

TOGONON GALLERY

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Gary Woo, *For a Drum*, oil on canvas

Gold Standard: Nine Asian/American Modernist Artists

Artists: C.C. Wang, John Way, and Constance Chang, from Shanghai; Ruth Asawa, George Miyasaki, Arthur Okamura, Leo Valledor, Carlos Villa, and Gary Woo, from the San Francisco Bay Area.

Media: Paintings on paper and canvas

June - June 8-July 10, 2010

Opening Reception: Saturday, June 12, 2010, 5-7 p.m.

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Togonon Gallery is proud to be the only SFADA Gallery to participate in the 2010 Shanghai Celebrations spearheaded by the Asian Art Museum. Our upcoming show *Gold Standard: Nine Asian/American Modernist Artists* is a selection of paintings and works on paper created in the 1960s and 1970s by artists from Shanghai and the United States.

These works celebrate the artistic achievements and contributions of Asian/American artists in the development of American modernism. It is the first time Togonon Gallery has chosen to show nine artists work in a single exhibition, further highlighting the significance of the work and the artists. Guest curator Dewitt Cheng notes that the show: "symbolizes the meeting of East and West, and, by extension, the careers of these Asian-American modernists who managed, a generation before multiculturalism, to unite traditional Asian art and western avant-gardism." He goes on to say, "Negotiating between cultures was no easy task: American critics tended to see the work as Asian, while Asian audiences saw it as American. We are fortunate that these artists chose the Middle Path between cultures, enriching both, and creating a body of work as lustrous and lasting and global in appeal as the universally prized precious metal."

"We are very excited to be a part of the city-wide celebrations that highlight San Francisco's relationship with Shanghai", says Gallery Director, Julina Togonon, who has been showcasing art by Asian American artists for over 15 years. "It is a rare opportunity to have these artists exhibit their work together and rarer still to have this opportunity to celebrate their artistic achievements and contribution in the development of American modernism."

The exhibition, at 77 Geary Street, 2nd Floor, is on view from June 8 through July 10, 2010. Please contact Julina Togonon, Gallery Director, at julina@togonongallery.com or 415.398.5572 if we can be of further assistance or visit our website at www.togonongallery.com.

About the Curator

DeWitt Cheng is a San Francisco art critic, collector and curator who write for Art Ltd., Artillery, Sculpture, East Bay Express, SquareCylinder.com, VisualArtSource.com, and ArtBusiness.com.

About Togonon Gallery

Established in 1994, Togonon Gallery exhibits artists that represent the dynamic culture of the West Coast as well as international artists. The gallery works with emerging and established artists with a distinguished scope of diversity that encourages a lively dialogue about contemporary life. Our passion is to present exhibitions that will keep the energy alive for the arts. Togonon Gallery is a member of the San Francisco Art Dealers Association (SFADA).

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