

# Xu Haigang's award-winning works on display

By Lu Yanhong

An exhibition featuring paintings and sketches of Xu Haigang opened at the Wuhan Art Museum on June 21. The focus of the exhibition is *People at Liangbao Festival*, a masterpiece that made Xu the winner of a top national award. A series of drafts, sketches and watercolor paintings related to the creation of *People at Liangbao Festival* are also on display.



Related sketch (lower right) and watercolor (upper right) portrait of *People at Liangbao Festival* (left)

Xu serves as an associate professor at Hubei Institute of Fine Arts. His work *People at Liangbao Festival* received the Gold Prize at the Exhibition of Watercolor Paintings held at the Wuhan Art Museum in 2014. That exhibition was one category of the 12th National

Exhibition of Fine Arts. Three years later, *People at Liangbao Festival* has come to the Wuhan Art Museum again, along with a range of drafts and sketches that offer visitors a full view on the creation of *People at Liangbao Festival*.

Xu has always favored

watercolor paintings related to Tibet. *People at Liangbao Festival* boasts primary features of realism, and is given credits for its clear and specific subject, narrative art, and an emphasis on the balance of the painting form and content.

## Han embroidery and ship model woodcarving claim ICH awards

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Two inheritors of intangible cultural heritage from Wuhan — Jiang Chengguo, master of Han embroidery, and Long Yong, master of model ship woodcarving — won respectively the "Craft Star of New Generation" award and the "Craftsman Star of New Generation" award, at the sixth International Festival of Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH).

The embroidery work Jiang displayed at the competition of ICH was a work of the earth surrounded by the stars. For the final part of this work, he used threads of nine colors and finished it within three hours. The works that Long presented were a woodcarving model of a ship for officials and a ship for common passengers of the Song Dynasty. They showcased one aspect of people's lives during that time.

## Claude Monet exhibition comes to Wuhan

After its much-anticipated kickoff in China last year, the art exhibition "Claude Monet New Impressionist — the Track of Time" is finally coming to Wuhan. The exhibition was launched at the Greatwall Complex, Zhongbei Road on June 30. With holographic mapping and touch-sensitive technology, the exhibition will lead visitors on a tour exploring the most wonderful parts of Claude Monet's life.

More than 400 precious works from the French master will be on display in the exhibition. Occupying a total area of over 1,000 square meters, the exhibition hall is divided into nine themed sections and one special interactive area. The themed



A special rest zone in the exhibition

sections are "The Dawn of Impressionism," "The Graceful Paris," "Impression, Sunrise," "Hazy Sky," "Love Encounter," "Impression of Color," "The Pierian Spring," "Secret Garden," and "Works Gallery."

The exhibition also features a special rest zone surrounded

by a mini Japanese-style bridge and water lilies, a zone for viewing a micro film on Monet, and a zone designed for children. To selfie lovers, an exclusive area for photography will also be provided.

The exhibition will run until October 8.

## "Iron triangle" to reunite on stage

The "iron triangle" of Zhang Guoli, Zhang Tielin and Wang Gang, who have enjoyed steady long-term TV opera cooperation, will come to Wuhan. Though familiar to Chinese audiences for their brilliant acting in TV dramas such as *Kangxi Incognito Travel* and *The Bronze Teeth*, it will be the first time for them to put on the stage *Duanjin* (brotherhood) at the Qintai Grand Theater on August 18 and 19.

*Duanjin* depicts business stories of three brothers in Beijing. Their love-and-hate relationships reveal people's desire amidst social turbulence before 1949.

Though it's new that the "iron triangle" will cooperate on the stage, they are not new to stage plays. Zhang Guoli has played in the drama *Miss Julie*, and Wang Gang in the stage play *The Sound of Music*.