

## **Gao Xiang - “Interrogating Dreams”**

Katrine Levin Galleries is delighted to bring “Interrogating Dreams”, the first U.K. show by the internationally acclaimed Chinese artist, Gao Xiang, to the Coningsby Gallery from 30 October – 4 November, 2017.

Gao Xiang's poetic works are steeped in Chinese traditions and mythology, balancing between dreams and reality, abstract and figurative.

The paintings, inks on paper, silk prints, and installations that form “Interrogating Dreams” are an examination of the human spirit, felt in the timelessness of the landscapes and the imagery of animals, especially the horse. For Gao Xiang, the horse is a complex force that not only holds the mysteries of the universe and Chinese traditions, but is a symbolic extension of his soul.

Gao Xiang's acrylic-on-glass installations follow the theme of his paintings and works on paper while exploring the 17<sup>th</sup> century Chinese landscaping concept of “borrowed scenery”. The transparency of the glass transforms the installation depending on the colour and texture of the background.

### **About Gao Xiang**

Born in 1971 in Kunming, the capital of China’s stunning Yunnan Province, Gao Xiang holds a Ph.D. from the prestigious China Central Academy of Fine Arts (CAFA) in Beijing, and splits his time between studios in Kunming and Beijing.

Gao Xiang's works are collected by museums in Asia and Europe; his installations have been commissioned for public spaces from China to Paris; and he has been widely exhibited by galleries and museums in Asia and internationally, including France and the United States. This is the first time he brings his work to the U.K.

### **About Katrine Levin Galleries**

Katrine Levin Galleries promotes and showcases exceptional artists from places less explored, with a special focus on South China and East Asia. The artists' physical distance from the West and the historical roots of their homelands bring a fascinating cultural sub-context to their works, while the contemporary visual language creates a common bond. The Galleries' establishes these outstanding artists, both emerging and established in their own countries, in the West.

Stay tuned for more exhibitions by Katrine Levin Galleries at the Coningsby Gallery.

### **When and Where**

Gao Xiang: Interrogating Dreams | 30 October – 4 November, 2017

Private View: 31 Oct, 6-8:30pm (rsvp requested)

Monday to Saturday, 11am until 6:30pm

Coningsby Gallery, 30 Tottenham Street, W1T 4RJ

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