

## On View at Blum & Poe New York Through February 20, 2016

### **Zhu Jinshi**

Blum & Poe  
19 East 66<sup>th</sup> Street



**New York**—Blum & Poe presents a survey of paintings by Beijing-based painter Zhu Jinshi in his first solo exhibition in New York and his second solo presentation with the gallery.

Zhu's painting practice is divided into two parts: all-over works in which the canvases are literally covered with paint, often to the depth of the human hand, and what are known as Liu Bai paintings—a traditional aesthetic approach to compositional balance in Chinese painting—conceived as a form of “blankness,” rather than “emptiness,” and embodying great philosophical nuance. In parallel with such works, Zhu has also recently explored monochromatic work with attention to all of its minimalist and philosophical implications. The exhibition also features three sculptural works; *Bank* (2013) and *Head Sculpture* (2015), which consist of enormous slabs of paint laid upon plinths; and *Nine Levels* (2015), a minimal, modular installation conceived especially for the gallery terrace.

All works within the exhibition reflect accumulations of Chinese aesthetic and socio-political histories, as well as the artist's experiences growing up in China during the Cultural Revolution. Zhu has been the subject of numerous solo exhibitions, including *Performance in Paint*, curated by Melissa Chiu, director of the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden in Washington DC, which was also recently on view at the Inside-Out Museum in Beijing. The artist currently lives and works in Beijing.

*Zhu Jinshi* is one in a series of shows that Blum & Poe is hosting with the intention of illuminating the narrative of postwar art in China, Japan, and Korea — serving as a point of contrast and correspondence between the east and the west.

**Images:** (l) Zhu Jinshi, *Dancing with the Devil 1* (detail), 2013. Oil on canvas, 63 x 55 1/8 inches. (r) *Zhu Jinshi*, installation view, 2016, Blum & Poe New York, photo Genevieve Hanson. Images courtesy of the artist and Blum & Poe, Los Angeles/New York/Tokyo

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