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Born in 1980 in Harbin, China, Song Yige grew up in this northeastern industrial city in the province of Heilongjiang. Quickly devoted to art as a child, she was known to forgo treats in order to buy water colours, brushes and drawing paper. Song graduated in 2007 from Lu Xun Academy of Fine Arts in Shenyang, Liaoning Province, before moving to Beijing where she currently lives and works.

During her formative years she gained the patronage of artist Zeng Fanzhi. His mentorship and their creative collaboration continues and has resulted in her emergence onto the international art scene. This first ever monograph showcases Song Yige's first decade of painting and features her oil on canvas works. The artist's characteristically emotional metaphors and depictions of the modern world involve everyday objects, anonymous characters, animals, and imaginary settings to create her atmospheric effects. Through fascinating large-scale and often melancholic works, Song Yige merges her childhood memories with autobiographical details to reinterpret contemporary life within the confinements of busy cityscapes. Thin layers of paint with dramatic contrasts result in a captivating glow which has already become her signature style.

Her work has been the subject of solo exhibitions at prominent institutions and galleries across Asia and a show curated by Zeng Fanzhi at the Marlborough Fine Art Gallery in London, which was her first exhibition outside of Asia.

EDUCATION

2007 MFA from the department of Oil Painting, Luxun Academy of Fine Arts, China

SOLO EXHIBITION

2023 *The Tale of Tales*, Suzhou Museum, Suzhou, China

2016 *Song Yige*, Marlborough, London, Mayfair, London, UK

2014 *SONG YIGE: Another Dimension*, Sotheby's Gallery, HongKong SAR

2011 *SONG Yige*, HanArt Gallery, Hongkong SAR

2010 *Song Yige*, Hyundai Gallery, Seoul, Korea

Yi Ge, ARTMIA Gallery, Beijing, China

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITION

2021 *BETWEEN*, Song Art Museum, Beijing, China

2016 *Painting as Strait Gate*, Hive Center for Contemporary Art, Beijing, China

2015 *I AM BECAUSE OF YOU*, YUANSAPCE, Beijing, China

2013 Opening Exhibition, Zhong Gallery, Beijing, China

@WHAT, ARKO, Seoul, Korea

2011 ARTMIA Living, ARTMIA Gallery, Beijing, China