



Sheng Qi – New Paintings

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Reception with the artist on May 23, 3 – 6 pm

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The second solo show of Sheng Qi at F2 Gallery presents five different series of works of Sheng Qi that the artist developed between 2006 and 2009. The canvases are dripping with paint – a signature indicator of Sheng Qi's recent works.

This exhibition celebrates the Chinese people who constitute the subjects and major actors of Sheng Qi's dramatic imagination. The show highlights the artist's objective to see the world around him as it really is – a profoundly beautiful chaos– as if to say that clear vision is the first step to both personal and artistic freedom.

“We are looking forward to this exceptional show of new paintings. These works are very strong and I believe visitors will be surprised by their impact, both visually and conceptually. Sheng Qi has really developed into one of the more interesting and relevant painters of a younger generation in China today.” says Fabien Frys of F2.

About Sheng Qi

Beijing based artist Sheng Qi is a co-founder of Concept 21, China's first performance–art group in the 1980s. In 1989, the artist famously severed his pinky from his left hand and left China for Europe, where he later graduated from London's prestigious St. Martin's Academy of Art.

After returning to China, Sheng Qi continued his performance art. He began to incorporate commercial images into a new photographic series: each photo featured a small photo from friends and family or from the media placed in the artist's left palm, his pinky prominently absent. As “photo within a photo”, the gesture also served as a handshake between the artist and viewer, linking Sheng Qi's personal past to a national collective memory.

Sheng Qi then increasingly turned to painting. His hard-hitting non-academic painting style, as in his series *Black and Red*, often seems to drip with ink and blood. His current solo show demonstrates his most mature and ambitious painterly effort to date, both in terms of scale and subject matter.

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