

Confucius Institute Holds Chinese Watercolor Painting Workshop

On the afternoon of February 13th, the Confucius Institute organized a Chinese watercolor workshop for teachers and students in the Department of Art and Design. The artist Chenghao Li inspired the event with his art, which the university has on display.

Li first introduced his works to the teachers and students at the Art Center. Then he shared some knowledge of art, his life story, and his religious philosophy. In addition, Li also gave the students a demonstration of watercolor painting techniques like dry painting and wet painting. After the event, Greg Skaggs, an art and design professor, expressed his gratitude to Li; Skaggs pointed out that from Li's works, he could see not only the artistic style of his traditional Chinese water and countryside paintings, but also the distinctive features of western watercolor paintings.

Li graduated from Qiqihar University, and obtained a master's degree from Leeds City University (UK), majoring in contemporary art practice. In 2008 and 2014, he worked as a Visiting Scholar at the Confucius Institute at Troy University. The works he has on exhibition here are landscape paintings and figure paintings he created in recent years, mainly Tibetan landscapes.

Dr. Iris Xu, Director of the Confucius Institute, said the purpose of holding Li's watercolor painting exhibition is to strengthen the artistic and cultural exchanges between China and the United States. It offers an opportunity for teachers and students here to understand the movement of Chinese modern art painting, and the latest Chinese achievements in the arts.

孔子学院举办中国水彩艺术画工作坊

2月13日下午，特洛伊大学孔子学院利用艺术家李程昊画展在特洛伊大学艺术中心展出的机会，为特洛伊大学艺术设计系师生举办了中国水彩画工作坊。

此次工作坊由中国艺术家李程昊主讲。李程昊先生首先向师生们介绍了自己在特洛伊大学艺术中心展出的作品，然后分享了自己对艺术的认知，对人生的感悟及对宗教哲学的认识。此外，李程昊先生还以“特洛伊大学一隅”为题，给学生们现场示范了水彩画中干画和湿画两种画法等水彩画技巧。活动结束后，艺术设计系副教授斯卡格斯先生（Greg Skaggs）表达了对李程昊先生的感谢。卡格斯指出，从李程昊的作品中，既能看到他承继的中国传统水乡画的艺术风格，也能看到西方水彩画的鲜明细腻特征。

画家李程昊本科毕业于齐齐哈尔大学，在英国利兹城市大学获得硕士学位，攻读当代美术实践专业。2008年和2014年以访问学者身份在美国特洛伊孔子学院工作。本次他在特洛伊大学艺术中心展出的作品包括他近几年创作的风景画和人物画，以西藏风景为主。

孔子学院院长徐弘博士表示，举办李程昊水彩画展的目的是进一步加强中美之间的艺术文化交流，让特洛伊大学师生了解不仅中国现代艺术画的发展趋势，而且也看到中国在艺术领域取得的最新成就。