

## **Sunzen Art Gallery presents Allegory, an Exhibition Featuring Internationally Celebrated Artist Chen Wenling's Most Recognizable Series**

The artist at the center of the debates for his public art sculpture in False Creek, will open his first indoor exhibition in Canada.

(For immediate release) July 6th, 2021. Sunzen Art Gallery is pleased to announce its upcoming exhibition, *Allegory - the Storytelling of Chen Wenling*, from Jul. 30th to Sep. 21th, featuring the Chinese artist, **Chen Wenling's** sculptures.

Chen Wenling's artistic practices center around social changes brought by the rapid development and industrialization of China. Through his incredibly creative and imaginative lenses, he expressed in-depth reflection on issues such as reality, secularity, and consumerism. His sculptures are representative of contemporary Chinese modernity, and also an answer to the times we live in an incessant discussion and debate about the 21st century. Chen discusses materialism, expanding desires and environmental issues led by rapid development with metaphors and symbolic images. Through the appropriation of Chinese folktales and allegories, he creates an attentive and alluring narrative that conveys the philosophy of symbiosis.

The indoor exhibition, *Allegory*, is in collaboration with the Vancouver Biennale, and marks the artist's first exposure to Canada. Featuring 11 pieces of Chen Wenling's sculptures from his most well-known, the Red Memories series, this exhibition unfolds the complex questions brought by commercialism, materialism, and the excessive consumption of the environment.

**Chen Wenling** was born in 1969, Fujian Province, China. Chen is recognized as one of the most significant artists in the history of Chinese contemporary art. He has held over 115 exhibitions nationally and internationally, and presented at the Venice Biennale and Chicago's Millennium Park. His works are collected by major museums and art institutions around the world. To name a few, the Houston Museum of Fine Art, Denver Art Museum and White Rabbit Gallery.

**About Sunzen Art Gallery:** Sunzen Art Gallery originated in Qingdao, China, in 2002. Vancouver is their second location, and first international presence, which opened its doors in 2018. They focus on collecting and selling the finest Chinese paintings, furniture, and other forms of artistry. Welcoming all with a passion for artistry and Chinese culture, Sunzen aims to cultivate a collaborative international community.

**Media previews open on July 29<sup>th</sup>, 12 pm. For more details, please contact Lin Li at [info@sunzen.ca](mailto:info@sunzen.ca)**

Exhibition Runtime

Jul. 30th – Sep. 21th, 2020

Mon - Fri: 10AM - 6PM

Sat: 11AM - 6PM

Sun: Closed

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