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Wei Kang: Metropolitan Mystiques



Wei Kang, *Metropolitan Mystiques O27*, 2010, oil on canvas, 4” x 7”

Press Preview: Thursday April 14, 2011, 2 pm
Opening Reception: Saturday April 16, 2011 2 – 5 pm
Exhibition Dates: April 16 – May 10, 2011

Crossing Art is pleased to present *Wei Kang: Metropolitan Mystiques*, the second solo exhibition of Shanghai based artist Wei Kang at Crossing Art Gallery. The exhibition includes Wei Kang’s new paintings of urban landscapes inspired by his native Shanghai and extensive travels to international cities over the past two years.

Wei Kang grew up in Shanghai and spent years commuting between the city’s new and old developments watching a dramatic urban change take place. As a result he has come to deeply understand the secrets of Shanghai by witnessing the changes it has undergone. Inspired by his deep and intimate connections with the city, life and energy of Shanghai, Wei Kang set off to check the pulse of other major cities in China and around the world, with paint, brush and canvas in hand.

Wei Kang expresses his passion for the urban environment by collaging together different characteristics from the cities he visits and rendering the city he envisions on small canvases. To Wei Kang, the city is a duality between the horizontal and vertical movement of lines. He believes that color is the most important element in a painting taking precedence over structure and composition. Through his use of a brighter palate, Wei Kang projects his passion and raw mixed emotions for the cities he paints.

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