

# Galerie Bernet Bertram

Press release

**LI ZHI**

*NOVA*

Painting on canvas

**March 16 to April 20, 2024**

**Preview: March 15, 2024, 7 - 9 pm**

**The artist is present**

**Goethestraße 2-3, 10623 Berlin**

**Entrance B via the courtyard**



Li Zhi, Traummusik, 2023 (Detail)  
Courtesy: The artist and Galerie Bernet Bertram

Galerie Bernet Bertram is pleased to announce a new exhibition featuring works by Chinese artist Li Zhi.

The exhibition shows the spectrum of his recent work and introduces his individual visual worlds. Li Zhi's completely calm paintings express philosophical attitudes and reflections. His allegorical-abstract landscapes show weathered rocks, fairies and elves in flight, statues, monks, rising mists, views of deep, wide skies or moving water (e.g. *Außerhalb des Territoriums*, *Zeitreise*, *Traummusik*). These unobtrusive motifs in medium-sized formats move through the viewer's life. They are based on the artist's spiritual experience and his Buddhist culture. They are like invitations to meditation and show great relaxation. Li Zhi strives for peace and quiet. He repeatedly addresses the phenomenon of time, the emptiness in time. It leads to a deeper vision and reports on the relaxed, tense anticipation of the moment of awakening to set off for new shores.

In his color and form compositions, Li Zhi prefers the colors blue, brown, red tones, a warm gray and - in keeping with the Chinese tradition - gold. Being and time, romantic and introspective find their way into a harmonious, floating whole. Moments of search and inner transcendence gather in them and change the pictorial space into a continuum of space and time.

**Li Zhi** was born in Baotou, Inner Mongolia in 1964 and studied at Minzu University of Fine Arts in Beijing. Since 1994 he has been working in the artists' village "Summer Palace". In 2008, Li Zhi was the artistic director of the "Hundred-Meter Long Art" exhibition at the Olympic Games. In 2011 he founded the "China Abstract Art Gallery". Since the 1990s, his works, paintings and sculptures have been shown in numerous international art exhibitions in China, France (Paris, Louvre), Singapore and Germany. Li Zhi is represented in various major art collections. He currently lives and works in Berlin.

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**Opening hours:**

**Wed to Fr 2 - 6 pm, Sa 12 - 4 pm and by appt.**

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