



Press Release
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Marres Presents: Poets of Beijing

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Liu Chengrui, *Punish Proud*, 2015

Poets of Beijing shows the works of 14 artists working in China's capital city. Beijing's economic prosperity fuels a fast growing art market that is a magnet for young artists. This group is often viewed as a new generation of artists, the so-called post-80s generation.

Instead of expressing their relationship to the west, as earlier Chinese artists have done, members of this post-80s generation search for an introspective and independent exploration of art and society. Within this framework, they produce a rich and varied body of works. Yan Bing's wheat murals echo the yellow earth of the countryside of his home province Gansu. Chen Youtong, biologist and native of Guangzhou, transformed his studio into a factory-lab hybrid to study the life of microbes. Kun Niao is a magazine editor and a recognized poet, Lin Ke one of China's most prolific internet artists.



Ha Nisi, *The strategy of grids*, 2015

Participating artists: Yan Bing, Zhao Yao, Chen Youtong, Han Wuzhou, Lin Ke, Liu Chengrui, Wang Yuyang, Ha Nisi, Kun Niao, Zhang Zhenyu, Wang Liwei, Bu Yunjun, Zhang Muchen and Wang Haiyang.

Marres Maastricht

Marres is a House for Contemporary Culture located in the heart of the old town of Maastricht. Marres develops with artists, musicians, designers, chefs and perfumers, a new vocabulary for the senses. In addition to bringing a lively program of exhibitions, presentations and performances, Marres also features a beautiful garden and a wonderful restaurant. For more information, see www.marres.org.

Partners

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