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Beyond the Infinite: Recent Paintings by Luo Dan
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The contrasting duality of underlying Chinese poetry and explosive visuals contained in my works is what led to the discovery and breakthrough of their boundaries and limitations.

Luo Dan, 2015

March 29th, 2015 - Shanghai Longmen Art Projects is delighted to present *Beyond the Infinite: Recent Paintings by Luo Dan*. The exhibition featuring the avant-garde artist out of Sichuan Fine Arts Institute with fresh works completed after his 2011-12 *As Free as the Wind*, and *Echoes of Transcendence* in 2013, up to 2014.

Luo Dan was born in Chongqing, China in 1981. In 2000 he graduated from the High School attached to the Sichuan Fine Art Institute and later was admitted to the Oil Painting Department of the institute. From 2003-2006 he studied in Art University Kunsthochschule, Kassel, Germany and University of Wales Institute, Cardiff, UK as an exchange student. In 2007 he earned a master's degree from the Oil Painting Department of Sichuan Fine Art Institute where he currently teaches. As a young post-80's artist, Luo Dan has remained faithful to his "*Rock Frenzy*" series from 2007 until today. His paintings feature vibrant, energetic, and spastic imagery related to the frenzy that is associated with rock n' roll or electronica.

Born and raised in an artistic family, Luo Dan has, over the past two years, embarked onto a new stage in life, after becoming a husband and a father.

Relative to his earlier works that sought to contrast the traditional and contemporary, the 2015 exhibition will unveil a series of works infused with traditional Chinese poetry and a heightened level of immersion and detail. The space between figure and background has expanded into a new dimension, with graduated lines of color that separate the newest works from the earlier works. Luo Dan seemingly invites the audience to focus less on the exaggerated postures of the figures, and more onto themselves to discover a new realm within their hearts. Staying with his motif, *Beyond the Infinite* marks a new breakthrough for Luo Dan, where he goes beyond the boundaries of pop culture versus traditional culture.

Luo Dan has said: "Every scene, and every part of my so-called world of art, is no longer chasing after valuable judgment nor obeying morality. A complete description of a scene is cut into pieces by real living moments, one by one, in common and understandable images that express themselves. History provides each generation a stage of their own; we are all providing commentary for our own generations." *Rock Frenzy* series is now seven years in the making. Throughout, Luo Dan ceaselessly experiments with composition; forms, materials, and background visuals to not only strengthen his expression, but also hardens his own understanding and comprehension.

Beyond the Infinite: Recent Paintings by Luo Dan opens on March 29th, 2015, and continues through April 30th. Longmen Art Projects invites art lovers and connoisseurs from all corners of the world to share in the charm and attraction of Luo Dan's artworks.

Exhibition Opens: March 29, 2015 (Sunday) 2 – 6pm

Exhibition Duration: March 29, 2015 – April 30, Tues – Sat, 10am – 6:30pm

Exhibition Venue: Longmen Art Projects, Room 102 Tianan Center, No. 338 Nanjing West Road, Huangpu District, Shanghai

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Selected Works:



1. *Luo Dan - Devdas Oil on Canvas 160 x 200 cm 2014*
2. *Luo Dan - Flowers, Yet Not Like Flowers 1 Oil on Canvas DIA.153 cm 2014*
3. *Luo Dan - Traveller's Pavillion 2 Oil on Canvas 200 x 160 cm 2014*
4. *Luo Dan - Partly Cloudy with a Light Breeze Oil on Canvas 200 x 160 cm 2014*