

Hong Kong | Agnes Yung | +852 2822 8140 | agnes.yung@sothebys.com  
New York | Darrell Rocha | darrell.rocha@sothebys.com | London | Matthew Floris | matthew.floris@sothebys.com

**Commemorating the 120<sup>th</sup> Birthday Anniversary of Zhang Daqian**

**Sotheby's Presents**



**ZHANG DAQIAN: THE MASTER**

**Exhibition of Paintings Gathered from the Artist's Family and  
Prominent Private Collections**

**Nearly 60 Works Spanning Major Periods of the Artist's Oeuvre**



*Pink Lotus on Gold Screen, Zhang Daqian, Splashed Ink and Colour on Gold Screen, 1965, 158 × 70 cm*

**Public Exhibition : 12 October – 9 November 2019 (Monday to Saturday)  
Sotheby's Hong Kong Gallery, 5/F, One Pacific Place, Admiralty**

**IMAGE DOWNLOAD:**

Dropbox: <https://bit.ly/2IU6665> | Baidu: [https://pan.baidu.com/s/1m\\_Llx\\_cAS5WrSdITChxSoA](https://pan.baidu.com/s/1m_Llx_cAS5WrSdITChxSoA) (Password: wc77 )

**Hong Kong, 20 September 2019** In celebration of the 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Zhang Daqian's birthday, Sotheby's will present a large-scale solo exhibition, *Zhang Daqian: The Master*, from 12 October to 9 November, at Sotheby's Hong Kong Gallery. Co-organised by Xi Zhi Tang Gallery, the exhibition will feature nearly 60 paintings sourced from the artist's family and private collectors around the world. This exhibition will encompass important works from different periods of the artist's oeuvre, with an emphasis on splashed ink paintings, many of which have been featured in major exhibitions and some have never before been seen in public.

Zhang Daqian was a remarkable artist from a young age, though his characteristic splashed ink painting technique was developed at a later stage in his life, during his long residency overseas when he found himself immersed in modern Western art developments and the pioneering output of the Abstract Expressionists. Combining Chinese painting materials and semi-abstract imagery, Zhang Daqian developed a new style that encapsulated an aesthetic rooted in traditional Chinese painting, while imbuing his compositions with a spontaneity to create ravishingly beautiful works with a strong visual impact, making his mark on the history of 20<sup>th</sup> century art.

A series of public events will be held during the exhibition period, including the launch of Professor Feng You-Heng's new book, *The Paintings of Chang Dai-chien, 1950-1983: From Traditionalism to Modernism*, a talk by Professor Feng, and guided tours of the exhibition.

**Carmen Ip, Head of Department, Fine Chinese Paintings, Sotheby's Asia**, comments, "Sotheby's is honoured to present this specially curated exhibition in celebration of the 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Zhang Daqian's birthday. We are deeply grateful for the generous support from the artist's family as well as private collectors from around the world, without which it would not have been possible to gather nearly 60 masterpieces in one place for the public to enjoy."

#### **Exhibition Details**

12 October – 9 November, every Monday to Saturday

#### **There will be a switch of paintings on exhibit:**

Part I: 12 – 25 October

Part II: 26 October – 9 November

#### **Venue:**

Sotheby's Hong Kong Gallery, 5/F, One Pacific Place, Admiralty

#### **Opening Hours:**

(Mon – Fri) 10am to 6pm

(Sat) 11am to 5pm

For more details, see [Sothebys.com/zdq](http://Sothebys.com/zdq)

## Exhibition Highlights



(Left) A Work of Pure Abstraction

***Landscape in Splashed Ink***, Splashed Ink on Paper, Framed, 1965, 158 × 70 cm



(Right) A Rare Six Foot Splashed Ink and Colour Work Painted on Japanese Two-panel Gold Screen

***Pink Lotus on Gold Screen***, Splashed Ink and Colour on Gold Screen, 1973, 178 x 180 cm



A Semi-abstract Composition Inspired by the Scenic Views of Monterey Peninsula, California

***Mountain Dwelling Shrouded in the Mist***, Splashed Ink and Colour on Paper, Framed, 1967, 102 × 135 cm

**Works from Zhang Daqian's Family Collection:**



***On Route Switzerland-Austria***  
Splashed Ink and Colour on Paper, Hanging Scroll, 1965,  
127 x 61 cm



***Beautiful Scenery in the Mountains***  
Splashed Ink and Colour on Cardboard, Framed,  
1965, 53 x 41 cm

**Public Events**

---

**12 October (Sat)**

- 2pm**    **Talk: *Zhang Daqian Paintings: From Traditionalism to Modernism***  
Speaker: Feng You-Heng, Professor, Department of Painting and Calligraphy Arts, National Taiwan University of Arts  
Language: Mandarin
- 4pm**    **Book Launch and Book Signing**  
***The Paintings of Chang Dai-chien, 1950-1983: From Traditionalism to Modernism***  
by Professor Feng You-Heng

---

**19 October (Sat)**

- 3pm**    **Guided Tour**  
Speaker: Fine Chinese Paintings Department, Sotheby's Asia  
Language: Cantonese

---

**26 October (Sat)**

- 2:30pm**    **Talk: *Zhang Daqian and his Overseas Travels***  
**4pm**    **Guided Tour**  
  
Speaker: Ms Chen Hsiao Chun, General Manager of Xi Zhi Tang Gallery, Taipei  
Language: Mandarin

---

**2 November (Sat)**

- 3pm**    **Guided Tour**  
Speaker: Fine Chinese Paintings Department, Sotheby's Asia  
Language: Mandarin
-

## ABOUT SOTHEBY'S

Sotheby's has been uniting collectors with world-class works of art since 1744. Sotheby's became the first international auction house when it expanded from London to New York (1955), the first to conduct sales in Hong Kong (1973), India (1992) and France (2001), and the first international fine art auction house in China (2012). Today, Sotheby's presents auctions in 10 different salesrooms, including New York, London, Hong Kong and Paris, and Sotheby's BidNow program allows visitors to view all auctions live online and place bids from anywhere in the world. Sotheby's offers collectors the resources of Sotheby's Financial Services, the world's only full-service art financing company, as well as the collection advisory services of its subsidiary, Art Agency, Partners. Sotheby's presents private sale opportunities in more than 70 categories, including S|2, the gallery arm of Sotheby's Global Fine Art Division, and two retail businesses, Sotheby's Diamonds and Sotheby's Wine. Sotheby's has a global network of 80 offices in 40 countries and is the oldest company listed on the New York Stock Exchange (BID).

[Instagram](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#) | [YouTube](#) | [Pinterest](#) | [Snapchat](#) | [Weibo](#) | [WeChat](#) | [Youku](#)

---

Disclaimer: Copyright in the image(s) shall remain vested in Sotheby's. Please note that the image(s) may depict subject matter which is itself protected by separate copyright. Sotheby's makes no representations as to whether the underlying subject matter is subject to its own copyright, or as to who might hold such copyright. It is the borrower's responsibility to obtain any relevant permissions from the holder(s) of any applicable copyright and Sotheby's supplies the image(s) expressly subject to this responsibility. Note that the image(s) is provided for a one-time use only and no permission is granted to alter the image(s) in any way.