

[For Immediate Release]

Singing Pen • Dancing Ink

Contemporary Ink Painting Exhibition

Debut of over 100 masterpieces of Wang Chuanfeng & Kengo Kuma



Date: 20- 24/4

Time: JST 10am-5pm (24/4 will be closed at 2pm)

Venue: The Ueno Royal Museum, Tokyo, Japan

Opening Ceremony: 20/4 JST 2 pm

Free Admission

*Hong Kong – April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022* - Globally acclaimed architect Kengo Kuma and famous Chinese artist Wang Chuanfeng are going to have a joint exhibition 'Contemporary Ink Painting: Singing Pen • Dancing' in Tokyo. The exhibition, organized by Tokyo Chuo Auction Holding Limited, is going to be held at The Ueno Royal Museum. Over 100 masterpieces will be debuted the public.

This is not only the first time for the artists having a joint exhibition, but also the first time Kengo Kuma himself presenting his calligraphy art to the public.

Considering the overseas' public, the organizer will announce further news after the live exhibition. For details, please pay attention to the official announcement.

### **First collaboration of 20-year friendship**

Architect Kengo Kuma and artist Wang Chuanfeng have been acquainted for twenty years, they are having identical creative ambition, which is conflating Japanese traditions into their creations and trying to balance Oriental and Western Aesthetics views. Nowadays, Wang Chuanfeng Museum in Tokyo was designed by Kengo Kuma in 2020, which is a strong testimony of their friendship.

In the Singing Pen • Dancing Art exhibition, all collections are painted by Wang and inscribed by Kengo Kuma, which well represent their essence of aesthetics. As we know, Kengo Kuma's architectural works are full of Japanese design concepts "Harmony (和)" and "Zen (禪)", he also applied the "Zen (禪)" concept to his calligraphy collections.

Tang Wei, an expert in the Chinese Painting and Calligraphy Department of Tokyo Chuo Auction mentioned, "Kengo Kuma's calligraphy is inspired from architecture, applying his sense of space and structure to creations, it makes his collections look simple but full of tenacity.

### **Kengo Kuma: Master of Architecture**

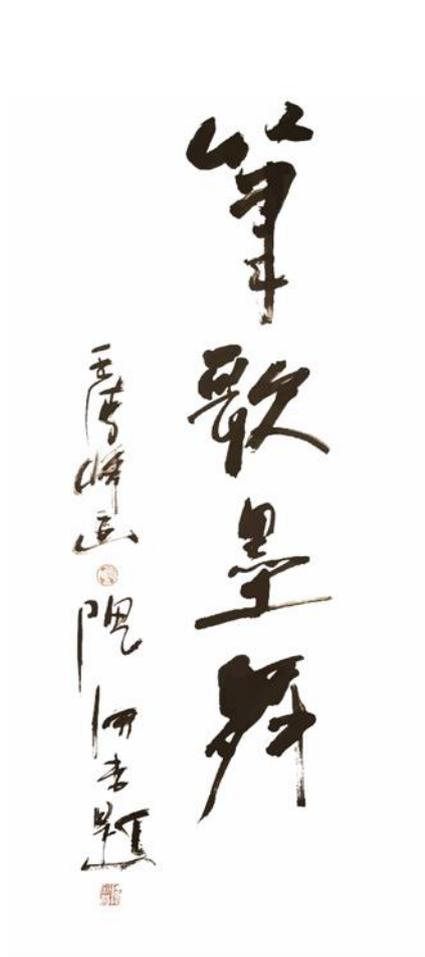
Kengo Kuma is a Japanese famous architect, his architectural design can be seen over the world, he is also the designer of the Japan National Stadium in Tokyo for the 2020 Summer Olympics.

Kuma attempts to attain a sense of "Transparency", he focuses on the harmonious connection between humanities and spaces, symbolizing the continuation of life. In particular, he uses wood to inherit the Japanese traditional design style, also emphasizes simplicity and texture, it brings up both Zen and modern concepts.

### **Wang Chuanfeng: Famous Chinese Artist in Japan**

Wang Chuanfeng is a famous Chinese artist living in Japan for almost 30 years, he is especially good at Japanese style printing. His artistic inspiration is from traditional philosophy. In practice, his creations are combining interlaced shades of color on Japanese paper, which results in a unique and strong visual impact.

In 2004, Wang had a solo art exhibition at Tokyo National Museum, it was the first time to have a living artist exhibition at Tokyo National Museum. His paintings are drawn from daily life, although simple compositions with ink or light color are still rhythmical, e.g., flowers and fishes.



Caption: Singing Pen • Dancing Art – theme of the exhibition, inscribed by Kengo Kuma. This exhibit will be prominently displayed at the venue.



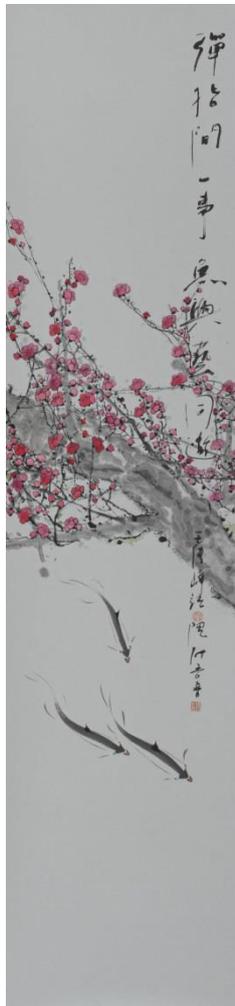
Caption: Kengo Kuma (left) and Wang Chuanfeng (right)

## Selected pieces

5612(1) Xi (Joy) 95×315cm



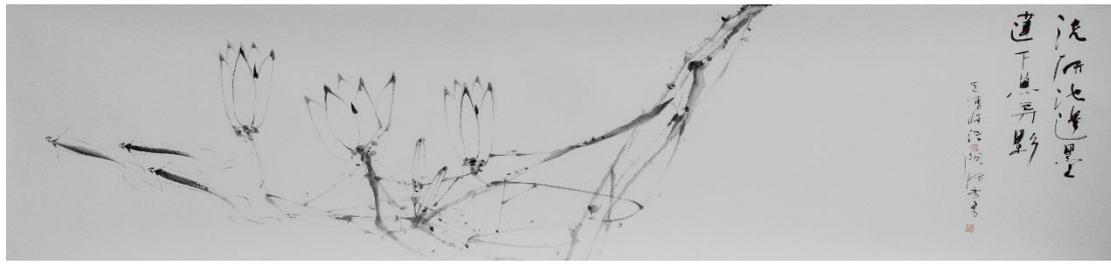
5628(1) Tan Zi (The moment) 52×226cm



5622(1) Yue (Moon) 228×53cm



5632(1) Ying (Shadow) 228cm×53cm



### About Tokyo Chuo Auction

Founded in 2010, Tokyo Chuo Auction endeavors to foster cultural exchange between Japan and China. Tokyo Chuo Auction now holds several sales a year offering Chinese paintings and calligraphies, Chinese antiques and tea wares. We conduct auctions in Japan and Hong Kong and we hold previews in Japan, Hong Kong, Shanghai and Taipei.

Mr. Ando Shokei, our founder, who has a great passion for Chinese art, established Tokyo Chuo Auction Co., Ltd\* (株式会社東京中央オークション) in 2010 in Japan with a mission to offer exceptional works of art at auction and to support cultural and art events. Tokyo Chuo Auction also regularly holds tea gatherings to promote the art of tea ceremony. To further develop business activities in Hong Kong, an office was set up in Hong Kong in 2013. Tokyo Chuo Auction held its first auction in Hong Kong in November 2014 at the Four Seasons Hotel.

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