Ma Desheng (b. 1952)



About

Born in Beijing in 1952, Ma Desheng is an internationally renowned Chinese contemporary artist living in Paris. The year 2022 proved to be a milestone year for Ma Desheng, as the Centre Pompidou in Paris held a solo exhibition in his honour. The French Ministry of Culture awarded Ma Desheng the "Ordre des Arts et des Lettres" (Order of Arts and Letters) in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the art world. Ma Desheng's works have gained widespread international recognition and are held in prestigious institutions such as the British Museum in London, Centre Pompidou in Paris, and the M+ Museum in Hong Kong.

Ma is best known as one of the co-founders and core members of the seminal Chinese contemporary art movement, the "Stars Group." On September 27, 1979, Ma Desheng and Huang Rui organised the groundbreaking "Stars Exhibition" outside the iron fence of the small garden on the east side of the National Art Museum of China in Beijing. This exhibition caused a tremendous impact, marking a significant milestone in the development and enlightenment of contemporary art in China, and exerting a profound and lasting influence. Since 1986, Ma Desheng has lived and worked in Paris.

In 2024, 3812 Gallery officially represented Ma Desheng and debuted "Wish upon a Rock - Ma Desheng Touring Solo Exhibition" at 3812 Gallery Hong Kong in March, which later toured to 3812 Gallery London for his solo exhibition "Woman" in 2025 as the inaugural exhibition of its new location at The Whiteley London.

Solo Exhibition

2025 "*Woman — Ma Desheng Solo Exhibition*", 3812 Gallery, London, UK

2024 "*Wish upon a Rock – Ma Desheng Touring Solo Exhibition*", 3812 Gallery, Hong Kong

2022 CENTRE POMPIDOU, Paris, France

"*Rêve blanc, âmes noires*", A2Z Art Gallery, Paris, France

2020 "*Au cœur des pierres*", A2Z Art Gallery, Paris, France

2019 "*L'âme hors des pierres*", A2Z Art Gallery, Paris, France

"*Ma Desheng*", 10 Chancery Lane Gallery, Hong Kong

Art Paris Art Fair, A2Z Art Gallery, Grand Palais Ephémère, Paris, France

2018 "*Entre terre et ciel*", A2Z Art Gallery, Paris, France

2016 "*Ma Desheng*", A2Z Art Gallery, Paris, France

2015 "*1992-2002: Renaissance*", A2Z Art Gallery, Paris, France

2014 "*Black•White•Grey: Ma Desheng (works of 1979-2013)*", Kwai Fung Hin Art Gallery, Hong Kong

2013 "*Selected Works*", Gallery Rossi-Rossi, London, UK

2010 "*Story of Stone - solo exhibition of Ma Desheng*", Hong Kong Arts Centre, Hong Kong

2007 "*Ma Desheng*", Galerie Jacques Barrere, Paris, France

2001 "*Ma Desheng*", Michael Goedhuis, New York, USA

1999 "*The Paintings of Ma Desheng*", Michael Goedhuis, London, UK

Group Exhibition

2026 *"Life and Form",* 3812 Gallery, Hong Kong

"*The Ascent: 15 Years of 3812 Gallery – Anniversary Exhibition*", 3812 Gallery, Hong Kong

2025 Taipei Dangdai Art & Ideas, 3812 Gallery, Taipei Nangang Exhibition Center, Taipei

"*When Schiele Meets Peking Opera Figure: Global Modern and Contemporary Masters Exhibition*", 3812 Gallery, Hong Kong

"*Abstraction in Dialogue*", 3812 Gallery, Hong Kong

2024 Abu Dhabi Art Fair 2024, 3812 Gallery, Saadiyat cultural district, Abu Dhabi

"*Artistic Freedom: The Stars, Beijing, 1979*", Centre Pompidou, Paris, France

"*Summer-Scape*", 3812 Gallery, Hong Kong

The Treasure House Fair, Royal Hospital Chelsea, London, UK

2023 Art Basel Hong Kong, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, Hong Kong

2022 Art Paris Art Fair, Grand Palais Ephémère, Paris, France

Bordeaux + Art + Design, A2Z Art Gallery, Bordeaux Exhibition Centre, Paris, France

"*L'encre en mouvement, Une histoire de la peinture chinoise au XXe siècle*", Musée Cernuschi, France

Art Basel Hong Kong, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, Hong Kong

2021 Asia Now, Salons Hoche, Paris, France

Art Paris Art Fair, Grand Palais Ephémère, Paris, France

Art Basel Hong Kong, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, Hong Kong

"*Love in the Dream I*", 10 Chancery Lane Gallery, Hong Kong

2020 Art 021, Shanghai Exhibition Center, Shanghai, China

Asia Now, Salons Hoche, Paris, France

Taipei Dangdai, Taipei Nangang Exhibition Center, Taipei

Art Paris Art Fair, Grand Palais, Paris, France

2019 "*Les Étoiles 1979-2019 - Pionniers de l'art*", Les maisons du voyage de Chine, Paris, France

Frieze Masters, London, UK

Art Basel Hong Kong, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, Hong Kong

2018 Art Genève, Palexpo Geneva, Geneva

2017 Art Paris Art Fair, Grand Palais, Paris, France

TEFAF New York Modern and Contemporary, New York, USA

2016 Frieze Art Fair, London, UK

Art Paris Art Fair, Grand Palais, Paris, France

Busan Biennale, Busan, South Korea

2015 Art Paris Art Fair, Grand Palais, Paris, France

2012 Art HK - Hong Kong International Art Fair, Art HK - Hong Kong International Art Fair, Hong Kong

	Art Miami, Miami, USA
	Galerie Frank Pages, Geneva, Switzerland
2008	Foire de Paris, Grand Palais, Paris, France
2001	"*China without Borders*", Michael Goedhuis Gallery, New York, USA
2000	Tokyo Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
	Galerie Leda Caricio Fletcher, Milan, Italy
1999	Michael Goedhuis Gallery, London, UK
1998	Galerie Florence Arnaud, Paris, France
1996	Michael Goedhuis Gallery, London, UK
	Ethan Cohen Fine Arts, New York, USA
1995	Galerie Bellefroid, Paris, France
1993	Galerie de France, Paris, France
1992	Galerie Claudine Planque, Lausanne, Switzerland
	Suisse Galerie Facade, Paris, France
	Galerie de Casa Garden, Macao
	Phoenix Gallery, New York, USA

Public/Corporate Collections

Centre Pompidou Collection (Paris)

M+ Museum M+ Sigg Collection (Hong Kong)

British Museum (London)

Musée Cernuschi (Paris)

Musée des Arts asiatiques (Nice)

University Museum and Art Gallery, The University of Hong Kong (Hong Kong)

Musée d'Art et d'Histoire de Melun (Melun)

Fukuoka Asian Art Museum (Fukuoka)

Ashmolean Museum (London)

Casa Garden (Macao)

Fonds municipal d'Art Contemporain de la ville de Paris (Paris)

Association du Mouvement d'Art Contemporain (Chamalières)

Musée d'Histoire Contemporaine (Paris)

Espace Saint-Jean (Melun)

Fondation Oriente Sociedade Nacional de Belas-Arts (Lisbon)

France Centre culturel français, curated by UNESCO (Firenze)

Cité internationale des arts (Paris)

Bibliothèque Publique d'Information (Paris)

Museum of Oriental Antiquités (Stockholm)

Osaka Contemporary Art Center (Osaka)

Brooklyn Museum (New York)

National Art Museum of China (Beijing)

Beihai Park (Beijing)