

# Yao Cong (b. 1992 Xi'an, China)

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## EDUCATION

PhD, School of Creative Media (arts-based), City University of Hong Kong, 2024–present

MA, Contemporary Art Practice (Moving Image), Royal College of Art, 2015–2017

BA (Gold Award), School of Intermedia Art, China Academy of Art, 2010–2014

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

*A Mountain of Closeness*, Beiqiu Museum of Contemporary Art, Nanjing, China, 2023

*Flies beyond the Clouds*, Capsule Shanghai, Shanghai, China, 2021

*Exhibition on the Table\_Yao Cong: videos compilation*, Arthub, Shanghai, China, 2018

*Pleasure in Progress*, Espronceda Art Centre, Barcelona, Spain, 2016

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS & SCREENINGS (SELECTION)

2025

*ORGANHAUS International Artists Show*, Organhaus, Chongqing, China

2024

*Nanjing Art Fair International-Platform*, Nanjing, China

*Berlin Fashion Week-Video Screening*, Oxi, Berlin, Germany

*When We Become Us<sup>2</sup>*, Capsule Venice, Venice, Italy

*Anywhere But Here*, Fake Project, Xi'an, China

*Flash Mob*, Chengdu Times Art Museum, Chengdu, China

2023

*Filter Realism*, AMNUA / Art Museum of Nanjing University of Arts, Nanjing, China

*Flash Mob*, Chongqing Times Art Museum, Chongqing, China

*My generation, The Art of Post-90s*, Shanxi Contemporary Art Museum, Taiyuan, China

*ART SG\_FILM, Fabricated Realities*, ArtScience Museum, Singapore

2022

*Jimei X Arles International Photo Festival*, Xiamen, China

*Chengdu International Photo Festival*, Chengdu Art Museum, Chengdu, China

*Re-wilding*, Chinese Contemporary Art Museum, Chongqing, China

2021

*New Species V*, Times Art Museum, Chengdu, China

2020

*Golden Flow-Beijing Contemporary-Art Expo2020*, CHAO Art Center, Beijing, China

*Variations of Space*-online exhibition, Xi'an Contemporary Art Museum & Xi'an Academy of Fine Arts, Xi'an, China

2019

*Right Behind Your Eyes*, CapsuleShanghai, China

*Zhijiang International Youth Art Festival*, Xiangshan Art Commune, Hangzhou, China

*Film Action Screening Tour*, Beijing, Shanghai, Hangzhou, Nanjing, Xi'an, Chongqing, Wuhan, etc.

2018

*From/To: the Frontier of Chinese Art Education*, San Francisco, USA

*HOLOGRAPHIA-International Intermedia Art Festival*, Times Art Museum, Beijing, China

*ShanghaiPRIDE Film Festival 2018-Chinese Short Film Awards*, Shanghai, China

*14th Athens Digital Arts Festival*, the Athens Concert Hall, Athens, Greece

*New Species II*, ChengduMOCA, Chengdu, China

*WOW.14/Ukraine*, Municipal Gallery&University of Arts Kiev, Kharkiv & Kiev, Ukraine

*14th Beijing Independent Film Festival*, Beijing, China

*Inter\_nal Movements*, Museu del Disseny de Barcelona&Espronceda Center for Art&Culture, Barcelona, Spain

*Exhibition on the Table-Yao Cong (solo)*, Arthub, Shanghai, China

2017

*VIDEONALE.16*, Kunstmuseum Bonn, Germany

*8th International Contemporary Art Fair ARTVILNIUS*, Vilnius, Lithuania

*Loop Barcelona-City Screen 2017*, Espronceda Center for Art&Culture, Barcelona, Spain

*10th Beijing Queer Film Festival*, Beijing, China

*the Beholder*, Somos Art House, Berlin, Germany

*Projector-Festival of Videoart 10th*, Exhibition Hall El Aguila, Madrid, Spain

*Experimental Film and Video Exhibition 2017*, CICA Museum, Gyeonggi-do, Korea

*FONLAD Festival*, Water Museum, Coimbra, Portugal

*Festival Of Recorded Movement*, Vancouver, Canada

*13th Athens Digital Arts Festival*, Historic Center of Athens, Athens, Greece

*Fuse*, Royal College of Music in Stockholm, Sweden

*New Species-the Experimental Media Invitation Exhibition*, Chengdu, China

*Filmideo 2017 Index Art Center*, Newark, New Jersey, USA

*whatsherface #4-online women's cinema*, Chicago, USA

*Video Vortex XI*, Kochi-Muzeris, Kerala, India

*Becoming*, Dyson Gallery, Royal College of Art, London, UK

2016

*European Academic Image and Art Festival*, Porto, Portugal

*Modern Panic VII*, Newspeak House, London, UK

*the Bedlam Film Festival*, the Edinburgh Fringe, Edinburgh, UK

*OFF THE WALL*, Arts+Literature Laboratory, Madison, Wisconsin, USA

*Microwave International New Media Arts Festival 2016* (Screening), Hong Kong

*ART DUDAI*, Mina A'slam, Al Sufouh Road, Umm Suqeim, Dubai, UAE

*WIP Show*, Royal College of Art, London, UK

2015

*Helsinki Festival*, Helsinki, Finland

*Power of Education*, Shanghai Himalayas Museum, China

2014

*Luo Zhongli Scholarship Exhibition*, Chongqing, China

*Journey of a Thousand Miles: National Outstanding Art Graduation Works*, Wuhan, China

*Surface of the Kingdom*, Art Exhibition, Shanghai, China

*7th Beijing Queer Film Festival*, Beijing, China

*11th Beijing Independent Film Festival*, Beijing, China

*CAISSA RISING ARTING-2014 Annual Nomination Exhibition*, Today Art Museum, Beijing, China

*Degree Show of China Academy of Art*, Hangzhou, China

*Luoping International Photography Festival*, Yunnan, China

2013

*West Bank -Architecture and Contemporary Art Biennial Exhibition* (Photography & Video),  
Shanghai, China

*14<sup>th</sup> OPEN International Performance Art Festival*, 798 Space Station, Beijing, China

*Media Theater: Cultural Chanel*, Guangzhou Opera House, China

## **AWARDS & RESIDENCIES**

2025, ORGANHAUS International Artists's Workshop, Chongqing, China  
2024, Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS), Research Grants Council, Hong Kong SAR  
2023, Artist in Residency (invited guest), Gazetteer-novel, Xi'an, China  
2022, Artist in Residency, Three Shadows Photography Art Centre, Xiamen, China  
2020, Northwest Residency Program, PLATESPACE&Cube Art Guan, Gansu, China  
2019, AME Film Project-Film Creative Workshop, Hangzhou, China  
2016, Artist in Residency, Espronceda Art&Culture Centre-awarded by RCA, Barcelona, Spain  
2016, Shortlist, Bloomberg New Contemporaries 2016, ICA, London  
2014, Winner of the Luo Zhongli Scholarship  
2014, Winner of the Gold Award for Degree Show in China Academy of Art  
2014, Winner of the Lin Fengmian Scholarship of China Academy of Art  
2013, Winner of the Gold Award for Champion Team in the First Greater China Film and Television Design Competition  
2012, Winner of the Eighth Place in Zhejiang Sports Dance Championship

## **PRESS & MEDIA (SELECTION)**

2023, *A Mountain of Closeness: Attempts on Three Kinds of Imagination*, Art Monthly, 2023.06

2023, *Yao Cong: Plotting a Nietzschean tragedy in tunnel space*, ARTCM/Art Lab, 2023.05

[http://www.artcm.cn/customer/subject\\_detail/?id=1217](http://www.artcm.cn/customer/subject_detail/?id=1217)

2023, *Super World Youth | Artist-YAO Cong*, SUPER WORLD YOUTH, 2023.07

[https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/KTL7uu\\_pfQ0FU-GTDXPuOA](https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/KTL7uu_pfQ0FU-GTDXPuOA)

2023, *After going around in a circle, the mountain is no longer a mountain*, The Art Lab, 2023.11

[https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/4EWoSs6mnGOet1iQGu0\\_2Q](https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/4EWoSs6mnGOet1iQGu0_2Q)

2023, *The Reality of "Body" Delivery*, Art Museum of Nanjing University of the Arts, 2023.10

<https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/WagMvEt2TSItukFrpp7ahg>

2022, *Opening Review-Some Times Your Legs Spread the Sleeping Waves*, JIMEI ARLES, Three Shadows Photography Art Centre, 2022.12

[https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/ztwg09hqRT7nYM9y8gWT\\_A](https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/ztwg09hqRT7nYM9y8gWT_A)

2022, *Fall from the Sky*, Art Monthly, 2022.05

<https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/ceqROySO5iX7uFI5E0oNgQ>

2021, *Yao Cong: Flies beyond the Clouds*, ART REVIEW ASIA, Autumn 2021

<https://capsuleshanghai.com/press/150-artreview-asia-yao-cong/%EF%BB%BF>

2021, *NEW CURRENTS: Yao Cong*, ART ASIA PACIFIC, 2021.11

<https://capsuleshanghai.com/press/151-art-asia-pacific-new-currents-yao-cong/%EF%BB%BF>

2021, *ArtForum-Yao Cong*, ArtForum, 2021.08

<http://www.artforum.com.cn/picks/13503>

2020, *Wild History: Gold Canyon*, PLATESPACE, 2020.11

<https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/6HLv0BVw1o7Ksz911rRe5g>

2020, *Bimonthly Exhibition-Variations of Space-Yao Cong*, Experimental Film Studio, 2020.02

<https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/ndrJrz50diLjSeQIPwuCww>

2018, *YAO CONG: TWO VIDEOS COMPILATION*, ARTHUB, 2018.01

<http://arthubasia.org/screening/yao-cong-spring-under-bluetwo-videos-compilation>

2017, *VIDEONALE.16 Exhibits A Selection Of Video Art*, ArtJaws, 2017.06

<https://www.artjaws.com/en/videonale-16-exhibits-a-selection-of-video-art-from-his-latest-edition-at-artvilnius17-until-june-11th-2017/>

## VISITING LECTURER & ARTIST TALKS

2024–2020, **Visiting Lecturer** in Experimental Arts Department/Film, Photography & Animation Department, Xi'an Academy of Fine Arts, Xi'an, China

2024.04, **Artist Talk**, *On the flux of 'Image-making'*, EAaD school, Xi'an Eurasia University, Xi'an, China

2023.10, **Guest Panelist**, *The Reality of 'Body' Delivery*, AMNUA/Art Museum of Nanjing University of Arts, Nanjing, China

2022.09, **Artist Talk**, *The Myth of Tides: Artist Talk*, Three Shadows Photography Art Centre, Xiamen, China

2021.06, **Artist Talk**, *Xi'an Art Book Fair*-Artist Talk, Xi'an Film Industry, Xi'an, China

2020.10, **Artist Talk**, *Wild History*-Artist Talk, Lanzhou Contemporary & Suchi Gallery, Lanzhou, China

2019.07, **Guest Panelist**, *Becoming/Art Salon*-the Exhibition of Annual of Contemporary of China, Minsheng Art Museum, Beijing, China

## **PUBLIC COLLECTIONS**

Royal College of Art, UK

China Academy of Art, China

Li Xianting's Film Fund, China

Espronceda Center for Art & Culture, Spain