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**THE ART GALLERY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND PRESENTS
RESHUFFLING THE PAST: 2015 CONTEMPORARY CHINESE INK ART**

Group exhibition explores new possibilities for a prized and age-old tradition

COLLEGE PARK, Md.—From February 10-March 6, 2015, The Art Gallery at the University of Maryland (UMD) and the Confucius Institute of Maryland present *Reshuffling the Past: 2015 Contemporary Chinese Ink Art*, curated by Jin Weihong. This group installation features the work of artists **Huai Yi, Jin Weihong, Li Jin, Liu Qinghe, Qian Zhongping, Shen Qin, Wu Yi, and Yi Liao**.

Chinese ink and wash painting is an elegant and expressive art form dating back more than a thousand years. While most collections of Chinese ink painting in major museums in Europe and the U.S. focus on its classic forms, this exhibition highlights modern and contemporary examples. The eight invited artists showcased here are currently the leading explorers of ink painting.

Established with support from Hanban, also known as the Office of Chinese Language Council International, the Confucius Institute at Maryland promotes the understanding of China today through the study of Chinese language, culture, ethics and philosophy. Following its University of Maryland debut, the exhibition will next travel to the Roberson Museum and Science Center in Binghamton, N.Y., then to the Museum of Art + Design at Miami Dade College.

A public opening reception for *Reshuffling the Past: 2015 Contemporary Chinese Ink Art* will be held on Tuesday, February 10th, from 5:00pm-7:00pm at The Art Gallery, 2202 Art-Sociology Bldg., College Park, MD 20742. For more information, please call 301.405.2763 or e-mail theartgallery@umd.edu. Admission is FREE.

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THE ART GALLERY

Established in 1966, The Art Gallery is University of Maryland's premier space for exhibiting cutting-edge visual and media arts. Through the display of significant and challenging contemporary art—with an emphasis on emerging and mid-career artists—The Art Gallery commits itself to the further cultivation of new, innovative, and education-minded scholarship. In order to share its works with a broad public, The Art Gallery also organizes thematic and collection-based exhibitions that travel to museums nationwide.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Art Gallery is located at University of Maryland, 2202 Art-Sociology Building, College Park, Maryland. Gallery hours: Monday through Friday, 11:00am to 4:00pm. The gallery is closed Saturday and Sunday, major holidays and on days that home sports events are held at Capital One Field at Byrd Stadium. Admission is free and open to the public. The Art Gallery office hours: Monday through Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm. The office is closed on Saturday and Sunday, and major holidays. For general information, please call 301.405.2763 or visit the website at www.artgallery.umd.edu.