

Bookshop Gallery

Biography

Chihoi

Chihoi (b. 1977, Hong Kong) is a self-taught artist with a practice stemming from drawing and illustrations. He has also been publishing comic books since the late 1990s. Over the years, his practice has expanded to encompass oil painting. As a comic artist, Chihoi would transform imagination and story into frame-by-frame pictures. While as a painter, he would begin with observation and thoughts from reality, before materializing these introspections into intimate tableaus, capturing fleeting moments that allude to one's inner psyche. Chihoi's painted scenes carry urban textures and existential underpinnings, at times unveiling estrangement from an environment that once felt familiar.

Chihoi's solo exhibitions have taken place at Blindspot Gallery (Hong Kong, 2024), Grafixx Festival / De Studio (Antwerp, 2022), ACO Art Space (Hong Kong, 2019), Taipei Dangdai (Taipei, 2019), Fumetto Comix Festival (Luzern, Switzerland, 2010), and Hong Kong Arts Centre (Hong Kong, 2007), among others. Chihoi has also participated at Jameel Arts Centre (Dubai, 2024), Hayy Jameel (Jeddah, 2023), Yi-Hsiu Museum of Art (Nantou, 2023), Southbank Centre (London, 2022), La Villa Belleville (Paris, 2022), and the 11th Seoul Mediacity Biennale (Seoul, 2021), among others. In 2011, Chihoi was awarded the Désirée and Hans Michael Jebsen Fellowship from Asian Cultural Council, an artist residency which took place in New York. Chihoi currently lives and works in Taipei.

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