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LI HUI

*Ksana*

May 12 – June 27, 2015

Opening reception: Tuesday May 12, 6-8pm



SANDRA GERING INC. is pleased to present *Ksana*, Li Hui's first exhibition with the gallery.

For the past decade Beijing-based artist Li Hui has become renowned for surreal, metaphorical installations involving themes of time, space and light. *Ksana*, the Sanskrit word describing an imperceptible fraction of time, is used here to define the unobservable moment when opposites collide to create a new circumstance: a Buddhist philosophy at the heart of much of the artist's work.

*Ksana* is presented in two examples. Hui has turned the gallery's main room into a scene that focuses on the split second when a suspended 500 lb. tree trunk pierces a pristinely shattered mirror-finished steel surface. The result suspends time long enough for the viewer to contemplate the instant two implacable forces meet to create a third. The exhibition's second example is subtler in approach: a giant, glowing shattered heart is perched precariously on a similarly shattered base. The dichotomy is not strictly material. The destroyed appearance of *Broken Heart* belies its force, a glowing interior that indicates the persistence of life in the form of a heartbeat. Both works, explosive, theatrical and dissonant as they appear to be, are poetic examples of Hui's interest in combining Eastern and Western philosophical perspectives. The balance between spiritual and material creates the 'frozen moment' of the exhibition's title.

Li Hui is a Chinese contemporary artist living and working in Beijing. Hui graduated from the China Central Academy of Fine Arts, Beijing, and has exhibited internationally since 2004. Notable solo exhibitions of Hui's work have been presented at SCAD (Savannah College of Art & Design), Savannah, GA, Ernst Schering Foundation, Berlin, Germany, the Ullens Center For Contemporary Art, Beijing, China, the Museum of Contemporary Art, Taipei, Taiwan, the Yuz Museum, Jakarta, Indonesia, and the Light Museum, Eindhoven, The Netherlands.

Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday, 10am to 6pm and Saturday, 11am to 5pm. For further information please contact Laura Bloom at 646.336.7183 or [laura@sandrageringinc.com](mailto:laura@sandrageringinc.com).

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