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**Press Release**  
**16 July, 1998**

### **Looking up, Paintings by Xia Xiao Wan** **24 September - 14 October 1998**

Schoeni Art Gallery Ltd is honoured to have the opportunity to present the paintings of the artist Xia Xiao Wan. This will be the first time that the public and the international art world will enjoy these answers to the painters own questions. They are interesting paintings with a great sense of colour and movement; green swirling seas carry the bodies of bathers in a whirlpool. Paintings from this new perspective offers the viewer a rare glimpse at an angle on life that you only see when lying down on the ground. Xia Xiao Wan depicts modern life by studying it from underneath, looking up at people in small moments of time!

Xia Xiao Wan is born in 1959, Beijing. He graduated from the Central Academy of Fine Arts in 1982 and is currently teaching in the Central Drama Academy in Beijing. His paintings represent spiritual awakening and his most recent works show a colourful expression of a new reality after years of searching.

The private viewing of this long awaited solo exhibition will be on Thursday the 24<sup>th</sup> of September at Schoeni Art Gallery Ltd. The artist will be present and we will release a catalogue with a selection of Xia Xiao Wan's most important paintings. Collecting contemporary paintings has a distinct advantage over collecting past masters; The chance to meet the artist and to discuss the subject matter presented on the canvas. It is a must to meet Xia Xiao Wan to understand fully the meaning and message the artists wants to express!!

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# "仰望世界"——夏小萬個人作品展

24.9.98 至 14.10.98

Schoeni Art Gallery 少勵畫廊將展出著名中國畫家夏小萬之作品，首次讓觀眾嘗試解答畫家於畫布上提出之人生疑問。

夏小萬之畫，充滿顏色及動感，例如浮沉於綠色漩渦裏的人體，從下向上之仰望角度，是新鮮感，亦是畫家帶領我們以一種新方式去觀望人生。

夏小萬，1959年出生於北京，1982年畢業於中央美術學院，現正任教於該院校。從其作品看到，他專注探索靈性之醒覺及多年來對色彩所嘗試之成果。

這個期待已久之夏小萬個展定於9月24日晚開幕，畫家會親自出席，並介紹同時推出之畫冊"仰望世界"。

這是一個絕佳機會，親身體驗畫家對其作品之感受及希望傳達的訊息。對於喜愛收藏現代畫之觀眾，這畫展是絕不能錯過的。

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週一至週六 10:30 a.m. — 6:30 p.m.

週日及公眾假期休息。



Paintings by Xia Xiao Wan 夏小萬個人畫展



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# 仰望的世界



*Manfred Schoeni*

*cordially requests the pleasure of your company at a reception  
to meet the artist Xia Xiao Wan and preview his exhibition:*

## 仰望的世界 Looking Up

Paintings by Xia Xiao Wan 夏小萬個人畫展

*on Thursday, the 24th of September 1998  
5.30 pm–8.00 pm*

*A catalogue will be released in conjunction with the exhibition.*

*Schoeni Art Gallery Ltd.*

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*Gallery hours: Monday–Saturday 10.30 am–6.30 pm*

*The exhibition will continue through Wednesday, the 14th of October 1998*

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Playing Chess 對奕

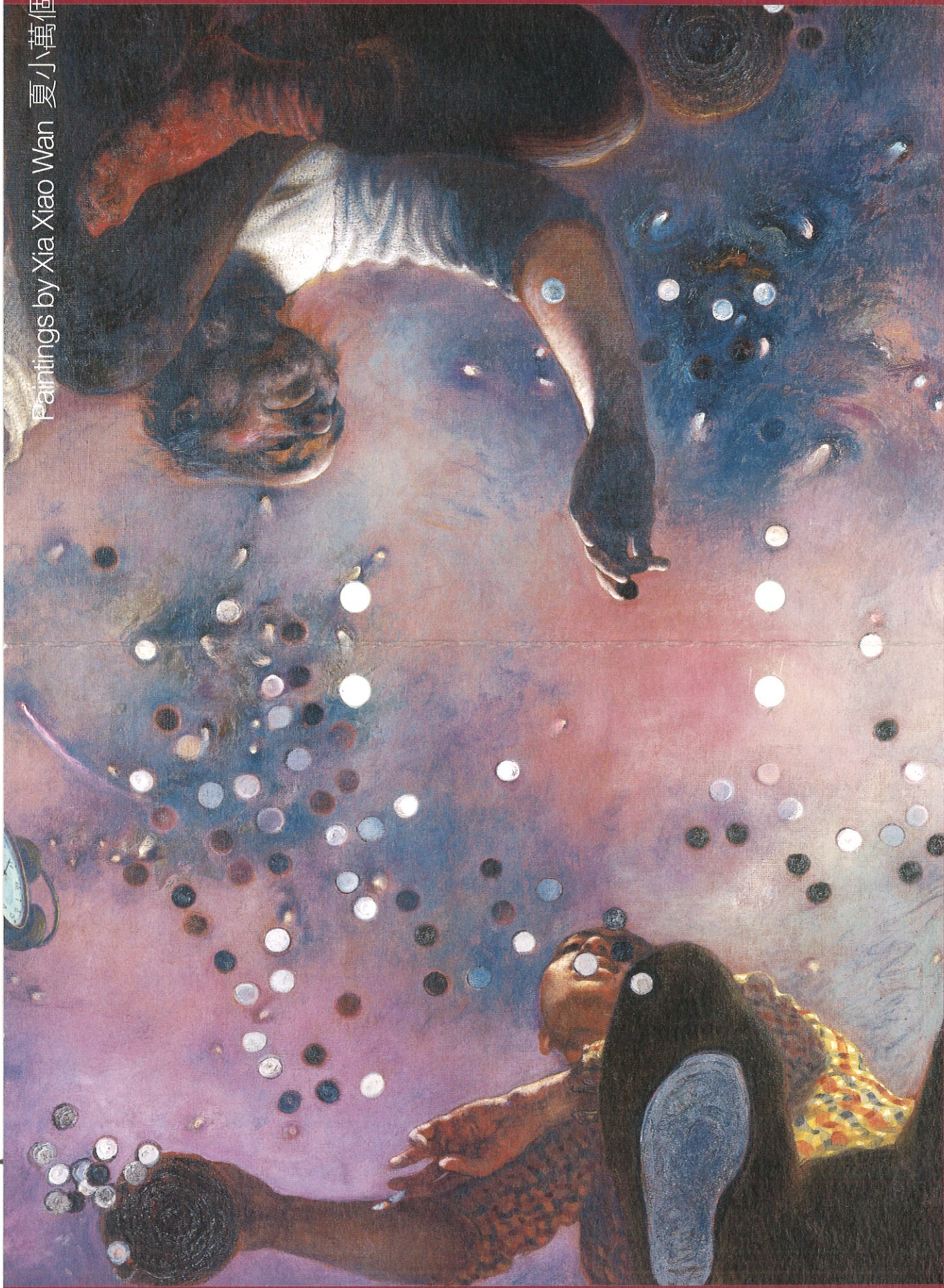
Oil on canvas  
162 x 130 cm, 1996



Paintings by Xia Xiao Wan 夏小萬個人畫展

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## Xia Xiao Wan's Biography

- 1959 Born in Beijing
- 1982 Graduated from the Central Academy of Fine Arts with a Bachelor of Arts. "Evening", "Tides" exhibited in the Graduation Show and published in the catalogue.
- 1983-1984 Art Editor of Mechanical Publishing Company.
- 1984-present Associated Professor at the Central Drama Academy. Member of Chinese Artists Association and Chinese Oil Painting Association.
- 1985 Participated in the *November Exhibition* in Beijing. Works published in *Yazhou Zhoukan*, Hong Kong.
- 1987 Participated in *Looking Forward Exhibition* in the National Art Gallery, China. Works published in *China Fine Arts Journal* and *Art Analysis Magazine*.
- 1988 Participated in *Modern Arts Exhibition* in National Art Gallery, China. Works published in the *History of Chinese Contemporary Art*. Painting "Dream" collected by the Great Wall Museum.
- 1991 Participated in *March Exhibition 91* in Beijing and *China's Art, Post-1989*, Hong Kong.
- 1992 Participated in the *China's Art, Post-1989* in Marlborough Gallery in London and in the same exhibition held in Sydney, Australia. "Pastorale", "Wandering Lover" and "Love Rage" in private collections.
- 1993 Painting collected by the Art Museum of The Hong Kong University. Visited Japan.
- 1994 "Pro-Surrealism" collected by Oriental Art Gallery in the U.S.A.
- 1995 Participated in the *Art Critics Exhibition* and *April Exhibition* in the Central Academy of Fine Arts.
- 1996 Participated in the *Starting Again Exhibition* and *Annual Oil Painting Exhibition* in Beijing. Visited Russia.
- 1997 "Mirror, Mirror", "Floating", "Escape" and "I+I" shown in the *Mediawave Invitation Exhibition* in Hungary.
- 1998 First solo exhibition "Looking Up - Paintings by Xia Xiao Wan," held in Schoeni Art Gallery in Hong Kong. Catalogue of the same title published in conjunction with the exhibition. Visited Hong Kong.

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# Out and about

*With Karen Penlington*



**Y**ou might be surprised to know that there's more to dashing gallery owner Manfred Schoeni than the sensational art exhibitions he stages on a regular basis at the Schoeni Art Gallery in Coda Plaza. Not many gallery owners can offer guests a glass of their own rosé, sparkling white, sauvignon blanc or

chardonnay while viewing provocative works of art (at provocative prices, one might add!). "Looking up" was the title of an exhibition he staged of stunning works by mainland Chinese artist, Xia Xiao Wan, who was present as his guest of honour.

Schoeni himself is the proud new owner of the Ashanti Estates winery South Africa's Cape Town area, and he has every reason to look pleased with himself. Rosé enthusiasts will enjoy his Ashanti Blush wine, available soon through the gallery along with his crisp Ashanti Pearls sparkling white and a chardonnay. You can order his Sauvignon Blanc through the gallery at HK\$90 a bottle by the case – and a lively little drop it is too. Others who appeared to enjoy the agreeable combination of Schoeni's taste in art and wine were the exuberant John Neill, John Tan, Antonia Cardone, Rosenne Chan, Luca Luise, Hamish Cowperthwaite, Roger Rosene, Eunice Li and Dave Kwan.



1. Manfred Schoeni, Xia Xiao Wan and John Neill  
 2. Meghna Patel and Luca Luise