

PARALLEL x LI TIANBING



Li Tianbing, *Reading Newspapers on the Colour Palette*, 2017 – 2019, oil on canvas, 198 x 244 cm

JD Malat Gallery is proud to present PARALLEL, the gallery's first 3D exhibition space. Displayed alongside exhibitions from the gallery's physical space, PARALLEL will form part of the gallery's online presence for thematic exhibitions. PARALLEL will seek to give JD Malat Gallery a strong online platform alongside the art world's move to more concentrated online initiatives via online viewing rooms, online art fairs and online auctions. PARALLEL seeks to extend and maintain the gallery's drive towards situating established and emerging artists within the framework of contemporary art historical discourse.

PARALLEL will launch on 15th October with a solo exhibition by Li Tianbing (b.1974) entitled *Lost Childhood*, 15th October – 15th November. Consisting of older and more recent works, the exhibition looks at the theme of childhood and education during times of distress and political oppression. As a product of the one child policy in China, Bing's paintings serve as a potent reminder of both the lack of freedom and companionship experienced by many children of the artist's generation.

Bing's works feature playgrounds and animals which focus on the theme of imagined rebellion. Bing and his companions found freedom through games and fantasy that allowed them to travel to places that did not exist or were not accessible. In Bing's paintings, trees

and animals are transformed in the child's minds into playgrounds and spaces of liberation allowing the children to co-exist outside political regimes and oppression.

PARALLEL seeks to join the shifting paradigm of the gallery exhibition model by introducing the gallery audience to a focused online 3D exhibition by one of China's leading contemporary artists. Both *Lost Childhood* and PARALLEL combine perfectly to reflect Bing's imagined space.

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Exhibition Opening Hours:

Monday – Friday, 10am - 6pm

Saturday, 12 – 6pm

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