

YONG CHEN

Carrying the Dreams

Yong Chen is exhibiting a new body of work that explores his immigrant experience in America. His paintings express, through skillful craftsmanship, compositions that evoke a sensitivity to a type of narrative portraiture. Its focus is on new life experiences in America. Chen expresses his voice through a hybridity of the two cultures he represents in his work. His highly detailed renderings of other immigrants have striking references to cultural experience steeped in Western art, yet contain Chinese art-making practice at its core.

Chen hails from Taishan, a town in the Guangdong province of China. He began drawing and painting at the age of four.

After immigrating to the United States in 1989, Chen studied graphic design and illustration in Boston and earned his Master of Fine Arts degree from the University of Hartford, Connecticut.

Since 1995 he has illustrated/authored many children's books and magazines. He is also an art professor of drawing, painting, illustration, and design at Bunker Hill Community College in Boston.

This exhibition is curated by James Montford, director of Bannister Gallery. For information about exhibition-related programs, visit www.ric.edu/bannister

To learn more about the artist, visit www.yongchen.com

Bannister Gallery | December 6 – December 28, 2012

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Rowing Together
– dragon boat festival
90x30 inches
Oil on Canvas

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Morning Delivery

48x30 inches

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Farmers' Market
48x30 inches
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A Day in Chinatown

36x48 inches

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Chinese New Year Reunion
24x30 inches
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Liu Bo Bo
– a retired chef
18x24 inches
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Anna

– a graphic designer and waitress

20x24 inches

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Ingrid
– an art student
18x24 inches
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HyoEun
– an art student
18x24 inches
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Lisa
– an art student
18x24 inches
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Samantha
– co-founder of a company
16x20 inches
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Mom and Daughter
18x24 inches
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Holiday Fun

16x20 inches

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Eva
– art student
24x36 inches
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Alice
– author, illustration and professor
24x36 inches
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The Moors - a visit to England

24x12 inches

Oil on Canvas

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The Last Touch
– my parents
30x24 inches
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