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GERMINATORS

Essay by Eric C. Shiner

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On View from July 2, 2008

Opening reception on July 10, 2008, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

ChinaSquare Gallery New York is pleased to present Germinators, a group featuring Cao Jingping 曹静萍, Chen Wei 陈蔚, Li Jikai 李继开, Liao Yibai 廖一百, Ma'chunfu 马君辅, Qu Jieheng 曲界衡, Unmask, Wang Haiyang 王海洋, Wang Tiantian 王田田, Wang Yaqiang 王亚强, and Zhang Peng 张鹏. Germinators, on view from July 2nd to 28th with a reception on July 10th from 6 to 8pm, is accompanied by a fully illustrated catalogue with an essay by Eric C. Shiner.

Germinators includes the work of 11 up-and-coming artists from China and Taiwan, whose work deeply addresses and begins to strip bare the reality of the radical change and societal restructuring that is playing out across the domestic landscape today. Much like a seed nestled deep within the earth that gradually sends out shoots struggling to break free in pursuit of the sun, the work presented in "Germinators" is equally engaged in the germination of a wholly new social landscape that grows in leaps and bounds as it both analyzes that growth and becomes part of it in equal measure.

As China and Taiwan continue their radical journey into uncharted territory, so too do artists living there engage in a most-intriguing game that attempts to make light of the new world around them. The work included in this exhibition, in all of its raw and powerful imagery, seems to fuse notions of organic bodies colliding with technology and the future, and at times with Nature itself. All of it points directly to the stark realities of contemporary life in these two cultures marked by constant flux. Looking carefully at the artists' works, it soon becomes apparent that, for them, change is a most fertile field from which to draw subject matter.

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