



SINCERELY INVITE

PHILIPPE SAXER

(Sep. 1965–Dec. 2013), Swiss painter

Art is a reason to live on, and unforgotten by...

...his friend, Perido Gerber, Swiss sculptor & painter

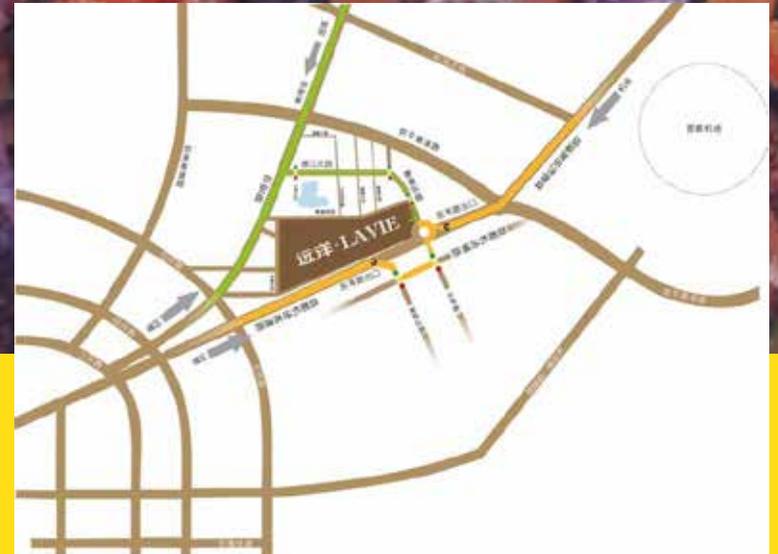


Philippe Saxer, grown up in Bern and committing suicide at age of 48, was an exceptionally talented Swiss artist, being illustrator, artistic glassmaker and painter. Since he discovered being maniac depressive in 1987 he had been treated in Waldau Psychiatric Clinic Bern. His extremely sensitive drawings simply touch every one; the simple lines and shapes going beyond page margins express a deep sensitivity from a tragic state of mind, but also his immense humor from the totality. People associate both his paintings and his life to the artists like Adolf Wölfli, who lived in Waldau Clinic over 30 years until 1930 and created thousands of paintings which then were labelled as Art Brut, Outsider Art by French artist Jean Dubuffet, who wrote that “...those works created from solitude and from pure and authentic creative impulses – where the worries of competition, acclaim and social promotion do not interfere – are, because of these very facts, more precious than the productions of professionals.”

Actually in 2012 the exhibition of Philippe’s paintings in Beijing was planned; with his father and close friends, he prepared to step on Chinese soil for the first time. China was a place Philippe admired since his early days. One of his comics in November 1985 ended with the words, “I believe we need to go back. Back to where? Back to China”. Unfortunately his health state did not permit to make this wish come true.



Perido Gerber, another Swiss talented artist and a close friend of Philippe, grew up together with Philippe and jointly established a Punk-style music band, did theatre productions and lot of art creation and exhibitions in Europe: His paintings and particularly the distinctive iron sculptures are exhibited in homage to Philippe.



Exhibition Theme: What Philippe Saxer and Perido Gerber connect as artists

Opening Ceremony: 15:00 11th October (Sun.) 2015

Date: 11th October to 10th November 2015 (10:00AM - 16:00PM)

Venue: Gallery La Seine, Ocean La Vie, Kangying East Road, Chaoyang, Beijing
(by driving: Beijing Capital Airport Expressway, Exit WEIGOU to west, 100m
after Weigou Roundabout & at side of Kangying E. Rd.,)

Curator: Mrs. GOU Xia, Head of Art China

Artist: Philippe Saxer (Switzerland)
Perido Gerber (Switzerland)

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