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Transforming Traditions: Contemporary Chinese Art from the Logan Collection. New exhibition at DU's Myhren Gallery

Artists: Ai Weiwei, Chen Wenling, Huang Binyan, Jiao Xingtao, Lin Tianmiao, Liu Hung, Sui Jianguo, Zhang Huan, Zhang Dali.

Since the death of Mao in 1976, Chinese artists have forged sophisticated creative strategies to address social, spiritual, and philosophical issues within a political system that still limits freedom of expression. Their works, seen in “Transforming Traditions: Contemporary Chinese art from the Logan Collection,” often reflect cycles of destruction, transformation, and regeneration in China’s recent history and in its underlying cultural traditions.

As China resumes its role as major trading partner to the world, its artists have blended traditional Chinese artistic practices with western models, creating internationally celebrated artworks. Sculptural works and related paintings, photographs, textiles and ceramics, made from the mid-1990s to the present by nine leading contemporary Chinese artists, show this continuing transformation.

This exhibition is the latest in a series of student-organized exhibitions at DU to be drawn from the collection of Vicki and Kent Logan. A fully illustrated exhibition catalog will be published featuring essays by students enrolled in “Thinking and Writing for Exhibitions,” a 2008 Graduate Seminar under the direction of Dan Jacobs, director of the Victoria H. Myhren Gallery.

Additional works by sculptors Yu Fan and Chen Wenling will be displayed at the SAAH March 19 – April 12, 2009, during the run of the exhibition (check website for details).

What:	Transforming Traditions: Contemporary Chinese Art from the Logan Collection
When:	Thursday, March 5–Sunday, April 26, 2009 Opening reception Thursday, March 5, 5–8 p.m.
Where:	Victoria H. Myhren Gallery, University of Denver, School of Art & Art History, 2121 E. Asbury Ave., Denver, CO
Cost:	Always free.
Hours:	12–4 p.m. daily.
Artist Events:	Thursday, March 5, 4–5.30 p.m. Panel with artists Liu Hung, Yu Fan, Jiao Xingtao, and independent curator Jeff Kelley. Location: Lindsey Auditorium, Sturm Hall, 2000 East Asbury Ave., Denver CO 80208

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