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Li Hongbo – Shadow of Knives

Opening Reception: **Postponed to 6.00 – 8.00 pm, Wed 19th Nov, 2014**
Venue: CONTEMPORARY BY ANGELA LI
G/F, 248 Hollywood Road, Sheung Wan, Hong Kong
Exhibition Duration: **Postponed to 19 Nov – 19 Dec 2014**
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Contemporary by Angela Li is proud to present Li Hongbo's solo exhibition – Shadow of Knives, a brand new series of metal sculpture and installation works by the hot Beijing-based artist.

The initial concept of this metal series came to Li back in 2007, the same time as he developed his extremely successful expandable paper sculptures series, during his studies at Beijing's Central Academy of Fine Arts. "Shadow of Knives" is a warning he gives the society – human beings will eventually destroy themselves because of their gluttony and their abuse of animals.

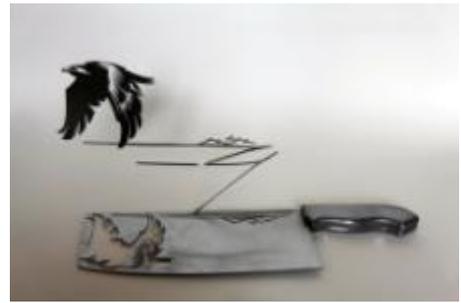
In this series, the metal sculptures are in the shapes of knives with carved out parts. This shape is unique to China and a few Asian countries – those living in these parts of Asia will instantly recognize it as a food chopping knife more widely used by the older generation. Food forms a very special part in Chinese culture - gathering for meals is a way to bond with families and friends, especially during festivals and special occasions. The Chinese are also known for "eating almost everything that moves". Li carved patterns out of his blades. The carved out parts – the shadows - mirror the hollow parts of the knives. They can be manipulated into different shapes and to different directions, echoing his previous expandable paper sculpture series. The cold, hard metal along with the simple, clean lines form a stark contrast to the stories behind and the messages that Li is trying to convey.

Li immediately became one of the most popular young contemporary Chinese artists after he graduated from the Central Academy of Fine Arts with an MFA in Experimental Art. His works have been exhibited extensively around the world, and are included in important public collections such as the Central Academy of Fine Arts Museum, Found Museum, 53 Art Museum in Beijing and the White Rabbit Collection in Sydney.

Selected Works in the Exhibition



Moonlight over the Lotus Pond, Metal, Wood, 30 x 12 x 12 cm



Hawk, Metal, 30 x 12 x 12 cm



Hunting, Metal, 30 x 12 x 12 cm



Hunting (detail), Metal

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