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The Lyricism of Solitude Recent Ink Work of Li Jian Gang

"As light and shadow ceaselessly transform within dimensions of black, white and grey; life unfolds itself amid the matrix of the city and we find ourselves entrapped in a castle-like dream."

Li Jian Gang

Tantalize your senses at artcommune gallery this November as we bring back the popular work of contemporary Chinese ink painter, **Li Jian Gang**. This is the second solo exhibition in Singapore for the China-born artist, following his successful show *Urbanscape Nostalgia* in 2012. With 25 paintings on showcase – the largest being a six-panel work spanning 1.8m in length – ***The Lyricism of Solitude*** is an enchanting and profound visual treat not to be missed!

Born in Henan in 1954, Li Jian Gang specializes in the Chinese "da xieyi" (freehand) painting method of cityscapes. Known for his lively brushwork and sensitive expression with ink smudges, his paintings typically draw a sepia-toned or monochromatic palette that stretches the tonality of Chinese ink, and are at times furnished with colour washes that appear minimal yet fluorescent in effect.

The solitude and spiritual pursuit arising from man's quotidian struggle for a sense of place and belonging in a complex city is poetically epitomized in the lyrical and often atmospheric compositions of Li Jian Gang. Be it a striking city skyline or a contemplative "viewfinder" moment, his image elucidates an urban beauty tinged with wistful nostalgia. In an era when many Chinese artists struggle to express the modern-day life through the Chinese ink medium and traditional genres, Li Jian Gang stands out for his brave and progressive aesthetic approach.

***artcommune gallery will be closed from 20th to 23rd November during the ongoing period of Affordable Art Fair 2014. Between 18th and 23rd November, Li Jian Gang's exhibition artworks will be shifted to our gallery booth at the fair. The artworks will return for normal display at our gallery again from 24th to 29th November 2014.**

Exhibition Period: 15th – 29th November 2014

Venue: artcommune gallery (Address below)

Opening hours: 12 to 7 pm daily

Admission is free

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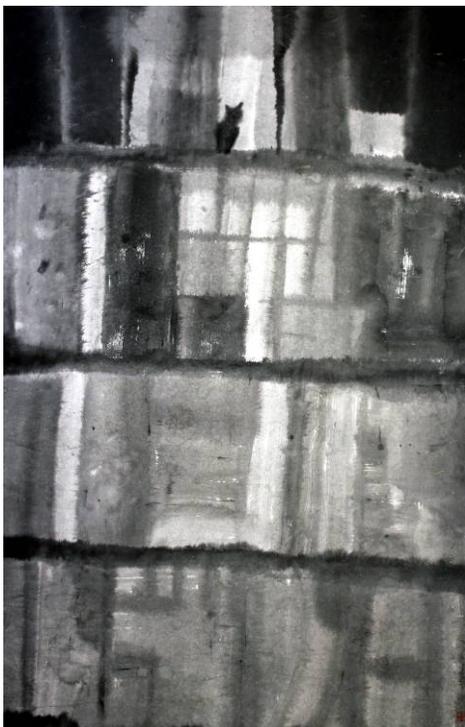
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Here are the images to some of the artworks that will be on exhibit:



Li Jian Gang, *A View of Oxford*, 2011, Chinese ink on paper, 125 x 100 cm



Li Jian Gang, *Tale of a City*, Chinese ink on paper, 74 x 115 cm

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Li Jian Gang, *Dawn Creeps upon this City*, Chinese ink on paper, 95 x 175 cm



Li Jian Gang, *The Pursuit of Light*, Chinese ink on paper, 54 x 72 cm

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Li Jian Gang, *Chimes*, Chinese ink on paper, 68 x 84 cm

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