on the canvas. He describes his style as "the meaning of a post-abstraction painting... in the field between abstraction and figurism". Although Wehmer's style is abstract, the compositions of his works are often simple and the subject matters in his paintings clearly represented.

Wehmer's works are created by the separation of pure presentation and formal abstraction. He draws on socially relevant goods, which remain connected by his personal desire and point of view. He does not intend to de-materialize art nor to contextualize, to advance today's definition of artistic creation, but consciously welcomes the restrictive properties of the painting. As a result, the painting is a mean to demonstrate his artistic creativity and fetish obsession of the objects.

Martin Wehmer was born in Hattingen, Germany in 1966. He was awarded the Volksbanken art prize in Germany in 1996. He took up art residencies in Edinburgh in 2003 and in Beijing in 2008, organized by the International Exchange & Studio Program Basel (IAAB). He has lived and worked in Beijing since 2008. He was one of the organizers of the Beijing 798 Biennale in 2009. He has taught as a lecturer at the Central Academy of Fine Arts, Tianjin Academy of Fine Arts, and in the CDK project, a joint programme of the University of the Arts, Berlin and the China Academy of Art, Hangzhou, facilitating art exchange programs between China and Germany. His works have been exhibited extensively throughout Europe and China and included in important public and private

collections around the world.

Selected Works in the Exhibition



Card Women, Oil on Canvas, 230 x 170 cm, 2014



Plaster Women, Oil on Canvas, 100 x 70 cm, 2014



Lu Shou Tao, Oil on Canvas, 140 x 100 cm, 2014



Listen, Oil on Canvas, 175 x 115 cm, 2014



Card Lady, Oil on Canvas, 200 x 120 cm, 2014



Shaving Women, Oil on Canvas, 100x70 cm, 2014

About *Contemporary by Angela Li* art gallery

Founded in 2008, **Contemporary by Angela Li** has been dedicated to the promotion of contemporary and avant-garde artists from China and around the world. The gallery has held successful exhibitions for Chen Jiagang, Chen Wenling, Tony Oursler, Shi Jindian, Peter Steinhauer and Nancy Chu Woo, to name but a few. In January 2013, the gallery moved to a bigger space at the trendiest part of Hollywood Road, with 2,000 sq. ft. of newly renovated exhibition space. The gallery shall continue to hold quality exhibitions for local and international audiences.



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Opening Hours : Mon – Sat 10.00 am – 6.30 pm
Sun & Public Holidays Closed