

Galerie Bernet Bertram

Press release

LI ZHI

THE SOUND OF SILENCE - NOVA II

Painting on canvas

April 30 to July 26, 2025

Preview: April 26, 2025, 7 - 9 pm

The artist is present

Goethestraße 2-3, 10623 Berlin

Entrance B via the courtyard



Li Zhi, THE SOUND OF SILENCE 7, 2025 (Detail)
Courtesy: The artist and Galerie Bernet Bertram

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

Li Zhi's painting shows great relaxation. His most recent works - over 25 acrylic paintings on canvas - are like poems that speak to us quietly, almost silently, unobtrusively. They are based on his spiritual experience, arise from his meditative attitude, and strive for calm and peace in a threateningly transforming, war-torn world. Smoke rises from ruins, floating figures pass by, souls wander, fleeing like birds over the waters.

Li Zhi makes clear statements and invites new discoveries time and time again. With blue and earthy brown colors, with simple lines, with unexpectedly flashing brightness, illuminated by light, the artist turns away from the noisy, fast-paced zeitgeist.

In his poetic, allegorical-abstract landscapes, he combines the traditions of German Romanticism (which continually inspires him) with those of Chinese landscape painting into a floating whole. Unmoving yet moving, he devotes himself to time in its transience and, even more so, to the silence, the whispering, and the murmuring that resonates from this silence.

Li Zhi was born in 1964 in Baotou, Inner Mongolia, and studied at the Minzu University of Fine Arts in Beijing. His works are included in various major art collections. In 1994, he worked at the Summer Palace artists' village. 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, including the third time at the Bernet Bertram Gallery. Li Zhi lives and works in Berlin.

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Opening hours:
Wed to Fr 2 - 6 pm, Sa 12 - 4 pm and by appt.

Opening Hours for Gallery Weekend Berlin 2025
Friday, May 2 to Sunday, May 4, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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