

## **Human Nature – Jacky Tsai Solo Exhibition**

**Opening Reception: 6 – 8 pm, Wed 22 November 2017**

22 November – 18 December 2017  
G/F, 248 Hollywood Road, Sheung Wan, Hong Kong



*The Artificial Intelligence*  
Blue and White Porcelain, 90 cm x 90 cm, 2017

[Hong Kong, Oct 2017] Contemporary by Angela Li is proud to present *Human Nature*, solo exhibition of London-based Chinese pop artist Jacky Tsai. The exhibition encompasses his latest works in a diverse range of media, including traditional Chinese lacquer woodcarving, traditional Suzhou embroidery, porcelain, acrylic on canvases and screen prints.

Fusing together elements such as classical Chinese motifs, characters from old Chinese folk tales or Western comics, Tsai deploys aesthetically pleasing and fun imageries to present contemporary subject matters, which are often major current topics and social issues affecting contemporary societies today. By making his works in pop art style using techniques such as traditional Chinese lacquer carvings, traditional Suzhou embroidery, porcelain and hand-crafted screen prints, the artist shows his deep enthusiasm towards Chinese artistry, which

is not merely confined in his subject matters, but is also shown by his aspirations to preserve these centuries-old, meticulous Chinese craftsmanship which would otherwise disappear.

Tsai's East-meet-West works closely correlate to his own conflicting self-identity since he moved to London and studied at Central Saint Martins in his early 20's. He constantly pushes cultural boundaries and subverts viewers' expectations with novelty, engaging viewers on different levels and presenting them with sociopolitical issues from an alternative perspective.

### **About the Artist**

**Jacky Tsai** (b. 1984, Shanghai, China) graduated from the China Academy of Art, Hangzhou in 2006, and obtained a postgraduate degree from Central St. Martins, London in 2008. Tsai's works investigate the place of cultural heritage in contemporary society, and has become the leading Chinese contemporary pop artist. He is best known as the creator of the iconic floral skull for the late British fashion designer Alexander McQueen, and has also collaborated with brands such as Shanghai Tang, Lane Crawford and Genting Cruise.

Tsai has held exhibitions worldwide, including: "*Future Past II*" (Hong Kong, 2016), "*Culture Clash*" (New York, 2016), "*Harmonious Society*" (London, 2016), "*Future Past*" (London, 2015), "*East West*" (Hong Kong, 2015) and "*Eastern Orbit*" (London, 2014). The artist currently lives and works in London, UK.

Selected works in the exhibition



*Pink Fortune Tree*  
Lacquer carving and Gold Leaf on Wood Panel  
107 cm x 180 cm, 2017



*Shanghai Tang Cafe*  
Embroidery on Silk Satin  
50 cm x 150 cm, 2017



*The Pole Dancer*  
Lacquer carving, and Gold & Silver Leaf on Wood Panel  
130 cm x 130 cm, 2017



*The Hyperreal Embrace*  
Acrylic on Canvas  
D 130 cm, 2017



*Long Live Socialism*  
Acrylic and Silver Leaf on Canvas  
130 cm x 130 cm, 2016



*The Majestic Queen – Star Version*  
Screen Printing and Laser Cutting on plywood  
100 cm x 100 cm, 2017

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Gallery Exterior, Contemporary by Angela Li  
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