

# 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](http://www.ric.edu/bannister)

To learn more about the artist, visit [www.yongchen.com](http://www.yongchen.com)

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*The Last Touch – my parents* 30x24 inches Oil on Canvas

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**Eva**  
– art student  
24x36 inches  
Oil on Canvas

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**Morning Delivery** 48x30 inches Oil on Canvas

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**Farmers' Market** 48x30 inches Oil on Canvas

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**Chinese New Year Reunion**

24x30 inches

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**Mom and Daughter**

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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**Alice**

– author, illustration and professor

24x36 inches

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**Liu Bo Bo**  
– a retired chef  
18x24 inches  
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*The Moors - a visit to England* 24x12 inches Oil on Canvas

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**A Day in Chinatown**

36x48 inches

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

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