

## PARIS SOLO SHOW 15 FEB - 15 MAR 2014

## MALEONN STUDIO MOBII



Maleonn, Studio Mobil, 2012, courtesy galerie Magda Danysz

Magda Danysz gallery in Paris presents the exhibition « Studio Mobil » which shows photos by Maleonn taken in 2012 during his unprecedented journey through China.

Key actor in the Shanghainese art scene, today Maleonn's fame has largely crossed the borders of China. He is now an internationally recognized artist as stated in Mac, the Japanese magazine, in its latest rank of the greatest Chinese contemporary artists.

The work exhibited in this show at the Magda Danysz Gallery in Paris is the result of a long journey to the center of China in which the artist travelled through more than 50 cities. During this trip, he made a series of more than 2000 portraits of citizens he came across. These people accepted the original staging of Maleonn, of which he is the only one to hold the secret.

In a "Studio Mobil"; with the set he painted, a lot of garments from different periods, cultures and different Chinese lifestyles; the subjects of his portraits, were left to their own devices, with original and new kinds of inspiration. Through the artist's talent of staging, the photos became poetic and modern works mixing superheroes, soldiers, the bourgeois and showmen, reminding us with emotion and nostalgia the days when the Shanghainese loved to have their pictures taken. In this way, the artist gets back to the way his predecessors used to work in the early 20th century.

By the number of photos taken, the distance travelled and the multiple meetings, "Studio Mobil" offers a unique and informed look, realistic but also full of humor about contemporary China. This work gives a true picture of the society at a given time, in all its diversity, full of excitement between photographs from another time, mixing fairy tale and documentary. Maleonn proves once again that he is one of the most talented and original photographers of his generation.

**MALEONN**, **Studio Mobil**, exhibition from February 15 to March 15, 2014

**Opening**: Saturday, February15th, from 6pm to 9pm **Venue**: Magda Danysz gallery, 78 rue Amelot, Paris 11

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