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Transformer launches its 8th exhibition season with:



Ink Storm

September 18 – October 31, 2009

CURATOR & ARTIST TALK AT THE HIRSHHORN: July 18, 2009; 12:30pm

OPENING DAY: September 19, 2009; 1 – 7pm

MEET THE ARTIST AND CURATOR: 2 – 4pm

Transformer is thrilled to be partnering with **Shigeko Bork mu projects** and artist/guest curator **Jennifer Wen Ma** in the presentation of *Ink Storm* at Transformer, September 18 - October 24, 2009. This exhibition highlights how artists **CHEN Shaoxiong**, **DAI Guangyu**, and **Paula TSAI**, incorporate ink into their work, ink, and how each individual exploration offers compelling contributions to contemporary art discourse.

Following the success of Transformer's 2007 *Big in Japan* exhibition collaboration with Shigeko Bork mu project, exploring duality in contemporary Japanese art through the work of emerging Japanese artists who respond to the tradition and popular culture of Japan - *Ink Storm*, guest curated by artist **Jennifer Wen Ma**, presents three emerging Beijing based artists who re-interpret and re-invent traditional Chinese uses of ink through video, drawing, and mixed-media installation.

The subject of ink play is important to curator and artist Jennifer Wen Ma, who works in a variety of mediums including: installation, video, drawing, fashion design, and performance, as well as pursuing architectural and public works. Originally from Beijing, and now based in New York, Jennifer has participated in numerous exhibitions nationally and internationally.

Images: Paula TSAI, CHEN Shaoxiong, DAI Guangyu



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