



DINNER GALLERY

Wen Liu

Born b. 1985 in Shanghai, China
Lives and works in Brooklyn, NY

BIO

Wen Liu sculptures address loss and abandonment through the modification and assembly of found materials. Liu started collecting reclaimed furniture and domestic objects to build her sense of belonging and security when she immigrated to the US. The sculptural reinvestment of found objects and the temporal shift of traces from past to present are some of the qualities highlighted in her works. These displacements imply narratives of absence and presence as well as alienation and comfort.

EDUCATION

- 2016 MDes, Fashion Body & Garment, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 2014 MFA, Fiber, China Academy of Art, Hangzhou, China
- 2010 BFA, Sculpture, China Academy of Art, Hangzhou, China

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 *In Convalescence*, Dinner Gallery, New York, NY
- 2022 *Molting / Mending*, Roswell Museum, Roswell, NM
- 2021 *On Longing*, Tiger Strikes Asteroid, Chicago, IL
- 2017 *Security of Absence*, Manifold Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2016 *Lazarus*, Between Art Lab, Shanghai, China

SELECT GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 *Press Release (Cycle VIII)*, Storage Gallery, New York, NY
- 2023 *Old Ghost New Light*, Dinner Gallery, New York, NY
- 2020 *In Flux*, Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago, IL
- 2019 *Living Architecture*, Lubeznik Center for the Arts, Michigan City, IN
- Intersectional Touch*, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL
- Anarchival Impulse*, ACRE Projects, Chicago, IL
- Independent Character*, DaHeWan Museum, Beijing, China
- Out of Context*, Chicago Artists Coalition, Chicago, IL
- 2018 *Living Architecture*, 6018/North, Chicago, IL



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- Colossal Gap*, Chicago Artists Coalition, Chicago, IL
Bring Your Own Band-aid, Zhou B Art Center, Chicago, IL
- 2017 *Fragments*, The Sub-Mission Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2016 *Scarcity & Supply*, The 3rd Nanjing International Art Festival, Baijia Lake Museum, Nanjing, China
19th International Open, Woman Made Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2013 Chinese Sculpture Almanac Exhibition, National Grand Theater, Beijing, China
- 2012 *Anámnesis*, Mizuma & One Gallery, Beijing, China
- 2010 Zeng Zhushao Sculpture Art Scholarship Exhibition, Beijing, China
Cromer Chinese Contemporary Art Scholarship for Outstanding Students, Chongqing, China
The Start of a Long Journey, Outstanding Work Exhibition from Key Art Institution, Guangzhou, China

AWARDS, GRANTS, & HONORS

- 2022 SPARK Grant, Chicago Artists Coalition, Chicago, IL
- 2020 Illinois Arts Council Agency 2020 Artist Fellowship Award, Chicago, IL
DCASE 2020 Individual Artists Program (IAP) Grant, Chicago, IL
- 2019 DCASE 2019 Individual Artists Program (IAP) Grant, Chicago, IL
Center Program full scholarship, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL
3rd Independent Character Competition Nominee and Awardee, Beijing, China
- 2018 DCASE 2018 Individual Artists Program (IAP) Grant, Chicago, IL
Vermont Studio Center full scholarship, Johnson, VT
- 2016 The Edes Fellowship Nomination, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
Master of Design Scholarship, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 2015 Steketee Scholarship, Ox-Bow School of Art, Saugatuck, MI
- 2014 Full Scholarship, MFA Fiber Department, China Academy of Art, Hangzhou, China
- 2010 Zeng Zhushao Sculpture Fellowship, Central Academy of Fine Arts, Beijing, China
The Earl of Cromer Scholarship Awards for Contemporary Chinese Artists, Szechuan, China
China Academy of Art Graduation Creation Collection Award, Hangzhou, China
Wang Jialian Graduation Scholarship, China Academy of Art, Hangzhou, China
Wang Ziyun Art Scholarship, Xi'an Academy of Fine Arts, Xi'an, China



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RESIDENCIES & SPECIAL PROGRAMS

- 2022 Roswell Artist-in-Residence Program, RAiR Foundation, Roswell, NM
- 2019 Center Program, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL
- 2018 The Studios at MASS MoCA Residency, North Adams, MA
ACRE Residency, ACRE Projects, Steuben, WI
Vermont Studio Center Residency, Johnson, VT
- 2017 HATCH Projects Residency, Chicago Artists Coalition, Chicago, IL
- 2016 Field/Work Residency, Chicago Artists Coalition, Chicago, IL

COLLECTIONS

- Roswell Museum, New Mexico, USA
- China Academy of Art, Hangzhou, China
- Private Collection by Artist Wang Guangyi
- Jin Cai Gallery, Hangzhou-Hamburger, China-Germany
- Manifold Gallery, Chicago