# YONG CHEN Preams

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



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

Bannister Gallery | December 6 - December 28, 2012



Eva
- art student
24x36 inches
Oil on Canvas



Morning Delivery 48x30 inches Oil on Canvas



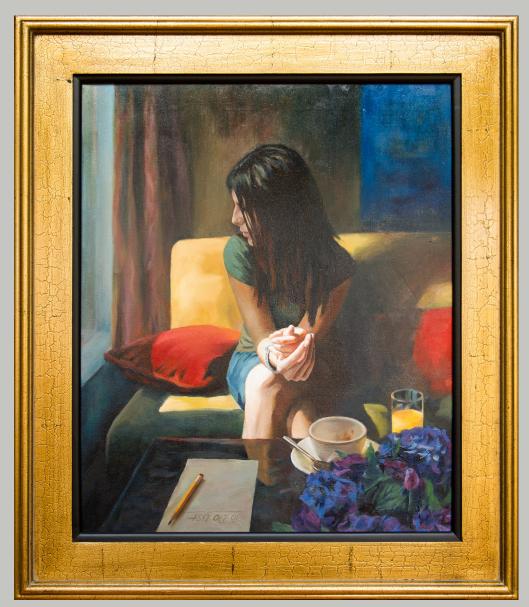
Farmers' Market 48x30 inches Oil on Canvas



Chinese New Year Reunion 24x30 inches Oil on Canvas



Mom and Daughter 18x24 inches Oil on Canvas



#### Anna

a graphic designer and waitress20x24 inchesOil on Canvas



Ingrid
– an art student
18x24 inches
Oil on Canvas



HyoEun
- an art student
18x24 inches
Oil on Canvas



Lisa
- an art student
18x24 inches
Oil on Canvas



Samantha
- co-founder of a company
16x20 inches
Oil on Canvas



Alice
- author, illustration and professor
24x36 inches
Oil on Canvas

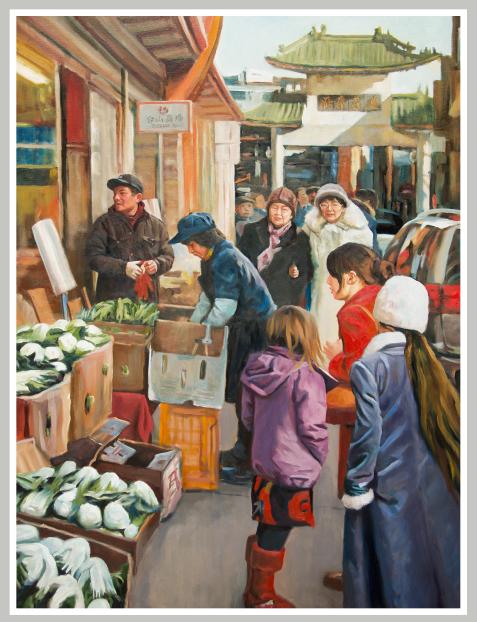


Liu Bo Bo

– a retired chef
18x24 inches
Oil on Canvas



**The Moors -** *a visit to England* 24x12 inches Oil on Canvas



A Day in Chinatown 36x48 inches Oil on Canvas



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

