

Press release

**ZHAO MENGJUN**  
**SILHOUETTE OF HEART**  
Painting on canvas and rice paper

June 27 to July, 2023  
Preview: June 24, 2023, 7 - 9 pm  
The artist is present

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Zhao Mengjun – Silhouette of Heart KS 144, 2021  
Courtesy: The artist and Galerie Bernet Bertram

We are pleased to draw your attention to the exhibition of new works by the Chinese artist **Zhao Mengjun**.

Zhao Mengjun, who we last presented in 2021, this time shows medium-sized and small works painted in acrylic on canvas and paper. The focus is on around over 20 works from the "Silhouette of Heart" series, poetic abstractions and the results of the artist's examination with art in Germany, especially Expressionism. They express in a variety of ways what the artist has absorbed and experienced since arriving in Germany six years ago and what moves him and his heart.

For Zhao Mengjun, art is a medium of human expression. In his approach, perhaps comparable to the ancient Chinese Tang poet Li Bai, he paints out of deep passion, takes up questions and phenomena of life and tries to solve them in various ways with the brush. This is a matter of intellectual spiritual examination, of inspiration that finds its way into his paintings as symbols, areas of color, lines and calligraphic elements. Very authentic, spontaneous and well-ordered at the same time.

**Zhao Mengjun**, born in 1961 in Xixia in the Chinese province of Shandong, studied at the Shandong College of Arts until 1985, then until 1993 at the Institute for Art and Design at Tsinghua University in Beijing. For more than 28 years he worked as an art publisher and art director at the Shandong Media Group in Jinan and is now one of the most respected painters in the People's Republic of China. Works by Zhao Mengjun have been and continue to be shown in solo and group exhibitions of contemporary art, e.g. at the Chinese National Gallery in Beijing, Seoul (South Korea), Jinan and Shanghai. Zhao Mengjun has been living and working in Germany for six years, currently in Mannheim.

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