

## Jing Huang

### PURE OF SIGHT

Leica Oskar Barnack Award 2011 Newcomer

With his portfolio "Pure of Sight", Chinese photographer Jing Huang was the winner of the Leica Oskar Barnack Newcomer Award 2011.

"Pure of Sight", the portfolio entered by Jing Huang, is not dedicated to any subject in particular. Each of his twelve black-and-white images has its own unique story to tell. In his portfolio, the photographer appears to have selected a series of images entirely at random. They show landscapes, wildlife and detailed close-up images. Nevertheless, each photo has a charisma of its own. Everyday scenes and objects are suffused with a magic that captures the viewer's soul. The young photographer has discovered a way to lend enormous depth to familiar and seemingly trivial things.

His favorite image in the group of 12 black-and-white fine art images shot: "The picture of a kitten walking along a fallen tree branch, which makes me imagine a journey to an unknown destination."

Jing Huang explains that he could never be a good writer because he finds it difficult to find the right words. And that is why the camera is his eye, and photography is the medium to express his innermost thoughts. His images communicate what he has to say without the need for words. Viewers see the world as it is seen through the eyes of the photographer.

Jing Huang is much inspired and influenced by his own culture heritage and traditional Chinese philosophy, poetry and arts. In his photographs noticeable is "an Oriental point of view", especially plant life, do seem to have an Asian sensibility. That culture speaks through his image, like Chinese express emotions through metaphor.

Which master photographers inspired Jing Huang? Klavdij Sluban, Josef Koudelka, ZhaoTang Zhang, Hiroshi Sugimoto, Yamamoto Masao, Robert Frank and Araki, all of them and photographer mentor TS Tang influenced Jing Huang work in subtle ways.

Jing Huang, born in 1987, is a real newcomer. His passion for photography evolved from a wish to tell stories through pictures. To accomplish this, he enrolled at the Arts Academy of Guangzhou in southern China in 2003 to study photography and digital art. He is a passionate Leica photographer and the owner of a Leica M4-P that he still uses for his work today.

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### **opening hours**

Mon-Sun: 12 p.m. - 8 p.m.

### **opening: 12.05, 8 p.m.**

exhibition will be held: 12-20.05