



CHENG LIAN OPA

"Art is style; Art is enjoyment; Art is love."

Cheng Lian was born in 1955 Shanghai, China, and graduated from China Academy of Fine Art (known as Zhejiang Academy of Fine Art). 1989 he moved to United States of America and now he and his family reside in Texas, UAS. He is a Master Signature Artist and board member of National Oil and Acrylic Painters' Society, Signature Artist of Oil Painters of America, Signature Envoy of California Plein Air Painters.

As an artist Cheng has participated in many art competitions and won many awards, also Cheng has traveled to many places in China, Asia, United States, Europe and South America, visited lots of art museums and pay tribute to those art masters in different eras. In addition, he teaches art classes and workshops, and has been invited to demo for many art leagues. His art paintings widely collected publicly and privately in US and all over the world.

Exhibitions:

Wild Horse Gallery, Steamboat Springs, CO; Cutter & Cutter Fine Art, St. Augustine, FL; Dunnegan Gallery of Art, Bolivar, MO; Trailside Galleries, Jackson Hole, WY; Insight Gallery, Frederiksberg, TX; Bosque Art Center, Clifton, TX; Thornwood Galleries, Houston, Dallas, TX; East-West Gallery, The Woodlands, TX; Billy Hork Galleries, Chicago IL; Lakeshore Gallery, Milwaukee WI; Lakeside Gallery, Lakeside MI

Media & Publication:

July/August 2015 (Volume 32 #6) The Artist's Magazine, The Woodlands Online, American Art Collector (USA), Art World News - cover (USA), Artists of Chinese Origin in North America Directory (USA), Chinese Select Oil Painting Artists (Japan)

2019

- Award of Excellence, Western Regional Exhibition of Traditional OPA
- Award of best of Signature and Master Best of America Annual Competition, NOAPS
- The Art of the Portrait Tri-State Exhibition, Portrait Society of America
- Award of Best Figurative Best of America SMALL Painting Exhibit, NOAPS

2018

- Merit award "Best of America Annual Competition, NOAPS
- Portrait demonstration at NOAPS Best of America SMALL Painting Exhibit





- Salon Show and Western Regional Exhibition of Traditional Oils, OPA
- Best of America SMALL Painting Exhibit, NOAPS

2017

- Best narrative award, Best of America, National Oil & Acrylic Painters Society
- Demo and workshop at Canadian Artist Society in Edmonton, Canada
- 26th Annual National Juried Exhibition, Oil Painters of America
- Portrait demo at Best of America Annual Conference
- Portrait demo at Best of America SMALL Painting Exhibit
- Invitational Shanghai Pastel Exhibition 2017
- Chinese news paper "Da Dun Huang" Artist Column introduced Cheng and his works March 18 2016
- Awards judge of ART OF THE PASTEL 2016, Pastel Society of Southeast Texas
- Grand judge of Best of America Juried Exhibition, National Oil and Acrylic Painters Society
- Demo and workshop at Best of America Conference, National Oil and Acrylic Painters Society
- Invited as a judge at CPAP International Plein Air Challenge and one of the Signature Envoys
- Invited as a judge t Lone Start Art Guild Annual Convention
- Guest instructor of Master of Plein Air Academy, CA
- Honorable Mention, Richeson 75 International Art Competitions Small Work 2016
- Invited to a portrait demo and mini workshop for Pastel Society of Southeast Texas
- Invited to a portrait demo for The Woodlands Art League, TX 2015
- Signature member, OPA
- Honorable Mention, 2015 Artist's Magazine All-Media Online Competition
- One of the judge of signature member selection committee for California Plein Air Painters
- Best figurative award, Best of America 2015, National Oil and Acrylic Painters Society
- Invited as an Inaugural Signature Member of the California Plein Air Painters (CPAP)
- 24th Annual National Juried Exhibition, Oil Painters of America
- 2015 Juried Salon Show, Oil Painters of America
- Western Regional Juried Exhibition, Oil Painters of America
- Invited to demo at 53rd Lone Star Art Guild Convention and Art Exhibition
- Honorable Mention award, NOAPS Master/Signature Artist Invitational Show 2014
- First place in oil painting, All Media Competition, The Artist's Magazine
- Excellence and Merit awards, Best of America Juried Exhibition, National Oil and Acrylic Painters Society Purchase award at plein air painting event, National Oil and Acrylic Painters Society





- Final list of 31st Annual Art Competition by The Artist's Magazine
- Serve as grand judge for NOAPS Spring Online Exhibition
- Best Portrait Runner Up of 10th International 2013-2014 ARC Salon Competition
- Finalist of 10th International 2013-2014 ARC Salon Competition 2013
- Master Signature Artist, National Oil and Acrylic Painters Society
- Best of portrait award, Best of America Juried Exhibition, National Oil and Acrylic Painters Society
- Top 10 Honor Award, International Portrait Competition, Portrait Society of America
- Third place winner, BoldBrush August Art Contest
- Western Regional Juried Exhibition, Oil Painters of America
- First Annual Salon Show by Oil Painters of America
- 22nd Annual National Juried Exhibition by Oil Painters of America
- Second place, Rites of Spring Artists of Texas and Dutch Art Gallery Juried Show
- 2 Honorable mentions of Artistic Excellence, 1 top 60, International Salon Juried Show, Greenhouse Gallery, San Antonio, TX
- Award of Excellence, NOAPS International On-Line Exhibit

2012

- Honorable Mention, International Salon Juried Show, Greenhouse Gallery, San Antonio, TX
- Annual Award Winner and April Finalist, RayMar Art Contest
- Finalist at 29th Annual Art Magazine Competition
- Best of Show award, John Wesley UMC Annual Art Contest, Spring, TX
- Best of portrait award, Best of America Juried Exhibition, The National Oil and Acrylic Painters Society

His art is widely collected by many corporate and thousands of private collectors in US, Europe, Israel, Japan, Hong Kong, and China.