

Tang Shuo

Born in Guangxi, China, 1987. Lives and works in Liverpool, UK.

Education

2013–2015	Department of Experimental Art, CAFA, Beijing, China
2008–2012	Department of Mural Painting, Guangxi Arts University, Guangxi, China

Biography

Tang Shuo lives and works in Liverpool. His initial interest was in installation and materials art that he studied at the Central Academy of Fine Arts (CAFA) in Beijing, China. On moving to the United Kingdom in 2020, he turned solely to painting. His work explores memories of his childhood in rural Southern China, where tropical plants grow and which is home to many wild animals. The figures in his paintings derive from himself and echo a game he used to play as a child. He and his friends would play different roles and take on various identities such as shepherd, woodcutter or hunter. In his paintings, he pursues this game by painting himself in different poses and imagining himself in these roles.

When he moved to England, he had to face many changes adapting to a new lifestyle and had to rethink his country and his identity. In his work he questions the relationship between individuals and society, revealing a certain feeling of loneliness and alienation, with painting as a form of solace. Memory, identity and connection are important themes in his work.

Solo Exhibitions

2024	(<i>upcoming</i>) Beers London, UK
2023	Shadows of Boulder Hill, Fabienne Levy, Lausanne and Geneva, CH Boulder Hill, Ojiri Gallery, London, UK Solo Booth ArtGenève, with Fabienne Levy, Geneva, CH

Selected Group Exhibitions

2023	(<i>upcoming</i>) Untitled Art Fair, with Fabienne Levy, Miami, USA (<i>upcoming</i>) WOAW Gallery, Hong Kong, China
2022	Patterns of Identity, PRIOR Art Space, Barcelona, Spain Wilderness of Being, HdM Gallery, London, UK Sync in Progress, Tang Contemporary Art, Beijing, China Asia NOW Paris Art Fair, with HDM Gallery, Paris, France Null Protocol, Func Gallery, Shanghai, China Talking All Day, Badre El Jundi Gallery, Madrid, Spain Polychromy, Artual Gallery, Beirut, Lebanon Return To Flesh, The Room London Gallery, London, UK That Wilderness Within, PRIOR Art Space, Barcelona, Spain Identity, Artistellar Gallery, London, UK Paper, Beers Gallery, London, UK