

Chen Ching-Yuan

Artist Statement and Biography

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“Stagger,” as a verb, is defined as “to walk, move or stand unsteadily, or to falter,” while as an adjective “staggering” means large and at times overwhelming. “Staggering Matter,” in the literal sense, describes a “large, overwhelming event (or object),” but also alludes to the hidden side of the “object,” which is unstable and lacks support. Chen has purposely chosen a title open to interpretation.

In *Staggering Matter* Chen revisits some of the concepts he explored in his project the LiQUiD STATE, particularly in regards to self-knowledge and the imagining of the body. Through his new installations, videos, paintings, and drawings, Chen moves the oppressed and restrained body through various forms, personalities, and perspectives in an effort to extract himself from his work. When one is emptied of reality and history, no matter the sense of fearlessness or failure, the result is helplessness when coping with the weight of history. This sense of history is transformed, by the digital age’s speed and large amounts of information, into a vast imaginative space.

Artist Biography

Chen Ching-Yuan Taiwan

1984, born in Tainan, Taiwan
Lives and works in Taipei

Education

- 2008 School of Fine Arts, Taipei National University of the Arts
2007 Bachelor of Fine Arts, Fine Arts Department, Taipei National University of the Arts

Solo Exhibitions

- 2013 (Flare-s) Chen Ching-Yuan Solo Exhibition, Tina Keng Gallery, Taipei, Taiwan
2011 Staggering Matter-Chen Ching Yuan Solo Exhibition, Tina Keng Gallery, Taipei, Taiwan
2010 STATE OF_ Chen Ching-yuan's Solo Exhibition, Taishin Bank Foundation for Arts and Culture, Taipei, Taiwan
2009 The LiQUiD STATE, VT Artsalon, Taipei, Taiwan
2008 BASE NO.11971-626 Floor, IOST, Taipei, Taiwan
2007 NO.114714~NO.114723, Salt Peanuts, Taipei, Taiwan

Selected Exhibitions

- 2014 AAA Asia Anarchy Alliance」, Tokyo wander site, Tokyo, Japan
2013 Mona Lisa Made in Taiwan」, Kaohsiung Museum of Fine Arts, Kaohsiung, Taiwan
Love-Animamix Biennale」, Kaohsiung Museum of Fine Arts, Kaohsiung, Taiwan
The Decay of the Angel」, Kuandu Museum of Fine Arts, Taipei, Taiwan
2012 rush on EMU, Taipei MOCA, Taipei, Taiwan
Ambiguous Being, Hong-Cah Museum, Taipei, Taiwan
If Otaku read Gilles Deleuze, Arts Facilities Management Center, Taoyuan Taiwan
how can I tell you who I am? Aodra Calvo Gallery, Salamanca, Spain
CMFA Art Museum: Future show, CMFA Art Museum, Beijing, China
People's Republic of China-Republic without People-the 10th Taishin Arts Award Exhibition, Taipei MOCA, Taipei, Taiwan

Borderless Map, Rooster Gallery, New York City, America
KISS THE HEART, Isetan Shinjuku, Tokyo, Japan

- 2011
Creating Spaces-The 5th Anniversary of VT, VT Artsalon, Taipei, Taiwan
TINA KENG GALLERY BEIJING, Tina Keng Gallery, Beijing, China
People's Republic of China-Republic without People, Kaohsiung Fine Art Museum, Kaohsiung, Taiwan
New Directions: Trans-Plex—Weaving Platform, Kuandu Museum of Fine Arts, Taipei National University of the Arts, Taipei, Taiwan
Art Stage Singapore, Marina Bay Sands Expo and Convention Centre, Singapore
- 2010
Stand in Techniques, Gallery 456, New York, USA
The 7th Busan International Video Festival, Space Bandee, Busan, Korea
Measurement of the Other, Soka Art center, Beijing, China
TRANS~PLEX 2010, Tokyo Wondersite, Tokyo, Japan
Vision2: The Future that Encompasses the Past—An Art Exchange Program between China and Taiwan, TKG+, Taipei, Taiwan
Post-Adolescence, National Taiwan Museum of Fine Arts, Taichung, Taiwan
The Butterfly Effect: The Artistic Communication Project of Cross-Strait Four-Regions, He Xiangning Art Museum, Shenzhen, China
- 2009
Wonderland-the New Artist in Asia, Sakshi Gallery, Taipei, Taiwan
FUTURE O, Bamboo Curtain Studio, Taipei, Taiwan
7080, the New Generations of Taiwan Designer (touring exhibition), Beijing, Shenzhen, Chengdu, Hangchow, Xiamen, Xian, China
POSTO-Sponge Project/Wonder Show 3.0: WTT Team, Museum of Contemporary Art, Taipei, Taiwan; POST.O Maru, Taipei, Taiwan
Describe: 2009 Cross-Strait Contemporary Art, National Taiwan Museum of Fine Arts, Taichung, Taiwan; China National Museum, Beijing, China
21th Century Boys, Kuandu Museum of Fine Arts, Taipei National University of the Arts, Taipei, Taiwan
Kaohsiung Award, Kaohsiung Museum of Fine Arts, Kaohsiung, Taiwan
Outstanding Art Work Prize of Fine Arts Department, Kuandu Museum of Fine Arts, Taipei National University of the Arts, Taipei, Taiwan
Seafoodfight, VT Artsalon, Taipei, Taiwan
- 2008
MC NOW !!, Outstanding Art Work Prize of Fine Arts Department, Taipei National University of the Arts, Taipei, Taiwan
Taoyuan Creation Award, Taoyuan County Government Cultural Affairs Bureau, Taoyuan, Taiwan
Korea Young Artist Exposition, Seoul Train Station, Seoul, Korea

2004 Two: Chen, Jing-yuan & Lin, Yi-Shan, Second Floor, Taipei, Taiwan\

Public Collections

National Taiwan Museum of Fine Arts

TKG Foundation for Arts

Selected Awards

2009 Kaohsiung Award

2008 The 7th Taoyuan Creation Award