

WANG Jianwei: Treading in Sludge

Artist	Wang Jianwei
Opening	November 7, 2022 16:00 – 19:00
Exhibition Period	November 7 – December 30, 2022
Venue	MadeIn Gallery, No.1, -1F Sunken Garden, Lane 9 Qufu Road, Jing'an District, Shanghai

MadeIn Gallery is excited to present artist Wang Jianwei's solo exhibition "Treading in Sludge" on November 7, 2022. Curated by Lu Xinghua, the exhibition features sixteen paintings, installations, and sculptures that reflect the artist's aesthetics on the Anthropocene.

As a barrel of fine wine aged for four decades in the vineyard of Chinese contemporary art, Wang has traversed every evolutionary stage of this art world under various climate conditions and borne the brunt of its major events. He has achieved symbiosis with it on a large scale and woven an intricate network of art activists. Nevertheless, he is still placing bets, still morphing despite perils, still deterritorializing and reterritorializing, outstripping us at every turn. Like a fungus he lives, thinks, and creates, constantly cornering himself within limits, sustaining volatile reassemblies with courtly elegance, and willingly landing himself in disputes. Through art he braces us for and gives us a prior taste of what will surely be our common, insecure life, and leads us to thrive and shine in the storms of the Anthropocene.

About Wang Jianwei

Wang Jianwei (b.1958, Sichuan Province, China) lives and works in Beijing. Since the 1990s, he has been researching the influence of multiple sciences and interdisciplinary knowledge on contemporary art. Well-versed in philosophy, he draws from mathematics, data-collection methods, scientific experimentation, and neurology to develop a new language for art and to practice a cross-sector methodology. Such a vision illuminates his creations spanning new media, film, performance, painting, sculpture, and installation.

Wang Jianwei has participated in major film and theater festivals, exhibitions, and academic events around the world. He was the FCA (Foundation for Contemporary Art) Grant Recipient in 2008.

About Lu Xinghua

Lu Xinghua is a philosopher and scholar of contemporary art.