

**Zhang Xu Zhan**

Zhang Xu Zhan (b. 1988, Taipei, Taiwan) is an artist and film director who was born into a family of paper crafters who own the century-old Hsin-Hsin Paper Offering Store in Sinjhuang, Taipei. Zhang specializes in crafting expressive paper-mache as sculpture and animates them in his of stop-motion films. Spanning from luxury mansions and oversized paper dolls to intricate depictions of mythological animals and flowers, his works revolve around absurd and bizarre images, and also encapsulate his wry observations on strange social phenomena and the cul-de-sac his family business faces. Extending beyond paper art, Zhang is also skilled in utilizing various mediums, including animation, video art, experimental film, stop-motion paper doll techniques, and multichannel video installations.

Zhang won the Best Animated Short Film at the Taiwan Golden Horse Film Award in 2022 and became the first Taiwanese winner of the Deutsche Bank Artists of the Year Award 2021. His solo exhibitions were held at Taipei Fine Arts Museum (Taipei, 2022), Taipei Digital Art Center (Taipei, 2015), Taiwan National Museum (Taipei, 2012) among others. His works were also shown in group exhibitions at Gallery of Modern Art (GOMA) and Queensland Art Gallery (QAG) (Queensland, 2024 and 2012), Fukuoka Asian Art Museum (Fukuoka, 2022 and 2011), Palais Populaire (Belin, 2021), National Museum of Indonesia (Jakarta, 2021), Asia Culture Center (Gwangju, 2020), Yokohama Museum (Yokohama, 2020), Museum of Contemporary Art Taipei (Taipei, 2020, 2016, 2015, 2014), Institute d'art contemporain (Lyon, 2019), Kuandu Museum of Fine Arts (Taipei, 2019 and 2016), Rockbund Art Museum (Shanghai, 2010), Power Station of Art (Shanghai, 2018), Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art (Seoul, 2018), Taiwan National Museum (Taipei, 2020 and 2018) among others. He also participated in numerous film festivals, including Taichung International Animation Film Festival (Taichung, 2018), Taiwan Golden Horse Film Festival (Taipei, 2018), World Festival of Animated Film ANIMAFEST ZAGREB (Zagreb 2018), Taipei Film Festival (Taipei, 2018), Asolo Art Film Festival (Asolo, 2015), among others.

Zhang currently lives and works in Taipei, Taiwan

**Education**

2015 MFA in new media art, Taipei National University of the Arts, Taipei, Taiwan

**Solo Exhibitions**

2024 "Jungle Jungle 2024 — ZHANG XU zhan Solo Exhibition", Ilham Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

2022 "Jungle Jungle — ZHANG XU zhan Solo Exhibition", Taipei Fine Arts Museum, Taipei, Taiwan.

2017 "Si So Mi - ZHANG XU Zhan Solo Exhibition", Project Fulfill Art Space, Taipei, Taiwan

2015 "Inferiority Bat", Taipei Digital Art Center, Taipei, Taiwan

2012 "Ritual of Cathode Ray Tube", Taiwan National Museum, Taipei, Taiwan

**Group Exhibitions**

2024 "The 11th Asia Pacific Triennial of Contemporary Art", Gallery of Modern Art (GOMA) and Queensland Art Gallery (QAG), Queensland, Australia

2023 "Disquieted Water of the South", M+, Hong Kong  
"ROPPONGI ART NIGHT 2023 - 六本木アートナイト", Tokyo Roppongi, Tokyo, Japan  
"River of Rebirth", Z33, Hasselt, Belgium

- 2022 "Emotional Asia", Fukuoka Asian Art Museum, Fukuoka, Japan.  
"Deutsche Bank Artists of the Year 2022", The Museum of Cultures of Milan, Milan, Italy
- 2021 "Deutsche Bank Artists of the Year 2021", Palais Populaire, Berlin, Germany  
"Jakarta Biennale 2021 - RINGPROJECT", National Museum of Indonesia, Jakarta, Indonesia.
- 2020 "Untact", Asia Culture Center (ACC), Gwangju, South Korea  
"7th Taiwan Biennale 2020", Taiwan National Museum, Taipei, Taiwan  
"7th Yokohama Triennale "AFTERGLOW", Yokohama Museum, Yokohama, Japan  
"Perforated City", Taipei MOCA Museum, Taipei, Taiwan
- 2019 "Jeune Création Internationale / 15th Biennale de Lyon", Institut d'art contemporain, Lyon, France  
"Letter Callus Post-War", Kuandu Museum of Fine Arts, Taipei, Taiwan  
"An Opera for Animals", Rockbund Art Museum, Shanghai, China
- 2018 "55th Taipei Golden Horse Film Festival "Taipei, Taiwan  
"12th Shanghai Biennale", Power Station of Art (PSA), Shanghai, China.  
"How Little You Know About Me", National Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Seoul, Korea  
"Customized Reality: The Lure and Enchantment of Digital Art", Taiwan National Museum, Taipei, Taiwan
- 2017 "TAIWAN VIDEA: Selection Video Screening Tour Around Europe", a: Museum of Contemporary Art, Republic of Macedonia; SCCA-Ljubljana Center for Contemporary Arts, Skopje, Slovenia; Rosalux, Berlin, Germany  
"Kau-Puê, Mutual Companionship in Near Future: Folk Art Parade", Soulangh, Tainan, Taiwan.  
"Fibering – Eco As A Verb – International Video Installation Exhibition", Yo-Chang Art Museum, Taipei, Taiwan  
"EXiM 2017 – Cross-Straits Experimental Animation Festival", Museu De Arte De Macau, Macau  
"ART KAOHSIUNG – Moving Image Sector", Kaohsiung, Taiwan  
"West Bund Art and Design", Shanghai, China  
"Resurrection", Surplus Space, Wuhan, China  
"The Terrain of Taiwan Contemporary Art", Double Square Gallery, Taipei, Taiwan
- 2016 "ART-SanYa - HuaYu Youth Award", Huayu Resort & Spa, Sanya, Hainan, China  
"Kuandu Biennale 2016 - Slaying Monsters", Kuandu Museum of Fine Arts, Taipei, Taiwan  
"Art Basel Hong Kong (Film Sector)", Hong Kong  
"Expanded Experimental Animation Festival III — Endocrine", Museum of Contemporary Art Taipei, Taipei, Taiwan  
"An Alternative Travelogue - museum media collection", National Taiwan Museum of Fine Arts, Taipei, Taiwan  
"Transformations: Contemporary Media and Manifestations", Kaohsiung Museum of Fine Arts, Kaohsiung, Taiwan  
"2016 Original Festival", Songshan Cultural Park, Taipei, Taiwan  
"Taiwan Annual", Taipei Expo Dome, Taipei, Taiwan
- 2015 "TAIWAN VIDEA 34th Asolo Art Film Festival", Eleonora Duse Theatre, Asolo, Italy  
"5th Asian Art Biennial", National Taiwan Museum of Fine Arts, Taipei, Taiwan  
"2015 Art Taipei - MIT", Taipei World Trade Center, Taipei, Taiwan  
"Street Fun, Fun Street- MOCA X Community Art Festival", Museum of Contemporary Art Taipei, Taipei, Taiwan  
"Taiwan New Media Art", Taipei Museum of Fine Arts, Taipei, Taiwan
- 2014 "Wormhole Theatre", Kaohsiung Museum of Fine Arts, Kaohsiung, Taiwan  
"Extend Experimental Animation & Contemporary Art Festival", Museum of Contemporary Art Taipei, Taipei, Taiwan

- “5th Young Emerging Star Taiwan - Yes Taiwan”, AKI Gallery, Taipei, Taiwan  
 “It's not a REAL film”, TamtamArt Taipei, Taipei, Taiwan  
 “Artnova100”, Shanghai, China
- 2013 “Digital art wall chart”, Taipei Digital Art Center, Taipei, Taiwan.  
 “The 1st Shenzhen Independent Animation Biennale”, Shenzhen, China  
 “Cutlog – NewYork - The New Wave of Contemporary Video Art in Taiwan”, New York, USA
- 2012 “The 7th Asia Pacific Triennial of Contemporary Art -APT7 Cinema”, Gallery of Modern Art (GOMA) and Queensland Art Gallery (QAG), Queensland, Australia  
 “Young Artist Talent Trivium - Read”, Eslite Art Studio, Taipei, Taiwan.  
 “Taipei Digital Art Award -Second Nature”, Songshan Cultural Park, Taipei, Taiwan  
 “Conflux Exhibition”, Pearl Conard Gallery, Ohio, USA.  
 “The 10th Taoyuan Contemporary Arts Award”, Taoyuan, Taiwan  
 “Taoyuan ACG Carnival”, Taoyuan, Taiwan.  
 “2010 - 2011 REVIEW of the Digital Audio-Visual Award”, Digital Art Center, Taipei, Taiwan
- 2011 “International Short Film Festival of Berlin - interfilm”, Berlin, Germany  
 “8th 404 Festival of Electronic Arts”, Rosario, Argentina  
 “Disspear County”, Taipei Contemporary Art Museum, Taipei, Taiwan  
 “Asia Digital Art Award”, Fukuoka Asian Art Museum, Fukuoka, Japan  
 “6th Taipei Digital Art Festival”, Peeling Liu Street, Taipei, Taiwan  
 “Hsinchu City Image Festival”, Hsinchu City Image Museum, Hsinchu, Taiwan  
 “ACA - Animation + Comic + Contemporary Arts”, The PIER-2 ArtCenter, Kaohsiung, Taiwan  
 “BLACK BOX project: Parallax Point & Error\_ic”, Taiwan Photo Museum, Taipei, Taiwan  
 “Hong Kong Jockey Club HAD Walk Project – Sham Shui Po Creativity & Arts For All”, Jockey Club Creative Arts Centre, Hong Kong  
 “ROC Centennial - Filial piety ranks top of all charities” Award Winning Projects of Young Taiwan Animators, TDAIC, Online
- 2010 “LACDA 2010 'DigitalArt.LA' International Digital EXPO”, Los Angeles International Digital Art Exhibition, Los Angeles, USA  
 “The 5th Digital Art Festival Taipei 2010 & K.T. Creativity”, Peeling Liu Street, Taipei, Taiwan  
 “8th Taiwan DesignExpo” Young Generation Design Pavilion, Songshan Cultural Park, Taipei, Taiwan.  
 “Dismemberment Truncation Elephant”, Museum of Basement, Taipei, Taiwan  
 “CDT 7th Character Design Award of Taiwan”, Huashan1914 Park, Taipei, Taiwan  
 “29th Yodex Young Designers Exhibition” Taipei World Trade Center, Taipei, Taiwan
- 2008 “X CUP Design Awards”, Taipei Contemporary Art Museum, Taipei, Taiwan.

### **Film Festivals**

- 2018 “2018 Taichung International Animation Film Festival (TIAF)”Taiwanese Short Film - Grand Prix  
 “55th Taipei Golden Horse Film Festival “Best Animated Short Film  
 2018 World Festival of Animated Film ANIMAFEST ZAGREB”Zagreb, Croatia。  
 Taipei Film Festival”Taipei。
- 2016 Art Basel HongKong - Film Sector” agnes b.film screen,Hong Kong.
- 2015 Asolo Art Film Festival”Eleonora Duse Theatre,Italy.  
 37th Golden Harvest Awards for Outstanding Short Films”Taiwan.
- 2014 “Fantastic Fest - 〈DRAWN AND QUARTERED〉 special program”, USA  
 “Short Shorts Film Festival & Asia”, Tokyo, Japan  
 “TORONTO ANIMATED IMAGE SOCIETY”, Toronto, Canda

- “Between the Lines International Film festival”, Los Angeles, USA  
 “36th Golden Harvest Awards for Outstanding Short Films”, Taipei, Taiwan  
 “FIRST International Film Festival--The Best experimental film”, Xining, China
- 2012 “The 7th Asia Pacific Triennial of Contemporary Art -APT7 Cinema”, Gallery of Modern Art (GOMA) and Queensland Art Gallery (QAG), Queensland, Australia  
 “Seoul International Cartoon and Animation Festival – Inspiration of Asia”, Seoul, South Korea
- 2011 “28th International Short Film Festival Berlin”, Berlin, Germany  
 “3<sup>rd</sup> Kuan-Do Film Festival”, Eco-Arts Pavilion, Taipei Kuan-Do, Taipei, Taiwan  
 “The 3rd Trans-Chinese Film Academy Festival”, HKAPA Bethanie Landmark Heritage Campus, Broadway Cinema, Hong Kong
- 2010 “2nd Macau International Movie Festival”, Florence Hall ,The Venetian Macau, Macau  
 “The 12th Puchon International Student Animation Festival”, Puchon, South Korea  
 “Anim'est 5th international film festival”, Bucharest, Romania  
 “ISFVF The Tenth International Student Film & Video Festival of Beijing Film Academy”, Beijing Film Academy, Beijing, China  
 “3<sup>rd</sup> Nanyang Biennial / Festival”, Xiao Long Cultural Park, Tainan, Taiwan  
 “9<sup>th</sup> South Taiwan Film Festival”, Tainan Ambassador Theatre, Tainan, Taiwan  
 “2<sup>nd</sup> Kuan-Do Film Festival”, Eco-Arts Pavilion, Taipei Kuan-Do, Taipei, Taiwan  
 “Taipei County Film Festival International Student Film Golden Lion Award”, Banqiao, Taiwan

#### **Awards**

- 2022 “59th Taipei Golden Horse Film Festival--Best Animated Short Film”, Taipei, Taiwan
- 2021 “Deutsche Bank Artists of the Year 2021”, Frankfurt, Germany
- 2019 “Svjetski festival animiranog filma Animafest Zagreb--special mention”, Zagreb, Slovenia
- 2018 “2018 Taichung International Animation Film Festival (TIAF)--Taiwanese Short Film Grand Prix”, Taichung, Taiwan  
 “55th Taipei Golden Horse Film Festival--Best Animated Short Film Nominees”, Taipei, Taiwan
- 2016 “ART·SANYA - HUAYU YOUTH AWARD—selected”, Sanya, Hainan, China  
 “National Taiwan Museum of Fine Art of collection program--New media art Category”, Taipei, T  
 Taiwan
- 2015 “Tianmei Art Foundation--Artist visit the Venice Biennale”, Taipei, Taiwan  
 “S-An Art Award”S-An cultural Foundation, Taipei, Taiwan  
 “2015 Made in Taiwan-Young Artist Discovery—Selected”, Taipei, Taiwan  
 “37th Golden Harvest Awards for Outstanding Short Films--Animation selected”, Taipei, Taiwan
- 2014 “36th Golden Harvest Awards for Outstanding Short Films--Honorable Mention”, Taipei, Taiwan  
 2014 “FIRST International Film Festival--The Best experimental film”, Xining, China
- 2013 “National Taiwan Museum of Fine Art of collection program--New media art Category”, Taipei,  
 Taiwan
- 2012 “7th Digital Art Awards Taipei--First Prize”, Taipei, Taiwan  
 “National Taiwan Museum of Fine Arts – Digital Work--Multiple- screen program selection”, Taipei,  
 Taiwan  
 “The 10th Taoyuan Contemporary Arts Award—Selection”, Taoyuan, Taiwan
- 2011 “National Taiwan Museum of Fine Art of collection program--New media art Category”, Taipei,  
 Taiwan

- “6th Digital Art Awards Taipei -Moving Image Excellent Work”, Taipei, Taiwan  
 “PhotoTaipei - Taiwan Young Artist Award Video Art” , Taipei, Taiwan  
 “Asia Digital Art Award Fukuoka - B Moving image Grand Prize”, Fukuoka, Japan  
 “Digital Art Awards Taipei Moving Image – Selection”, Taipei, Taiwan  
 “The 3rd Trans-Chinese Film Academy Festival--Best Animation”, Beijing, China
- 2010 “2nd Macau International Movie Festival--Best Animation Official Selection”, Macau  
 “The 12th Puchon International Student Animation Festival--Official Selection”, Puchon, South Korea  
 “K.T. Creativity Award Animation--Silver Prize”, Taipei, Taiwan  
 “4C Digital Design Awards 9<sup>th</sup>--CGCG Inc Special Award, Gold Award”, Verona, USA  
 “CDT 7th Character Design Award of Taiwan – Animation -- Gold Award”, Taipei, Taiwan  
 “TISDC Taiwan International Student Design Competition - Digital Animation--Gold Award”, Taipei, Taiwan  
 “LACDA 2010 'DigitalArt.LA' Juried Competition Winners”, Los Angeles, USA  
 “Anim'est 5th international film festival--Official Selection”, Bucharest, Romania  
 “ISFVF The Tenth International Student Film & Video Festival of Beijing Film Academy--Official Selection”, Beijing, China  
 “2nd Kuan-Do Film Festival--Official Selection”, Taipei, Taiwan  
 “3rd Nanyang Biennial Festival Animation--Honorable Mention”, Tainan, Taiwan  
 “9th South Taiwan Film Festival--Official Selection”, Tainan, Taiwan  
 “Japan Epson Imaging Education Program--Bronze Prize”, Tokyo, Japan  
 “Taipei County Film Festival International Student Film Golden Lion Award--Taipei Observe Official Selection”, Banqiao, Taiwan  
 “National Animation Contest for Technological & Vocational Institutes & Universities--Merit Award”, Taipei, Taiwan  
 “2011 Young Designers' Competition – Digital Media--Bronze Prize”
- 2009 “Adobe Design Achievement Awards--Honourable Mention”
- 2008 “X/CUP- Design Awards—Semi finalist”, Taiwan  
 “National Digital E cup [Taipei Deaflympics] First Prize”, Taipei, Taiwan
- 2007 “17th Times Awards--President Award”, Taipei, Taiwan  
 2007 “National Power Engineering, Visual CIS Design--First Prize”, Taipei, Taiwan

### **Residencies**

- 2019 Galerilorong, Yogyakarta, Indonesia  
 2018 Rooftop Institute, Hong Kong

### **Collections**

- Deutsche Bank  
 KAI 10 Arthena Foundation, Düsseldorf, Germany  
 M+, Hong Kong  
 National Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Seoul, Korea  
 National Taiwan Museum of Fine Arts, Taichung, Taiwan  
 Taipei Fine Arts Museum, Taipei, Taiwan  
 Taoyuan Museum of Fine Arts, Taoyuan City, Taiwan