CATEGORY 21

Chinese Paintings

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Introduction

There have been numerous talented artists throughout the history of Chinese painting. They have produced countless magnificent paintings that have contributed to the excellent Chinese culture. But most of the great artists throughout the ages have tended to specialize in one particular skill, style, or subject matter. Those who excelled at landscape painting were rarely proficient in flower and bird painting. Those who were proficient in flower and bird painting were rarely adept at figure painting; and so on and so forth. H.H. Dorje Chang Buddha III Wan Ko Yeshe Norbu Holiest Tathagata, however, is proficient in all subject matters—whether landscape, flowers and birds, animals, fish, insects, or figures. With respect to artistic techniques, he has excelled at meticulous painting, freehand brushwork, splash-ink style, and many others. In all of these areas, His Holiness has demonstrated real traditional skills and originality.

These characteristics of His Holiness's paintings have long ago been confirmed by art experts and collectors. In 2000, paintings by H.H. Dorje Chang Buddha III entitled "Majesty" and "Venerable Da Li Won" sold at an international auction for US\$2,125,327 and US\$2,207,912, respectively. At that time, those sales set new records for the highest priced painting of any living oriental artist in the world as well as the highest priced Chinese paintings ever sold at an auction. Various media reported on those two sales and praised H.H. Dorje Chang Buddha III as a consummate artist who is unprecedented in the history of Chinese painting.

In 2007, a painting by His Holiness of lotus flowers entitled "Two Flowers; One Lotus Capsule; One Dharma Nature" sold for U.S.\$300,000 per square foot. That painting contains His Holiness's signature in the form of the two Chinese characters "Wan Ko," His Holiness's fingerprint, and His Holiness's calligraphy and paintings seal. A plum blossom painting by His Holiness sold for U.S.\$210,000 per square foot. That painting contains His Holiness's signature in the form of the two Chinese characters "Wan Ko" and His Holiness's fingerprint. There is another painting by His Holiness entitled "Pasture in Spring (A Sheppard Boy Herding Cattle)." On that painting His Holiness inscribed in Chinese characters "Dorje Chang Buddha III Wan Ko Yeshe Norbu." That painting also contains His Holiness's fingerprint and dharma king seal. It truly is a rare and precious work of art. Although an offer was made to purchase that painting for U.S.\$540,000 per square foot, that offer was lower than the selling price set by the International Buddhism Sangha Association of U.S.\$900,000 per square foot. Thus, the sale was not consummated.

In his art, H.H. Dorje Chang Buddha III has indeed assimilated the essence of traditional Chinese painting. Not only has His Holiness learned from the painting traditions of Song, Yuan, Ming, and Qing dynasty scholars, His Holiness has also easily mastered the grand and vigorous style of pre-Song dynasty painting. Yet, H.H. Dorje Chang Buddha III has not merely emulated the techniques of any one painter or any one school. His Holiness has learned from ancient artistry and has also learned from nature. Combining the two, His Holiness has created a novel and unique style of his own. From a careful examination of paintings by H.H. Dorje Chang Buddha III, it is not difficult to see the legacy of tradition and the spirit of originality. The paintings of previous generations of Chinese artists cannot match His Holiness's paintings.

H.H. Dorje Chang Buddha III has painted many different styles of Chinese paintings. Based upon these different styles, we have selected for your appreciation a very limited amount of contrasting paintings created by His Holiness.

(This text was translated from the Chinese text that follows.)

簡 介

中國畫壇,人才濟濟,臥虎藏龍,給優秀的中華文化描繪出無數壯麗輝煌的畫卷,但歷代的名家大師們,他們的技法、風格和題材大都趨於單一,長於山水畫者,少精於花鳥,又疏於人物,如是等等,而多杰羌佛第三世雲高益西諾布頂 聖如來的中國畫藝術,論題材,無論是山水、花鳥、走獸、魚蟲、人物……論技法,不管是工筆、寫意、潑墨……無所不 通,無所不精,無一不是有真實的傳統功夫而創新的神意,這一點,早為評論家和收藏家們所肯定。西元2000年,三世多 杰羌佛的繪畫原作「威震」和「大力王尊者」分別在國際拍賣市場上創下了美金二百一十二萬五千三百二十七元和美金二 百二十萬七千九百一十二元的高價,當時不僅成為世界上所有在世畫家中作品價格最高的,也創下了中國畫在拍賣市場上 最高價的記錄,各新聞媒體紛紛報導,稱讚三世多杰羌佛是真正的中國畫壇史無前例的巨匠。而在2007年,三世多杰羌佛 的國畫荷花《雨花一斗一如性》,畫上只題有『雲高』二字簽名,蓋有指紋印、書畫印,以每平方英尺30萬美元成交。另 一張梅花圖也只題款為『雲高』二字,蓋有一指紋印,售出價為每平方英尺21萬美元。而一張題有三世多杰羌佛雲高益西 諾布並蓋有指紋印和法王印的《牧牛圖》,堪為稀世珍品,儘管買方出價到每平方英尺54萬美元,但仍低於國際佛教僧尼 總會開出的每平方英尺九十萬美元的價格,因而未能出售。

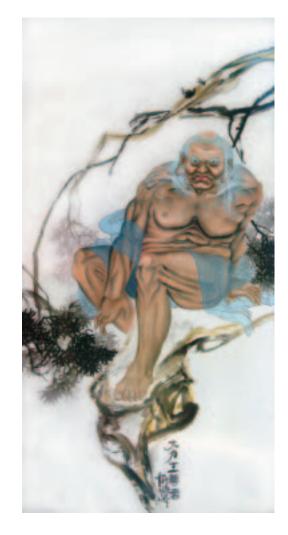
三世多杰羌佛的繪畫藝術,從中國傳統繪畫中吸取了豐富的真髓,他不僅只求宋、元、明、清的文人化傳統,還信手 拿捏宋代以前那種雄奇壯觀,大氣清韻的法度,但又決非以某家某派之舊徑而學筆,師古筆墨,並師造化,融匯新意,自 成一體,以獨創特有的藝術成就自成一家,獨領風騷。仔細研究三世多杰羌佛的繪畫藝術,不難發現傳統墨緣和品類,變 法創新之神髓,比起前輩畫家的作品,是有過之而無不及的,三世多杰羌佛所創作的中國畫的類別非常多,因此我們根據 類別,以最少量的篇幅選作對比鑑賞。

(此文的英文翻譯印在前面)



Homage to Guan Yin Bodhisattva 南無觀世音菩薩

Figure Painting in Fine Brushwork 工筆人物



Venerable Da Li Won 大力王尊者

Figure Painting in Fine Brushwork 工筆人物



Patriarch Bodhidharma 達摩祖師

Figure Painting in Freehand Brushwork 寫意人物



Lotus Pond Water-World 水國蓮池 Aquatic Animals in Fine Brushwork 工筆水族



ÎScene of Xishuang Banna Life 版納風情

Small-scale Scenery in Fine Brushwork 工筆風景



Splashed-Ink Crabs 潑墨螃蟹

Aquatic Animals in Freehand Brushwork 寫意水族



Red Plum Blossoms 紅梅圖

Plum Blossoms in Freehand Brushwork 寫意梅花



MajestyAnimal in Fine Brushwork威震工筆動物



White PlumPlum Blossoms in Freehand Brushwork冬粉寫意梅花



Rich, Lustrous, Thick Ink Displays Profound Learning 渾厚華滋書卷濃

Landscape in Freehand Brushwork 寫意山水



A Flock of Twittering Sparrows in Early Spring 宿士鬧春

Flowers and Birds in Freehand Brushwork 寫意花鳥



Herd-boy's Poem and Song 牧牛歌兮

Animal in Freehand Brushwork 寫意動物





且看氣韻開

Flowers and

Brushwork

寫意花鳥

Constantly Standing Here 故土

Flowers and Birds in Freehand Brushwork 寫意花鳥



Eagle Conquers Snake Demon 大鵬伏魔

Flowers and Birds in Fine Brushwork 工筆花鳥

The Chinese painting by H.H. Dorje Chang Budha III Wan Ko Yeshe Norbu entitled "Majesty" sold at an auction for the astoundingly high price of US\$2,125,327. For details on this, please see the newspaper reports that were published at that time.



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the huge book which contains a

In 1995, the Sichuan Daily News

and the Chengdu Evening News

each printed an advertisement on

behalf of an auction house. This

auction house wanted to buy the

Master's paintings for a price of

R.M.B. 1,700 yuan per square inch.

collection of his paintings.

mentioned above cover only part of the

Five Knowledges which his has mas-

tered. Instead of trying to describe

what type of expert he is, it would be

better simply to say that he surpasses

benefit to humanity. He is a Dharma

King Master who is a rare gem in this

He is a precious treasure who is a

the word "expert."

world

able to master the amount of artistic

skills, the variety of different styles

and the diversity of subject matter

which Master Wan Ko Yee has

mastered. Other painters could only

exhibit two or three different artistic

skills at the most. For example,

Zhang Da-Qian exhibited three dif-

ferent artistic skills: line painting,

traditional painting and splash-ink

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三世多杰羌佛雲高益西諾布的國畫『威震』拍出美金212萬5327元的驚人高價,詳見當時報紙的報導。



H.H. Dorje Chang Budha III Wan Ko Yeshe Norbu's painting entitled "Venerable Da Li Wang" sold at an auction for the astronomical price of US\$2,207,912. For details on this, please see the newspaper reports that were published at that time.







San Francisco Chronicle

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2007

For the sake of advocating Buddha-dharma and promoting sacred Buddhist affairs, the International Buddhism Sangha Association has decided to make three valuable paintings donated to the Association available for purchase. A sales event will be held on Wednesday, February 7, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. at Hua Zang Si in San Francisco. All proceeds received will be used for the benefits of living beings. The first painting: Pasture In Spring (a shepherd boy pasturing cattle). US\$900,000.- per sq. ft. The second painting: Two Flowers: One Lotus Cupule; One Dharma Nature (Lotus). US\$300,000.- per sq. ft. (Please note that the price per sq. ft. previously posted on 1/15/2007

has been corrected.) The third painting: Plum Blossoms. US\$210,000.- per sq. ft. (Please note that the price per sq. ft. previously posted on 1/15/2007 has been corrected.)

There will be an on-site notary public providing related notary services for the proof of each purchase.

By International Buddhism Sangha Association The contact information of Hua Zang Si is as follows: 3134 22nd Street, San Francisco, CA 94110 TEL: (415)920-9816 FAX: (415)920-9836 www.huazangsi.org

Master Wan Ko Yee's Painting Was Sold at the Price of 300,000 US Dollars per Square Foot

The Painting at the Price of 900,000 US Dollars Was Not Sold

AN auction held by International Buddhism Sangha Association took place on February 7, 2007 in San Francisco. Three Chinese paintings were displayed. One of the paintings entitled "Two Flowers; One Lotus Capsule; One Dharma Nature" was sold at 300,000 US dollars per square foot.

The world renowned Great Buddhist Dharma King Wan Ko Yeshe Norbu (also known as the great artist Master Wan Ko Yee) donated three valuable paintings as gifts to International Buddhism Sangha Association. At the time of the auction of these three paintings more than 10 people expressed an interest in buying them. After several competitive bidding rounds, the lotus painting was sold to an English collector Ian Hamilton at the price of



"Plum Blossoms"

US\$300,000 per square foot. Another painting, "Plum Blossoms", was sold at US\$210,000 per square foot. However, the most anticipated painting, "Pasture in Spring (a shepherd boy herding cattle)", was not sold at this time. "Pasture in Spring" was considered the most valuable of the three donated paintings. Even though the buyer raised the price to US\$540,000 per square foot, the seller insisted that the price cannot be below US\$900,000 per square foot. Therefore, this transaction was not completed because of the great difference between the prices.



"Two Flowers; One Lotus Capsule, One Dharma Nature"

於2007年 三世多杰羌佛雲高益西諾布拍賣畫的部分行情報導

