



REDSEA GALLERY

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REDSEA Gallery presents a solo exhibition by award-winning contemporary artist ZHONG CHEN

Exhibition Title:	'The Kung-Fu Series' by Zhong Chen
Exhibition Dates:	12 May – 10 June 2016
Opening Night With The Artist:	Thursday 12 May 2016, 6.30 – 8.30pm
Venue:	REDSEA Gallery, Block 9, Dempsey Road
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"Kung-Fu 10" by Zhong Chen  
Acrylic on Canvas, 2015, 137cm x 137cm

REDSEA Gallery, Block 9 Dempsey Road, Singapore 247697.  
Open daily from 9.30am to 9pm. Sundays & PH from 10.30am to 9pm  
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REDSEA Gallery is proud to present a solo exhibition by award-winning Chinese-born, Australian artist, Zhong Chen; an internationally exhibited artist recognised for his work exploring issues of cultural identity, belonging and place.

Drawing inspiration from traditional Chinese art, which he studied as a young man in China, Chen uses bold, gestural brushstrokes complemented by minimal colours and composition that follow a more Western structure to reflect his own life journey from East to West.

In this, his first solo show in Singapore, Chen exhibits works from his highly popular and acclaimed '*The Kung-Fu Series*'. Crossing the divide from the back streets of Shanghai to the exuberance of contemporary Australian culture, Chen's works from '*The Kung-Fu Series*' use calligraphic like black lines set against blocks of brilliant colour to depict figures brandishing swords, wearing elaborate headdresses, riding bizarre animals and casting furtive side-ways glances. These works explore all the elements involved in Chen seeking a new life in one country whilst maintaining links to his Chinese heritage; Kung-Fu being an important part of Chen's growing up both as a martial art he practiced and through the influence of cultural icons such as Bruce Lee.

Chris Churcher, Owner and MD of REDSEA Gallery says "We are delighted to bring Zhong Chen to Singapore. His works are very joyous and modern, a meld of Chinese characters and mythology with a very vibrant contemporary edge. Many of us in Singapore will identify with his trans-cultural feelings whilst being drawn to his expressive and colourful paintings."

A three-time Finalist in The Archibald Prize, Wynne Prize and Sulman Prizes, Chen has also received great acclaim from art critics and collectors through international exhibitions in Beijing, Hong Kong, New York as well as Australia. His work is held in numerous private and corporate collections in Australia, Japan, China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, New York, Paris, Switzerland and London.

'*The Kung-Fu Series*' by Zhong Chen will be on exhibition at REDSEA Gallery from 12 May – 8 June 2016. There will be an Opening Night with the Artist on Thursday 12 May from 6.30 – 8.30pm. To join the guest list please email [info@redseagallery.com](mailto:info@redseagallery.com).

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Zhong Chen will be in Singapore for the Opening Night of the Exhibition on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May and will be available for face-to-face interviews earlier in the day. Skype and email interviews can also be arranged. Please contact Selina as above.



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### About REDSEA Gallery

REDSEA Gallery is one of Singapore's leading contemporary art galleries representing an international collection of emerging and established artists with an ongoing program of exhibitions and events in the gallery space in Singapore and a schedule of solo artist shows and art fair participation across wider Asia.

### Artist Biography

Zhong Chen was born in Zhongshan, China and arrived in Australia at the age of 19 in 1989. He went on to complete a Bachelor of Visual Arts at the University of South Australia before being awarded the prestigious International Samstag Scholarship to complete a Master of Fine Arts from the Chelsea College of Arts in London in 1998. He was then awarded two Australian Council grants to participate in residences in New York in 2001 and 2006.

He has held over 55 group and solo exhibitions to his name; gained acclaim as a three-time Finalist in the Archibald Prize (2007, 2008, 2011) and the Wynne Prize (2006, 2007, 2008). He has also been a Finalist in the Sulman Prize (2008) and in 2009 was awarded the People's Choice Award for the Portrait Salon Des Refuses Prize.

Zhong Chen's artworks are held in numerous collections including the Art Gallery of South Australia, BHP and Macquarie University.