### □□ □□□□ LIAO Chao-Hao



LIAO Chao-Hao is a Taiwan-based visual artist. He earned his bachelor's degree from the Department of Fine Art at Taipei National University of Arts (TNUA), and earned his master's degree from Graduate Institute of Plastic Arts at Tainan National University of the Arts. He

has won prizes at the 2015 Kaohsiung Art Awards, as well as the New Taipei City Art Exhibition and the Exhibition of the Newly Emerging Artists in Taiwan. Chao-Hao participated in this year's first artist exchange program between the Incheon Art Platform and Taiwan's Pier-2 Art Center, where he works and stays from June to August.



**Exhibition View of 'Geology (**□□ □**)'**\_The Pier-2 Art Center, Kaohsiung, Taiwan\_2018

#### # Q&A

# Q. Please tell us about your works, including your creation process.

A. When I started my creative work, I took observations from the environment and focused on the state of the facilities that were involved in the natural environment. I majored in sculpture in college, and I was familiar with the medium of sculpture. When faced with the objects I observed, I thought about recreating these objects with the characteristics of the materials themselves, so that these objects can be directly displayed. My works represents my thoughts. At first I tried a lot of materials and finally chose the pulp made from recycled newspapers to present these non-recyclable cement products. In my creative process, observation is the most important part. From the environmental field of my life, I will record the current situation of the environment and describe my attitude towards the current environment through creation.

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Mudstone (□□-□□)\_China clay, Soil, Pulp, Styrofoam\_204×336×273cm\_2017

## Q. What do you think your representative work or exhibition is? Why do you think so?

A. The context of the works in each of my exhibitions is continuous, and these exhibitions can be considered as a whole. One of my work [Wavelet Block] produced in 2014 is an observation of the coast of Taiwan. And in 2015, the work of [Retaining Wall] was made for the observation of the mountain. After that, return to the most familiar urban life field and observe how the artificial objects on the road are presented in our lives. Watching each of my exhibitions at the same time, can see that I am trying to reflect the environment through the works. The interaction between the early works and the space is very high, because I want to talk about the relationship between space, objects and people. The works that have recently been presented are traces observed from objects on the roadside. The readings are used to understand time and

events. I use a lot of paint to express the surface marks of these objects in an attempt to construct sculpture objects by painting.

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Wavelet Block (□□□) China clay, Soil, Pulp, Styrofoam 220×450×230cm 2017





Retaining Wall (DDDDDD)\_Pulp, Water pipe, Wood, Duct tape\_250×370×240cm\_2015

#### Q. About inspirations, motivations and episodes.

A. Interested in observing and studying on the road starting from Japan, scholars go to the street to record objects in the form of drawings and texts, and observe the phenomenon through the objects as an observation of society. It makes me think about being an artist, how to intervene in the observation of the environment through creative means, and transform into a dialogue with the audience. I like outdoor activities very much. I naturally realize the appearance of the environment at the same time. I also like to walk on the street without purpose. Some things on the road will attract my attention and let me stop to observe. I seem to be very susceptible to the call of objects. Because of these factors, I apply the learning techniques I have learned to these observations.

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Slope Protection (□□-□□)\_Pulp, Wood, PU, Foam\_556×120×330cm\_2017

#### Q. About art and communicating with audiences

A. I think that the art work coexists with the audience. The artist is a bridge that allows the work and the audience to share each other face-to-face. It is also because of the participation of the audience that my work concept is established. The objects that appear in my works are also from everyone's daily life. The objects are related to each person's memory. During some exhibitions, they are shared by many audiences. Their connection with these objects may come from work, memories from hometown. In the exhibition I provided a platform that provides viewers with memories of their daily life, through their sharing, to form a community profile.

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Sheets Fences (□□□□)\_White Glue, Pigment, Paper, Pulp, Wood\_400×203×98cm\_2016

### Q. Please tell us about your future plans and working directions.

A. I hope to collect this project on the road, it will be a very long-term plan, including records from different countries and different cities, including records of the same country or the same city at different times, It will probably last for 10 years or it could be the records of difference in urban appearance after 20 years and the evolution of objects. In the future, the collection of re-created objects in the same space can be regarded as a system that transcends regional integration and hopes that my work will have the opportunity to become a database of objects.

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Flexible Delineator Post (DDD)\_Pulp, Pigment\_21×21×74cm\_2016

Exhibition view of 'Artificial Series'\_Crane Gallery, Kaohsiung, Taiwan\_2016



**Magpie** ( $\square\square$ )\_Pulp, Cork board\_70x46x13cm\_2019

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