



INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE OF FINE ART SCHOOLS

**Memorandum China 2019**

The “Silk Road Art Festival” is China’s largest international art event, which since 2014 has been held annually in September-October in Xi’an.

For the 6th international Art Exhibition-2019 306 artists from 116 countries were invited.

47 artists from the Chinese mainland, 5 from HongKong, Macao and Taiwan, 254 from countries all over the world.



In 2019 a special presentation from the Netherlands was part of this event with 14 Dutch artists; 11 of them were selected by the Dutch foundation “International League of Fine Art Schools” [www.ilfas.org](http://www.ilfas.org)



Lin Baogang



Wen Ji



Tian Genshun



Song YaPing



Gao Minli



Wang Ben



Zhu JinHui



Guo Xianlu



Ju Shi

It was part of an international exchange: 9 Chinese artists exposed their works in 5 locations in Leeuwarden, Kampen, The Hague and Groningen, April-August 2019. The exhibitions in Leeuwarden were opened by Bettine Vrieskoop, in Kampen by the Chinese dancing group Mulan (also in Leeuwarden) in The Hague by mr. Zhao Xu, Cultural Director, Chinese Embassy in the Netherlands.



Frisian Gallery, Leeuwarden



WTC, Leeuwarden



St. Nicholas Church, Kampen



Pulchri Studio, The Hague



Gouvernemental House, Groningen

A delegation of these Chinese artists visited the Netherlands July 17-30: Lin BaoGang, Minli Gao, Tian Genshun and Ju Shi visited their own exhibitions in Pulchri Studio, The Hague and the Gouvernental House in Groningen.



Pulchri Studio, The Hague



Classical Art Centre



ILFAS

They were also welcomed by the president of the foundation 'Classical Art Centre', Zwaan Stoker in Rotterdam and ILFAS, president Tom Hageman, vice-president Jishu Li, treasurer Fokko Dijkstra, member Edwin van Dijk in Groningen.



Groninger Museum



Province Groningen



Drents Museum



City of Kampen

Later by the directors of the Groninger Museum, Andreas Blühm and Drents Museum, Harry Tupan, by the government of the province Groningen represented by the General-manager, J. Koopmans and by the Elderman for Culture of the city of Kampen, Irma van der Sloot.

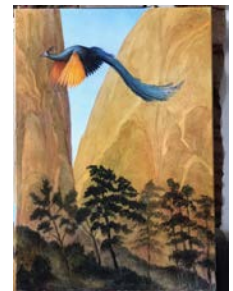
11 Dutch artists were presented in two musea in Xi'an: one work each in the great Silk Road Art Festival in the Shaanxi Province Museum; and with 5 more works each in the Infinity Contemporary Art Museum.



Geurt Busser



Douwe Elias



Tom Hageman



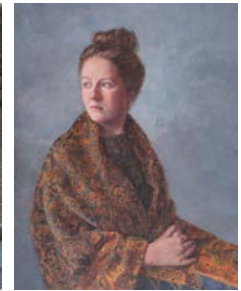
Peter Hartwig



Henk Helmantel



Wim Jonkman



Esther Leuvenink



Herman v Hoogdaem



Rein Pol



Ben Snijders

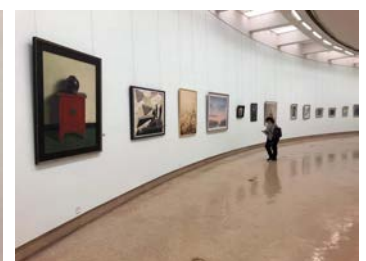
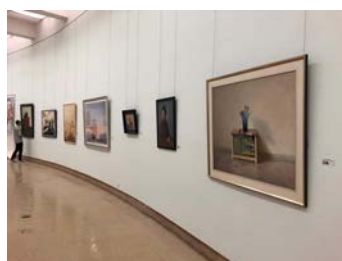
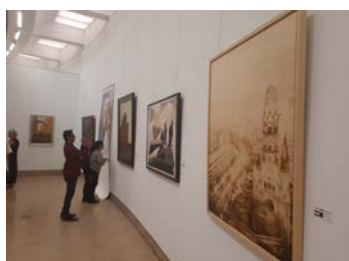


Nick Willems

After the end of the '6th Silk Road Art Festival', all these Dutch artworks will make a tour of museums in other major cities in China.



A delegation of these Dutch artists visited China in September 2019: Tom Hageman and Jishu Li, resp. president and vice president of ILFAS; Zwaan Stoker, president of the Dutch Classical Art Centre; Geurt Busser, Esther Leuvenink, Nick Willems, artists. They started their visit at September 2, setting up the exhibitions of Dutch artworks in both musea in Xi'an.



**September 7, 10.00 h** was the official opening of the 6th Silk Road Art Festival in the Shaanxi Province Museum. Tom Hageman gave an opening speech on behalf of the participating international artists.



**12.00 h** was a reception with dinner for the Dutch delegation offered by the Shaanxi Province Government, in which occasion Tom Hageman gave a painting of his hand as a present to mr. Cao Hui, executive vice president of the Office of Foreign Affairs Commission of the CPC Shaanxi Provincial Committee



**16.00 h** the special Dutch exhibition in the Infinity Contemporary Art Museum was opened by Bertrille Snoeijer, Deputy Consul-General of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Chongqing. Esther Leuvenink was speaking on behalf of the Dutch artists.



**September 8** a conference with participants of the 6th Silk Road Art Festival was held in the Xi'an University of Architecture and Technology, after certificates were issued to artists who had donated a work of art, including Zwaan Stoker

**September 16** in Beijing Zwaan Stoker, Jishu Li and Tom Hageman had a meeting with the president of the Chinese Association of Sculptors, discussing possibilities to exchange works of sculpture between the countries.