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"Farewell My Concubine", in relation to Expressionism

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Abstract

The study mainly explores on the focus of cross-dressing character Leslie Cheung in the film "Farewell My Concubine" in relation to Expressionism. The researcher has a deep impression on the styling of Leslie Cheung's characters in the film of "Farewell My Concubine" and has a strong interest in the artistic cross-dressing of Chinese Opera. There are three major research directions: To discuss the relationship and artistic features of reproducing the movie plot with expressionist techniques; The feasibility to interpret the Chinese opera cross-dressing actor characteristics and phenomenon with Expressionist techniques; Exploring the impression and perception of audiences on the androgynous roles of Chinese opera actor in the style of expressionist art.

Expressionism is characterized by an exaggeration of emphasis on the expression of unease and loneliness in the hearts and minds of people. To compare with the movie "Farewell My Concubine", it recounts the perseverance of the character "Ching Die Yi" on the art of the quintessence of Chinese opera, which in turn highlights the agitation and life caused by the evolution of history and culture in the great era. Both are equally influenced by the background of their times and emphasize the strong emotions of characters in the times.

Consider on those similar factors the researcher will use this as a common ground as inspiration to create a series of works. Researchers will hold public exhibitions and collect audience opinions in order to comprehensive research. Visitors are open to artists, professors of arts, art students, non-art students, college students and non-university students. The researchers will re-create new works of art and conclusion which according and response to the opinions from the audience.

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1) Rationale of the project

The research background start from my trip to Europe in 2016, I visited a large number of art galleries inspired my desire to create. I when returned to Hong Kong, I started to paint Leslie Cheung image in the Film "Farewell my concubine". However, I found that no one in contemporary art used it, the film character as a subject for creation and discussion, and so I began to explore and create on this topic.

1.1) Project Background

1.1.1) Painting in Post-modernism

In postmodernism, the definition of past art has been re-examined. Gao Xuanyang (1992) also pointed out that contemporary culture is in the postmodern art situation, this state there is a "uncertainty". Thus, postmodernism is a mixed cultural phenomenon. And in this premise, the integration of old and new, Chinese and Western cultural exchanges, as well as the definition of men and women, are worthy of painting a new exploration again.

1.1.2) To explore the identity of gender – Androgyny

Androgyny is not a new concept, it originated in ancient Greece, Plato in his work Symposium, has been proposed on the Androgyny prototype. In the category of philosophy C.G. Jung in Ainma and Ainmus is the highest model of Androgyny, that is combined with the characteristics of men and women, and has a complete wisdom. Psychology also exists with Androgyny's scientific explanation. In the traditional philosophy of China, the balance between yin and yang is extremely important, while the Chinese tradition, Yin on behalf of women, and Yang on behalf of men. Whether in the West or the East, literature, drama, art, etc. in Androgyny characteristics also appeared inadvertently, in the gender characteristics of the integration and transformation. These are hinted at the maximum limit of human sex, perhaps Androgyny.

1.1.3) The refreshment of Chinese Opera culture to contemporary art

In the traditional Chinese opera, early by all the characters played by men, including the stage of the female angle, known as "Dan." But the culture of Peking opera, the

role of the gender in the construction of the stage there are very strict provisions, such as clothing, makeup, action, God fine and so on. But these are not subject to the actor's own gender constraints, can still be wonderful performances. Later, women can also play a male role, which achieve it excellent. And Leslie Cheung act in the film Farewell My Concubine, although he is not a professional Peking opera actor, but his performance in the film shows Peking Opera female role perfectly. So that the role of Androgynous image is thought-provoking, in fact, China's opera culture, Androgynous's role has been a traditional culture, not a surprise. In postmodern art, thinking about gender issues from this perspective will be interesting to have research.

1.2) Research purposes

Researchers will exhibit a series of paintings and use questionnaires to interview the views of the audience on the performance of the works in order to obtain first-hand information. Through reference expressionism artistic style to create a series of paintings, drawings, photos and document, based initially on Leslie Cheung's role in the film Farewell My Concubine;

- 1. To discuss the relationship and artistic features of reproducing the movie plot with expressionist techniques;
- 2. The feasibility to interpret the Chinese opera cross-dressing actor characteristics and phenomenon with Expressionist techniques;
- 3. Exploring the impression and perception of audiences on the androgynous roles of Chinese opera actor in the style of expressionist art.

Consider on those similar factors the researcher will use this as a common ground as inspiration to create a series of works.

1.3) Research Questions

- 1. How can expressionism relate to Leslie Cheung androgynous character through paintings?
- 2. Are the reproduction paintings of Leslie Cheung androgynous character an Art piece?
- 3. What are impression and perception audiences about the exhibition?

2) Literature review

2.1) Define the terms on the topic

2.1.1) Farewell My Concubine (1993) is a Chinese drama film (Refer to Picture 2-1), directed by Chen Kaige. Director Zhang Guorong plays Cheng Dieyi, Zhang Fengyi plays Duan Xiaolou, Gong Li plays Ju Juxian, Ge You and Jiang Wenli play Yuan Si Shao and Cheng Mou respectively. The film won the Golden City Award at the Cannes Film Festival. The story is about two men, Cheng Dieyi and Duan Xiaolou, they met as apprentices in the Peking Opera, who stayed friends for over 50 years.



(Picture 2-1) The Poster of Farewell My Concubine

 $Photo\ from: https://post.naver.com/viewer/postView.nhn? member No=31976482 \& volume No=6459584$

2.1.2) Cross-dressing character (Refer to picture 2.2) is that Leslie Cheung plays a role as Cheng Dieyi (程蝶衣) / Xiaodouzi (小豆子).



(Picture 2-2) Leslie Cheung as Cheung Dieyi
Photo http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-china-43637749?SThisFB

2.1.3) Cross-dressing in Chinese Opera

"Cross-dressing has had a unique history in Chinese opera form the "Golden age" of the Yuan Dynastry (1271-1368)...The public theater which was monopolized by men during the mid-to the late Qing period." Siu Leung Li (2003)

2.1.4) Expressionism (Paintings)

Expressionism is an Art movement starts with 1905s to 1980s ...it's included paintings, printing making and film that artist use distorted image to show world inner feelings as essential. (Refer to picture 2-3, 2-4 and 2-5)







Picture 2-3

Picture 2-4

- 2.2 The Scream by Edvard Munch(1893), which inspired 20th-century Expressionists
- 2.4 Egon Schiele Self-Portrait with Raised Bare Shoulder 1912
- 2.5 Karl Schmidt-Rottluff, 'Dr Rosa Schapire' 1919

2.1.5) Expressionism (German Expressionism film)

"A term, borrowed from painting and theatre, denoting a body of films made in Germany between around 1919 and 1930. It refers to an extreme stylization of Expressionism is with low-key, shadow lighting, which together evoke an atmosphere of anxiety and paranoia. "- Annette Kuhn and Guy Westwell (2015)

2.1.6) Androgyny

The quality of being either specifically masculine or feminine. The combination of masculine and feminine characteristics to being androgynous. (The Definition from Merriam-Webster)

2.1.7) Leslie Cheung

Leslie Cheung is a famous Hong Kong local artist in mid-1980s (Gwyneth Ho, 2018).



He claims that he is bisexual and to be an actor, should be androgyny. (Refer to picture 2-6) "I think an actor is androgyny, ever ..." – Leslie Cheung.



(Picture 2-6) Leslie Cheung in the film "Farewell My Concubine" Photo from http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-china-43637749?SThisFB

2.2) Relevant of Androgyny

2.2.1) Origin of Androgyny and the relationship to Leslie Cheung

After he play his role in the film "Farewell My Concubine", he reveal that he is bisexual and Leslie had said that "I think an actor is androgyny ever..." One of the local scholar, Androgyny had mentioned in a British modern novelist, Virginia Woolf. Her book "A Room of One's Own, had emphasizes that the highest gender level of human and consciousness is "Androgyny", that her idea of "Androgyny" is very close to Leslie Cheung. Luo Feung (2005) Actually, theme ideas of androgyny had studied by famous philosopher Plato and Carl Jung. Therefore I try to interpret my view on the topic through my painting about it.

The Androgyne Myth by Plato (390) from Symposium 189c-193c, Once upon a time, there were three kinds of human beings: male, descended from the sun; female, descended from the earth; and androgynous, with both male and female elements, descended from the moon...." (Refer to picture 2-7).

Carl Jung (1925) assumes that everyone has the spirit of the male and female components. For men, the female part is the anima, and for women, it is an animus. Human biological and psychological development is part of a mixture of male and

female energy. (Refer to picture 2-8).



(Picture 2-7) Plato's Androgyne Myth
Photo from: http://www.johnuebersax.com/plato/myths/androgyne.htm



(Picture 2-8) Carl Jung's Anima and animus

Photo from:
https://carljungdepthpsychologysite.blog/2018/03/21/carl-jungon-the-anima-and-animus/

2.2.2) Androgyny in Peking Opera characters

The feature of androgynous image relavant in Chinese Peking Opera before the movie "Farewell my Concubine". One of the greatest Chinese Peking opera masters Mei Lanfang (1893-1961). Liang Luo said that Mei performance transformed masculinity, femininity, and androgyny into a Beijing Opera character as an Art.

2.2.3) Androgyny concept in artist's world

Androgyny there already had concept and context artist's world. such as Grayson perry, Self-portrait as a young girl, (Refer to picture 2-10), Claude Cahun (Refer to picture 2-9), Andy Warhol (Refer to picture 2-11), and Duchamp (Refer to picture 2-12). There are some painter who also interested in androgyny such as Gluck (Refer to picture 2-13) and Expressionist Jawlensky (Refer to picture 2-14) had paint Androgynous image with oil painting.



(Picture 2-9)
Self-portrait as a young girl, 1914
From: https://artblart.com/tag/self-portrait-as-a-young-girl-1914/



(Picture 2-10)
Grayson Perry with his work Bad Portraits
From:https://www.theguardian.com/books/2016/dec/15/descent-man-grayson-perry-review



(Picture 2-11)
"Mr. and Mrs. Andy Warhol. Don't you love it?"
From:https://www.pinterest.com/pin/76490893641746532/



(Picture 2-12)

Man Ray, *Rrose Sélavy* (alias Marcel Duchamp), 1921

From: http://www.artribune.com/report/2014/12/fu-anche-pittore-marcel-duchamp-al-centre-pompidou/



(Picture 2-13)

Medallion (YouWe) by Gluck (Hannah Gluckstein)
(1895-1978)



Alexander Sakharoff by Alexej von Jawlensky, 1909

From: http://www.anothermag.com/art-photography/9501/the-early-20th-century-artist-who-pioneered-modern-androgyny

 $From: https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File: Jawlensky_Sak \\ har off.jpg$

2.3) Art reproduction of movie scenes

2.3.1) Re-paint the movie shot

One of the local artist Chow Chun Fai had also paint movie scenes. However, he claim that the beginning of those painting is that he's attract by the subtitle of the movie. Therefore he not only simplicity copy the screen of films (Refer to picture 2-15, 2-16), also show one artist interest about the shot.



(Picture 2-15)

Repaint a movie scene (Film and paintings)

From: http://www.chowchunfai.com/



(Picture 2-16)
"Escape the Giang Hu world" ,2006
From: http://www.chowchunfai.com/

3) The design of the research

3.1) Arts-related research

My Research Methodology is Arts-related research. As Dewey mention, Arts production constitutes an authentic experience. It's very close to the purpose of Arts-related research. Artist-researchers will use their creative and art-making process as their basic research method. Also said that Arts-related research process generate through the work and practice. (Savin Baden & Major, 2013)

Arts-related research goals in the practice of creative arts, the results are partially explored by enabling researchers to acquire new knowledge. Researcher will consult and examine Expressionism art making through Martials exploration, painting, photos, media, conceptual art etc. An exhibition will be held in mid-February. During this period, I'll collect audience views on the works. The researcher refers to the opinions of the public and finally finishes the final works of art.

3.2) Study implementation process

See the following table of implementation process (Refer to Table 3-1).

| June-Aug 2017 | Research and artwork exploration |
|---------------|--|
| Sep-Dec 2017 | Complete the first three chapter of research |
| Jun-Feb 2018 | Artwork exhibition and collect date |
| Mar-Apr 2018 | Finalized research paper |
| May 2018 | Research paper submission |

Table 3-1

3.3) Research restrictions

3.3.1) Limitation of art-related research

The art-related research has a limitation; there will be a delay of research question since artist will never know what they will experience through practice. And also the artistic process is very difficult to define and pinpoint. (Maggi Savin-Baden and Katherine Wimpenny ,2014)

3.3.2) Measurement Cross-dressing issue

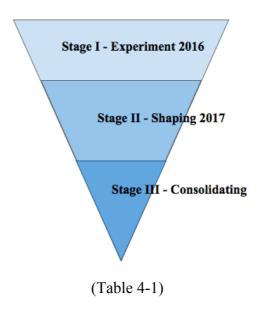
The hidden message of cross-dressing might reveal transgender and queer issues. That it is very difficult to measure the value of the data from the exhibition by knowing all audience views. Also, androgyny as an example, this is a philosophical concept; it is difficult to quantify the impact with fully social phenomenon.

3.3.3) Works and concept

Whether the artwork and its concept can be effectively connected is one of the problems created. How to express works in the most direct and ideal way is the test of the researcher.

4) Research Stages I-II

I divide my Arts-related research into three parts (Refer to table 4-1). Stage I, experiment started from 2016, Stage II, shaping ideas, started form 2017 and Stage III consolidating from stage I&II after the exhibition.





4.1) Stage I - Experiment

4.1.1) Background of Stage I

In Stage I, I pursuit the perfection from the reproduce of movie screen as target. As aristotle said, arts as representation. Also, art as representation also mention by other, Xie Dongshan (2006) believe that Art has a reproducible nature so that we can get pleasure from it. The artist conveys ideas through artistic creation and uses art to present images. - Li Meirong. However, the first part is mainly based on experimental attempts.

4.1.2) Arts-related studies - Technique of Glazing

One of my favorite artists is Vermeer. I studied his painting techniques glazing. Glazing is a technique of applying a transparent coating to the surface of a painting to modify the color tones. This is one of the paintings he painted with Glazing called Girl with a Red Hat. (refer to picture 4-1).

A superbly conserved example of glazing can be found in Vermeer's Girl with a Red Hat. The red hat, according to common practice for painting bright red objects, is first modeled with shades of pure vermilion and black. Subsequently, the lighter areas will be glazed with a thin layer of pure madder lake while the shadowed areas would be deepened with a thicker glaze of madder lake and, perhaps, some black or natural ultramarine.



(Picture 4-1)

Reconstruction of Vermeer's Girl with a Red Hat by Jonathan Janson, author of Essential Vermeer. Captured from

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZPvU 9h-MVY



(Picture 4-2, 4-3, 4-4)

Reconstruction of Vermeer's Girl with a Red Hat by Jonathan Janson, author of Essential Vermeer. Details Captured from

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZPvU 9h-MVY

4.1.3) Applying Glazing

Applying glazing on my work helps me achieve the semi-realistic image. In the work 「.....」,20x20cm (Refer to Picture),



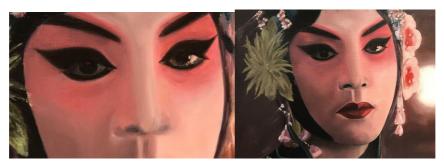






 $\label{eq:Picture 4-5}$ The painting process of $\ ^{\lceil} \ldots \ldots \ _{\rfloor}$, 20x20cm, Oil on canvas

I paint grey and black as the foundation and modified with glazing technique. In work" I've caused you so much grief!" 30x21cm (Refer to picture 4-6), but I skip the foundation of grey and paint with full palette then tone the shadow part. This two painting I also used glazing to handle the painting process. It helps me easily to create a semi-realistic style of works and capture his beauty of androgynous image.



Picture 4-6
「此番運累你,多受惊慌!」-《霸王別姬》節錄
" I've caused you so much grief!" - "Farewell My Concubine" Excerpts
2017, 30x21cm, oil on paper



Picture 4-7
「心中有戲,目中無人。」-《霸王別姫》(李碧華 著)節錄
"Play on his mind but without seeing others..." "Farewell My Concubine" Excerpts 2016, 60x50cm, Acrylic on canvas

In work "Play on his mind but without seeing others...", 60x50cm (refer to picture 4-7) that I explore with new glazing technique, in this painting, I brush grey and Ultramarine as foundation. Then I added lemon yellow on Titanium White, and alizarin crimson red on Ultramarine. It turns to deep purple similar to black, finally add one more Titanium White layer on lemon yellow. It makes a blur image that the outline of Leslie Cheung turns out a dramatic looks with Yellow, Blue and red.

According philosophy of Art as representation, in the table of work in Stage I (Refer to Table 4-1) are my trial, I had explore my work in oil, acrylic, sketches. I also tried to use ink and lake red pastel to depict his feminine image of Chinese Opera makeup.

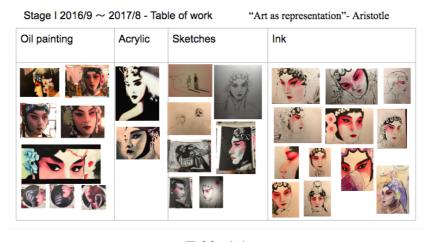


Table 4-1

4.2) Stage II - Shaping

4.2.1) Background of Stage II

In the Second stage, I was strongly inspired by Expressionism and tried to express the character's expression in an expressionistic way. During my visit to Vienna, I inadvertently watched the works of Egon Schiele and I was very touched (Refer to picture 4-8). His use of strong brushstrokes to depict the movement of the human body made me feel the artist's strong emotions.



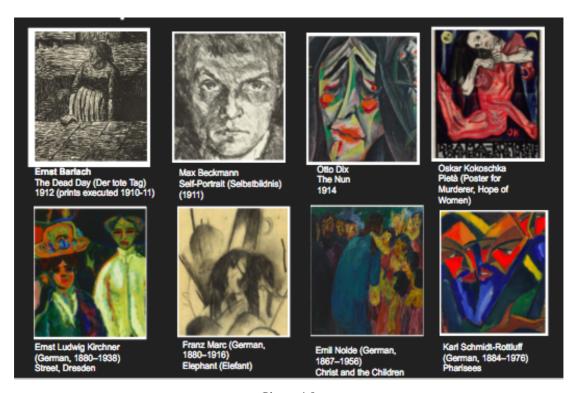
Picture 4-8
Me in Leopold Museum, Vienna (2017)

According to the Glingwood, As as expression, Art exists in the artist's heart and is the artist's emotional expression. Therefore, I have conducted some collection and research on expressionism and I believe that the expressionist ideas are all related to the topics I want to express.

4.2.2) Key ideas of Expressionism

Here are some key ideas of Expressionism, Artist's feelings - within the artist, rather than from a depiction of the external visual world. Anxieties of the modern world; swirling, swaying, and exaggeratedly executed brushstrokes, serpentine figural renderings and bold colors. Expressionist artist Egon Schiele believes that the most important element of art is affection...Painting is equal to expressing one's emotions. What a painter should care about is not how to draw but what to paint."

For my practice, I have studied Expressionism artistic style and artist these are the German expressionism featured artists. (Refer to picture 4-9)



Picture 4-8

4.2.3) Expressionism and "Farewell my concubine"

Expressionism emphasis on the highly personal psychological and emotional response of the artist. As an artist, I found the main idea which I want to present is to reproduce the misfortune of his gender confusion and cross-dressing my expressionist painting. Farewell My Concubine is not a happy movie. The story tells that Cheng Dieyi, the main character, was forced to obscure his gender image to play the role of Dan female characters in Chinese Opera. After al, he recognized his misunderstand of himself gender then committed suicide, died.

I chose to depict him with the style of Expressionism, because I think that I was not only attracted to the image of Leslie Cheung's cross-dressing, but I also touched by misfortune in different situations and wanted the audience to look at this role from a new perspective. The doubleness of Dieyi's face and Leslie Cheung have produced an effect of conflation, it blurs the boundaries between fiction (Farewell my concubine) and reality.- Chen, Chin-Fu & Chung, Cheng-Tao. (2015).

4.2.4) Studies and practice Expressionism

After all research of expressionism and the ideas of Art as expression, this is the table of work in stage II (Refer to Table 4-2), different from stage I, reference to

Expressionism style, I tried different colours and brushwork to explore the emotion of the character.

Stage II - Table of work Art as Expression (R. G. Glingwood,1889-1943)

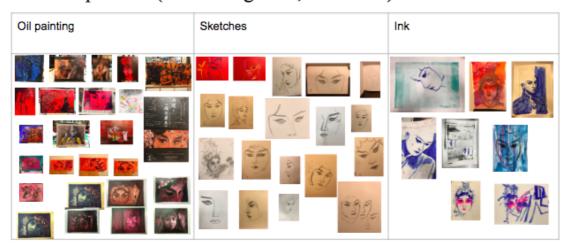


Table 4-2

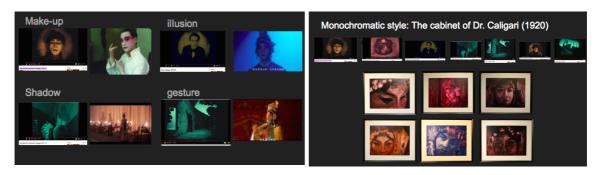
In expressionist art, colour in particular can be highly intense and non-naturalistic, brushwork is typically free, highly textured. (Tate, Terms- Expressionism), These are my practice and trial (Refer to picture.



Picture 4-9

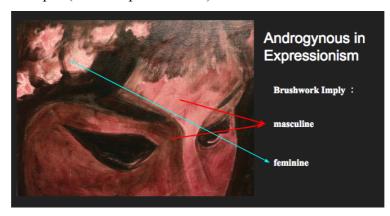
4.2.5) Inspired by The cabinet of Dr. Cagliari

I also watch expressionism film "The cabinet of Dr. Cagliari", inspired by the movie, as similarity from the film such as Make-up, illusion, shadow and gesture (Refer to Picture 4-10). They all depict and emphasis the feelings of character's spirituality. And I used "monochromatic" style as it demonstrates the duality of human's inner or subconscious mind that often stands between bright and dark side (Refer to Picture 4-11).



Picture 4-10 Picture 4-11

I try to apply androgynous idea by expressionism. Painting includes two brushworks. The strong heavy brushwork imply masculine and those soft thin drawing like feminine of his temper (Refer to picture 4-12).



Picture 4-12

4.2.6) Artwork Explanation

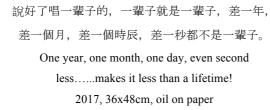
The following artwork are combine with my thought of the movie, storyline, the character and the feature of expressionism and expressionism film / film noir as inspiration. I choose 6 movie plot that I felt can depict the character misfortune from his gender. In traditional Chinese Opera, King and concubine can't be separate, but in my paintings, I never paint the King (Character in the film), because he lives in her heart and show it from her eyes.

This work "One year, one month, one day, even second less......makes it less than a lifetime!", 2017, (Refer to picture 4-13) is the story beginning of Deiye (Leslie Cheung) grow up and his bother story of their Opera career. He keeps his head down and waiting for a moment to swage his bother. His greatest hope is to play the role of concubine Yu (the Peking Opera – Farewell my concubine") with his bother within whole life. He was likely reflecting his love to bother through the play to satisfy him.

In this painting, I use a met pink a foundation and focus on his eyes mood. He was thinking, who know what is it? But at last that is something sweet to him.



(Picture 4-13)





From Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kbcm7zlziqQ

In this work "Master Yuan has presented you with a pennant. It reads, The beauty of the age", 2017, (Refer to Picture 4-14). He life lives on the stage. He was "The beauty of the age." Man treats him as a woman. Woman treat him as a man...who is he in the truth? A Man or a Woman.



(Picture 4-14) 「人戲不分,出神人化」

Master Yuan has presented you with a pennant.

It reads," The beauty of the age."

2017, 36x48cm, oil on paper



From Youtube:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kbcm7zlziqQ

In this work, "Just the way you're overplaying your part. I'm just a fake king. You really are Concubine Yu". 2017. This bother is going to leave him, with a woman. A

Woman. Why HE is not a woman. This bother said, "I'm just a fake king. You really are Concubine Yu." Bur they just live on the stage...

...for you, it's just a play only?



「我是假霸王, 你是真虞姫。」 Just the way you're overplaying your part. I'm just a

(Picture 4-15)

From Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kbcm7zlziqQ

fake king. You really are Concubine Yu. 2017, 36x48cm, oil on paper

In this scene, he was supposed to play concubine with his bother on stage, but Junior robbed his play. Finally, the only thing he can do is help him put on his headwear. That is his expression on his eyes (Refer to picture 4-16). You know, all I want is play "Farewell My concubine" on stage with, now, that become a hope only.... Well...let me put on your headwear...the last thing I can do, for you.



「看来今日,就是你我分別之日啊.....了!

From Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kbcm7zlziqQ

I'm fear that today is the day we must part." 2017, 36x48cm, oil on paper

In work "Can Peking Opera survive this indefinite?", 2017. After Cultural Revolution, He was despaired. (Refer to picture 4-17)



(Picture 4-17) 「那京劇能不亡嗎?」 Can Peking Opera survive this indefinite? 2017, 36x48cm, oil on paper



From Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kbcm7zlziqQ

In work "I am by nature a boy...not a girl",2017. (Refer to picture 4-18). "I am by nature a boy...not a girl" is the most important dialogue, this implies that his gender was forcibly converted. The original script is "I am by nature a girl...not a boy." This is the last scene of the film, he found that everything he had experience was like a dream.



(Picture 4-18) 「我本是男兒郎,又不是女嬌娥。」 "I am by nature a boy...not a girl" 2017,36x48cm,oil on paper



From Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kbcm7zlziqQ

Work "You all lie to me...!",2018. (Picture 4-19), Which is the highlight work of the project. He exist in both three painting, and the focus is on the central the he was criticized in the Cultural Revolution. I chose the channel or scene because this scene is the most unfortunate scene of the character. His beliefs, gender orientation, love and righteousness are all overturned.





(Picture 4-19)

「你們都騙我...!」

"You all lie to me...!" 2018, 36'x24', oil on canvas

From Youtube:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kbcm7zlziqQ

4.3) Public Exhibition

4.3.1) Exhibition preparation

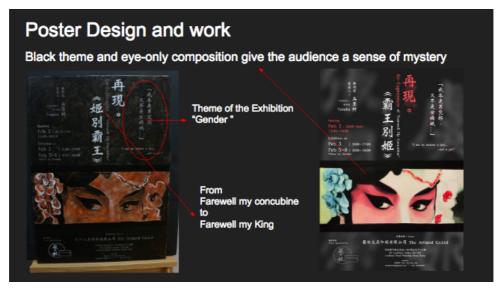
The exhibition include my work from stage I to stage II. Preparing for the exhibition the above items are the most important ones. (Refer to Table 4-3) The first is to prepare the works and brief introductions, to prepare the venues, to deliver the works, and finally to promote and design posters.

| ITEM | CONTENT | DEADLINE | PROGRESS | Г | |
|--|------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|----|----------|
| | Promotion | | | г | |
| Facebook | Keep updating | | ongoing | т | |
| Poster format | Change format from rgb to cmyk | 28-Jan-18 | | 1 | |
| Poster format | to crityk | 20/301/10 | Done | | |
| Print and stick the poster at school | | 29-Jan-18 | Done | 2 | |
| | Send to professor Ask friend | | | ı | |
| | Send to the cantonese | | | ı | |
| Send invitiation letter or email | opera society's chairman | | Done | ı | |
| | | | | 2 | |
| Make poster and print | A4 x 100 | 29-Jan-18 | | 3 | \$185 |
| Make and print postcard | had 4 helper now | Take it on the 31st Jan | Done | 3 | \$300 |
| | - 2 for reception | | | ı | |
| Find helper for setup | - 2 for drinks | | Done | ı | \$500 |
| Find photographer | - 2 for drilling | | Done | Н | ,,,,, |
| rina protograpno | | | DOILE | Н | |
| Find helper for packing and leave | | | Done | ı | |
| Price of postcard | | | Done | Н | |
| | | | | Н | |
| | Preparation | | | Н | |
| | | | | _ | |
| update to superviser about the exhibitio | n | 29-Jan-18 | Done | 2 | |
| Opening rundown | | 28-Jan-18 | Done | | |
| Confirm guest list | | 28-Jan-18 | No need | 1 | |
| Drinks and food | | 1-Feb-18 | | 4 | -\$200 |
| Dress | | 28-Jan-18 | Done | 1 | \$470 |
| Signiture pen and book | | 28-Jan-18 | Done | 1 | \$167.40 |
| Hower for supervisor | one flower | 1-Feb-18 | No need!!!!! | 4 | |
| venue | | | | | |
| Book venue | | | Done | | \$2,000 |
| Setup (Magic Tape) | | | | Г | \$108 |
| Setup (Fishing Line) | | | | 5 | \$12.60 |
| Setup(GOGOvan) | | | | | \$250 |
| Setup (Frame) 12 (30X40 \$59.9x5 / 40X5 | i0 \$79.9x7) | | | П | 858.8 |
| Packing (GOGOvan) | | | | Г | \$270 |
| Exhibition | | | | | |
| Welcome speech | | 31-Jan-18 | | 3 | |
| Caption | Each painting | | Done | | \$30 |
| Caption | For section one and two | 31-Jan-18 | Done | 3 | |
| Questionaire for the exhibition | | 1-Feb-18 | | 4 | |
| Booklet | | | Later (For Hon Pro | o) | |
| Introduction of 衛王別姫 | video for the movie | 2-Feb-18 | Done | 5 | |
| In front desk | | 2-Feb-18 | They provide the | 5 | |
| Skech book for this project | Need to scan and make a booklet | 1-Feb-18 | N/A | 4 | |
| and the season of the project | and other | 2-700-20 | - speci | | |
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Table 4-3

4.3.2) Poster Design

I added elements of expressionism. In addition to the electronic version of the design, I also painted another piece. (Refer to picture 4-20) The colors and strokes of this work are relatively random and primitive. The theme of the exhibition is from Farewell by concubine to Farewell my King. This shows that the focus of the exhibition is on the characters. A subtitle is also included in the poster to reflect the exhibition's The theme is based on the gender of the character.



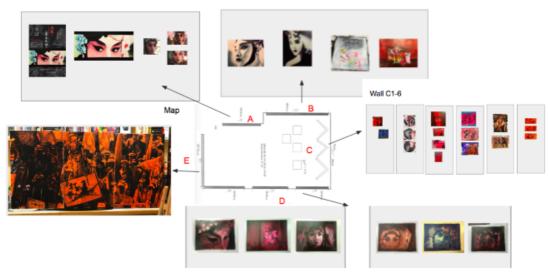
Picture 4-20

4.3.3) Floor Plan

I mainly divided my works into two categories: early works and later works. I classify the semi- realistic works in Wall A to B. they are also my early works. Area C mainly shows my exploration on outlines, shapes, colors, strokes, and so on. Wall D reveal the expressionism style of paintings. These expressions are the plots of the characters in the different scenes of the movie. Wall E would be the highlight of

work.

The setting of exhibition Arranged in a creative style to show the artist's style.



Picture 4-21

4.3.4) Feedback and Findings

The exhibition brought a different reaction. Most of the people agree my point of view. However there are more suggestion that I unexpected. People think that Hong Kong rarely has Chinese Opera as the theme of the artwork. Some art lovers appreciate that I try to use different techniques to paint Leslie Cheung. An actor who also agrees with the misfortune of Leslie Cheung who committed suicide, the way to depict him in painting is very well done. This is a very avant-garde idea for painting with a Chinese opera script caption, by a Cantonese operas performor of. Leslie Cheung's fans also reacted positively to this exhibition. They also agreed that Expressionism can better express the inner world of the character, and also recall that the incident of Leslie Cheung's suicide coincides with the plot of his movie. Therefore, it is also a great pleasure for the exhibition to receive many positive responses. Communicating with different people makes me more courageous to face the people.

Response to project purposes, I think the project can achieve three purposes from the exhibition. Through Stage I to stage II, from semi-realistic style to expressionism, I believe that reproducing the movie plot with expressionist techniques are the better way to express my ideas on the topic. By audience options, we both think that it is more feasibility to interpret the actor characteristics and phenomenon with

Expressionist techniques. And I had explored the impression and perception of audiences on the androgynous roles of Chinese opera actor in the style of expressionist art through the exhibition.

5) Research Stage III

5.1) Stage III – Consolidating

After the exhibition, I stopped doing anything about a month and I had a deep reflection and enlightenment. I recall everything again. Is this exhibition really successful? What did this mean to me after I finished the plan? After a long break...unexpectedly, I began a new creation. It was a reflection of all the experiences of stage one and stage two and after the exhibition.

5.2) Stage III- Discussion and Reflection

5.2.1) the combination of screen, title and painting

There are interesting relationship between screen, title and paintings, originally they are three independent arts, movies, literature, paintings. Since I had created a recombination of them, I believe that it gives people a new imagination from the set of art. The audience can feel the sentiments conveyed by the work from three aspects (Farewell My concubine), pictures (expressionist treatment), and the title of the work. From the "Farewell My concubine" to the "Farewell My King", in the transformation of the title, in my works, I made Den's position surpass the actor's lead, and focused the attention on Leslie Cheung then people to feel his deep emotions in his androgynous image. Coupled with traditional Beijing opera and story dialogue.

5.2.2) the artist's relationship with the viewer

During my exhibition, I received different types of opinions independently. But what mentality should an artist listen to? I think that once an exhibition has been held this time, I should understand that I cannot forces everyone to accept my work. Although this is a research project, there are also research objectives that should be achieved. For a researcher, the opinions of the audience are very important data. But for the artist,



after the artist interacts with the viewer, we get new inspiration and reflection, which is more precious.

5.2.3) Expressionist techniques and artists

The exhibition shows two important phases of my creation, from figurative representation to abstract thinking. When I gave up painting with figurative and realistic methods, it meant that my creation added a strong personal perception. The works I created are very improvised and timely. It is completed quickly. I will first watch a fragment of the movie, and when I have a strong feeling, I will create it. Therefore, what these record is not just a picture. For me, it is the preservation of my feelings at the moment. It's very unique and rare. Because inspiration cannot be redrawn when it lost. I believe that is also a connotation of Expressionism.

5.2.4) Expressionism and Androgyny

The process of exploration has been since I discovered that it is actually possible to present a masculine and feminine image in one work. Through strong brushstrokes, I can express the emotions of the characters in the works. I can also use sketched curves to show the soft and feminine aspects. At the same time try glazing, with a relatively transparent three primary colors can present a dreamy black and white picture. So I intend to continue to develop this type of style and name it as **Androgynism.**

5.3) Stage III – Artworks

In this stage III, I try to explore on brushwork and layers (Refer to picture 5-1). In this process, I give up the realistic creation, to explore the direct nature of expressionism, distortion, and strong color and apply Androgynism style (masculine and feminine) in it.









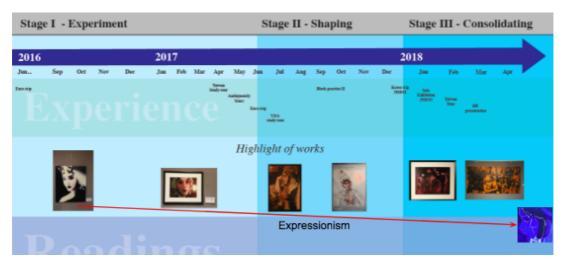


Picture 5-1

(6) Conclusion

6.1) Summary of Project and reflection

Summarizing this plan, the plan is clearly divided into three stages. But in fact these three stages occurred accidentally. I have many changes before and after the exhibition. These are unexpected.



Picture 6-1

During this project, I read the literatures again and again. I began to think about it. What is androgyny having to do with me? Seeing these works inspired me to re-create my intentions and identity, I always thought that I was attracted by Leslie Cheung, but I was originally attracted by this kind of temperament, androgyny. This is my common point with them. (Refer to Picture 6-2) And I think I saw some of my qualities in the role of Leslie Cheung, so I combined him and me into one painting.



Picture 6-2
Portrait of Leslie and me, 2018, 20x29cm, ink on paper



Picture 6-3

Expressionism emerged lost feelings of authenticity and spirituality of artist. The central idea of expressionism is the same as the thoughts of the works I presented. Because I'm terrified of such qualities as myself, I'm afraid that my end is like a movie. (Refer to 6-3)This may be the reason why I feel strongly about this movie.

Summarizing the entire plan, I think what I experienced seemed to be a journey. Even the goal has been achieved... it does not mean that this is over, because I have found a new creative motivation. If there is no past experience, there will be me now. Many things in art are a process. This process will not end. This is not just a plan that has already been completed. It is an ongoing exploration. Art is a desire that is buried in your heart. Arts for art sake, right?

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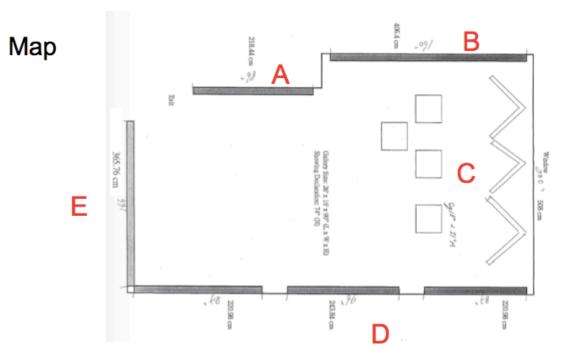


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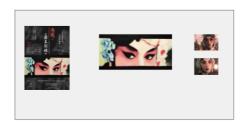
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Appendix I - Exhibition Set-up









30+20+76+29(A3poster)cm =total: 165 cm

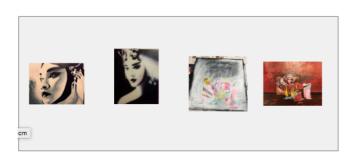
218-165cm

Space left: 53cm (1Xcm)



Wall B total: 406.4cm

60+50+76+80.5+70cm = 326.5cm 406.4-326.5cm= 80cm (13.3cm)





Wall C1-6





Wall D1(220.98cm) D2(243.84cm) D3(220.98cm)









Wall E 365.76cm

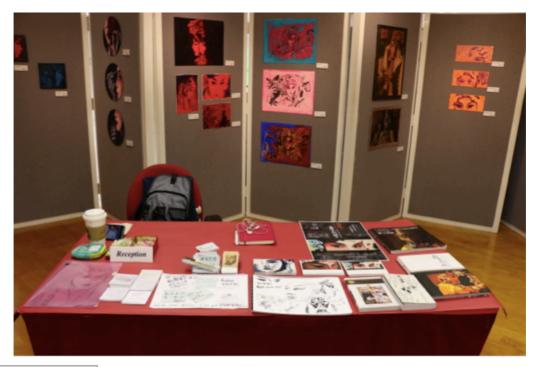












Appendix II - Exhibition Poster and postcard

















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Appendix III - Table of Exhibition To-do-list

| ITEM | CONTENT | DEADLINE | PROGRESS | | |
|--|---|--------------|---------------------|---|----------|
| | Promotion | • | | | |
| Facebook | Keep updating | | ongoing | | |
| 100000 | Change format from rgb | | SUBSUID. | 1 | |
| Poster format | to cmyk | 28-Jan-18 | Done | - | |
| Print and stick the poster at school | | 29-Jan-18 | Done | 2 | |
| 3411001 | Send to professor | 25 34 25 | 56.10 | | |
| | Ask friend | | | | |
| Send invitiation letter or email | Send to the cantonese opera society's chairman | | Done | | 1 |
| Make poster and print | A4 x 100 | 29-Jan-18 | | 2 | \$185 |
| Make poster and print | A4 X 100 | Take it on | Done | | \$185 |
| Make and print postcard | | the 31st Jan | Done | 3 | \$300 |
| | had 4 helper now | | | | |
| Find helper for setup | - 2 for reception - 2 for drinks | | Done | | \$500 |
| Find photographer | | | Done | | ,,,,, |
| Tilla pilotograpilei | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | Done | _ | |
| Find helper for packing and leave | | | Done | | |
| Price of postcard | | | Done | | |
| - | | | | | |
| | Preparation | | | | |
| update to superviser about the exhibition | | 29-Jan-18 | Done | 2 | |
| Opening rundown | | 28-Jan-18 | Done | | |
| Confirm guest list | | 28-Jan-18 | No need | 1 | |
| Drinks and food | | 1-Feb-18 | Done | 4 | ~\$200 |
| Dress | | 28-Jan-18 | Done | 1 | \$470 |
| Signiture pen and book | | 28-Jan-18 | | 1 | \$167.40 |
| Flower for supervisor | one flower | 1-Feb-18 | No need!!!!! | 4 | |
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| | yenue | | | | |
| Book venue | | | Done | | \$2,000 |
| Setup (<u>Magic</u> Tape) | | | | - | \$108 |
| Setup (Fishing Line) | | | | 5 | \$12.60 |
| Setup(GOGOvan) Setup (Frame) 12 (30X40 \$59.9x5 | | | | | \$250 |
| / 40X50 \$79.9x7) | | | | | 858.8 |
| Packing (GOGOvan) | | | | | \$270 |
| | Exhibition | | | | |
| Welcome speech | | 31-Jan-18 | | 3 | |
| Caption | Each painting | | Done | | \$30 |
| Caption | For section one and two | 31-Jan-18 | Done | 3 | |
| Questionaire for the exhibition | | 1-Feb-18 | | 4 | |
| Booklet | | | Later (For Hon Pro) | | |

Appendix IV Table of Works

Appendix V Presentation ppt of project

Appendix VI - EdUHK Gallery Exhibition set-up





1. This is the artist table. It includes a few of my early works on the wall. On the table there are my oil painting stuff and latest artworks. Feel free to have a look.



2. The wall shows my sketches and trial.



3. Here is the exhibition area!

Appendix VII - Online version Project website

https://tezukartist.wixsite.com/tezukartist

