

Zane Mellepe



Zane Mellepe is a Shanghai-based artist and Sinologist from Latvia (born in Riga in 1981).

Zane Mellepe works on photography since the age of fourteen. At the meantime, she studied Sinology at the University of Latvia and moved to China in 2000.

After doing her Theatre Direction studies in Shanghai Theatre Academy and completing her Bachelor Degree in Shanghai Teachers University (Bachelor of Arts in Chinese Language & Literature, 2004), Mellepe pursued her education in the United Kingdom (Master of Arts in Photojournalism & Documentary Photography, University of the Arts, London 2007).

From 2007 to 2010, she has been working as the creative director of Island6 arts centre in Shanghai. In 2010, Zane Mellepe developed a community art street, Yongkang Lu Art - an old vegetable market street renovated in an unsuccessful fashion street in the former French concession - with several experimental spaces.

Zane Mellepe's art has been exhibited in China and Europe in galleries and museums. ifa gallery represents Zane Mellepe since 2010.

solo exhibitions

2014 - "Another Trilogy", ifa gallery, Brussels

2014 - "Shanghai Lights". Professional Photography school, Riga, Latvia

2013 - "Shanghai Lights". Kultūras pils (The Castle of Culture), Viesīte, Latvia

2012 - "Šanhajas gaismas". M.Buclera Photograph Chamber, Lone City, Latvia

2010 - "Shanghai Lights". Centre of culture Majori, Latvia

2009 - "Šanhajas gaismas". Bibliotēka., Saldus, Latvia

2009 "Shanghai Lights". Museum of Olaine, Latvia

2008 "Shanghai Lights". Latvijas Fotogrāfijas muzejs. Rīga / Latvija

2011 - "In memory of the perfect wife", ifa gallery, Shanghai, China

2008- "Shanghai lights", Photography Museum of Latvia, Riga, Latvia

2005 - "Also in China", House of United Nations, Riga, Latvia

group exhibitions

2015 - "Territory", ifa gallery booth, Art Paris, Paris, France

2014 - "The Stroke of a Pen", ifa gallery, Brussels, Belgium

2014 - Photo Shanghai, ifa gallery booth, Shanghai, China

2014 - Art Paris Art Fair, ifa gallery booth, Art Paris, Paris, France

2014 - "uncovered China", ifa gallery, Brussels, Belgium

2013 - "Investigation no.3: Mr & Mrs Zhang", Art Paris, ifa gallery booth, Paris, France

2013 - "Drawing and what", ifa gallery, Shanghai, China

2012 - "secret 7", Chris Gill studio, Shanghai, China

2012 - "my country", ifa gallery, Shanghai, China

2012- "St-Art Fair", Galerie Libre Cours booth, Strasbourg, France

2012 - "secret 7", YY bar, Shanghai, China

2012- "Red land, yellow stars", Galerie Libre Cours & ifa gallery, Brussels, Belgium

2012 - "Cells", SH Contemporary 12, Shanghai, China

2012- "The left leg of a cat", Art: Gwangju:12, Gwangju, Korea

2012 - "closet", ifa gallery, Shanghai, China

2012 - "Something in Common", ifa gallery, Shanghai, China

2012 - "investigation no.2: facing distance", Art Paris, ifa gallery booth, Paris, France

2012 - "Trace, line, shadow", ifa gallery, Shanghai, China

2011 - "Ruby, Roxy and the flaming Lamborghini", Studio Rouge, Shanghai, China

2011 - "The hell. the heaven. on the way. in between", ifa gallery, Shanghai, China

2011 - "15 days without You", ifa gallery, Shanghai, China

2011 - "Enquête n°1", Art Paris+guests, ifa gallery booth, Paris, France

2011 - "The Birth of a myth - part II - Art in a state of Alertness", YK Art Space, Shanghai, China

2010 - "The birth of a myth - part I", YK Art Space, Shanghai, China

2010 - "Come, take a walk with me", Yongkang Lu Art, Shanghai, China

2010 - "Police and Her", ifa gallery, Shanghai, China

2010 - "Absolute 0:00", Island 6 arts center, Shanghai, China

- 2010 - "Fakirs", Island 6 arts center, Shanghai, China
- 2009 - "Placebo", Island 6 arts center, Shanghai, China
- 2009 - "30 Degrees", Island 6 arts center & Studio Rouge, Shanghai, China
- 2009 - "Synesthesia", Island 6 arts center, Shanghai, China
- 2009 - "Individual: New Art from Beyond Beijing", Red Gate Gallery, Beijing, China
- 2009 - "LEDs animés", Gallery Twenty-One, Paris, France
- 2009 - "Art Paris 09"(Art Fair), Gallery Loft & Gallery Twenty-One Paris, France
- 2009 - "The Artist Died Yesterday", Island 6 arts center, Shanghai, China
- 2008 - "Shanghai Lights" Solo Exhibition, Photography Museum of Latvia, Riga, Latvia
- 2008 - "Automata", Island 6 & ifa gallery, Shanghai, China
- 2008 - "Urban Lust", Island 6 & ifa gallery, Shanghai, China
- 2008 - "Fernelmont Contemporary Art, second edition" Festival Fernelmont, Castle of Fernelmont, Belgium
- 2008 - "Quadrareil Cerchio" (Squaring the Circle), Allegra Ravizza Art Project, Milano, Italy
- 2008 - "Clouds of Crowds", Island 6 arts center, Shanghai, China
- 2008 - "Roma Contemporary Art Fair", Manaart Roma, Italy
- 2008 - "Zero Gravity", Sun Gallery, Shanghai, China
- 2007 - "PlugIT", Blue Lotus Gallery, Hong-Kong
- 2007 - "Made in Shanghai", Island 6 arts center, Shanghai, China
- 2007 - "Festival Art Continu", Morocco
- 2007 - "Made in China", Island 6 arts center, Shanghai, China
- 2007 - "PlugIT", Island 6 arts center, Shanghai, China
- 2006 - "Life Circle", LCC, London, UK
- 2006 - "Cable Street& the art pavilion (70th Anniversary of the Battle of Cable St)", London, UK
- 2005 - "Also in China", Solo Exhibition, House of United Nations, Riga, Latvia

various

- 2010 - Founder of Yongkang Lu art (experimental spaces in Yongkang road), Shanghai, China
- 2008 - Co-founder of the art collective "Liu Dao", Shanghai, China