

EAST MARRIES WEST

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ABSTRACT

Nowadays, people from all over the world inevitably encounter and experience cultural differences in the era of globalization. My painting project, *East Marries West*, is about cultural differences when Easterners and Westerners come together. It depicts the cultural conflicts within Chinese and Euro-American marriages with an attempt to elicit re-evaluation of cultural collision in our culturally and ethnically diverse society. Inspired and enlightened by historical masterpieces and contemporary visual materials, I created representational images with intentional visual manipulations in order to unfold such conflicts and the dynamics behind. Through these allegorical images, I hope to bring to my audience the awareness of the outcomes from cultural clash and promote transnational understandings and cooperation on a more personal level. Obviously, mutual understanding and appreciation between nations are inevitable to most of us in the era of globalization and such experiences can indeed enrich our lives positively.

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