

Cumulus Beijing

CAFA 2023 Conference



Location:

CAFA Conference: Central Academy of Fine Arts, Beijing

Parallel Conference: Sichuan Fine Arts Institute, Guangzhou Academy of Fine Arts, Xi 'an Academy of Fine Arts, Nanjing University of the Arts, Jingdezhen Ceramic Institute, Xiamen University

Time

CAFA Conference: 11.22-11.24

(11.25-11.26 Beijing Cultural Tour)

Parallel Conference: 11.27-11.28

(11.29 Sichuan, Guangzhou, Xi 'an, Nanjing, Jingdezhen, Xiamen Cultural Tour)

Theme: Narratives of Love

◆ "Crisis and Opportunity"

Throughout the past three years of the COVID-19 pandemic, humanity has shown its remarkable resilience in the face of adversity. However, the relief felt at the end of the pandemic was short-lived as it was quickly overshadowed by the nervousness surrounding the ongoing world crisis. It is now more urgent than ever to re-examine our ecological foundation, lifestyle, production relations, and the meaning of life. The diverse advancements in artificial intelligence

have created a dilemma for human self-understanding and the ethics of human-machine interaction, evoking a mixture of hope and fear.

With the increasingly intensifying climate warming, cultural conflicts, economic fragmentation, and scientific iteration, how do humans react to standards of morality, ideas of design, thought of art, and methods of education? These common issues in the field of art and design will provide us with important references for strategic adaptation, structural reshaping, and redefinition of values.

◆ "Ideology and Ideality"

Over the ages, "Love", as the matrix of human sensibility and rationality, the enlightenment of ideology and idealism, is the harmony of Tao, nature, and human wisdom. Love permeates every aspect of human civilization. Chinese civilization, Greek civilization, Islamic civilization, Indian civilization, Egyptian civilization, and the Maya civilization, among almost all major cultural systems, unanimously cherish and emphasize the importance of 'Love'.

From the symbiosis of humans and nature, the healing of collective traumas, the compatibility of heterogeneous perspectives, the stability of social structures, to the innovation of art and culture, "Love" has always been created, interpreted, applied, and disseminated through a harmonious beauty, providing solace to life and nurturing existence. We firmly believe that facing an uncertain future, "Love" will continue to be the immortal energy driving the evolution and progress of human civilization, enduring through the ages and persisting eternally.

The current Cumulus Association International Art and Design Conference has chosen "Narrative of Love" as its annual theme. Through the means of art and design, the conference aims to explore and interpret the ideas and forms of "Love" in multiple dimensions, including the individual, family, ethnic group, nation, world, nature, even the supernatural. It will delve into the realms of thoughts and thinking, discussing interdisciplinary topics such as culture and ecology, society and education, policy and economy, science and ethics, philosophy and faith. The conference seeks to gather cross-cultural wisdom to explore the future directions and methodologies of art and design.

◆ "East and West"

Beijing, as the capital of China, stands as a profound embodiment of rich historical heritage, serene ecological surroundings, avant-garde fashion districts, vibrant community life, efficient service systems, and endearing folk traditions. These multifaceted elements have forged a distinctive design culture with worldwide influence, making Beijing an indispensable gateway and an enchanting source of inspiration for global designers, artists, and scholars to experience the essence of Chinese culture and the grandeur of Eastern civilization.

We eagerly anticipate the gathering of Cumulus members from around the world in Beijing in November 2023, where we can unite in our efforts to forge a sustainable future imbued with the essence of "Love," igniting passion, motivation, and hope.

Parallel Conference Location:

Sichuan Fine Arts Institute is one of the best fine arts institutions of higher education in Southwest China, rooted in Chongqing Municipality, located on the bank of the Yangtze River and at the foot of Jinyun Mountain. It is the cradle of training high-level fine arts talents and the key town for promoting high-level art research in China.





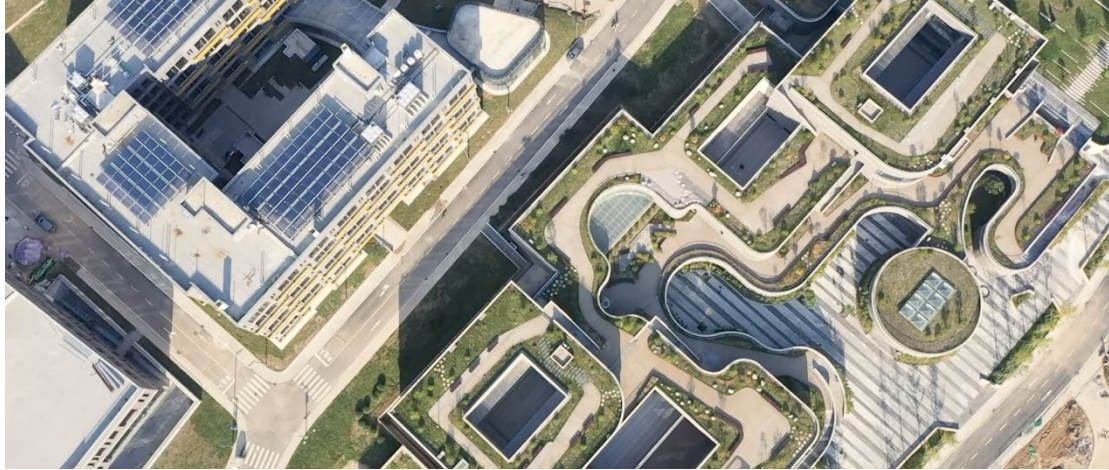
Located between the eastern margin of the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau and the western Sichuan Plateau, Sichuan boasts a magnificent natural landscape. It includes World Heritage sites such as Jiuzhaigou, Huanglong and Mount Emei, as well as magnificent mountains, deep valleys, lakes and waterfalls. Sichuan is also home to China's giant pandas and has several panda conservation bases. Sichuan is the birthplace of Sichuan Opera, one of the four traditional Chinese operas. Sichuan has many historic monuments and cultural heritages. The most famous of them are the World cultural heritages -- Dujiangyan and Mount Emei.

Guangzhou Academy of Fine Arts is located in Guangdong Province. As an important economic center and cultural city in China, Guangzhou has attracted many international artists and cultural exchange activities, and is an art institution with an international vision and atmosphere. The university majors' include fine arts, painting, sculpture, photography, calligraphy, Chinese painting, Experimental art, Art design, Visual Communication design, environmental design, product design, Fashion and costume design, public art, Arts and Crafts, digital media Art, Art and Technology, Ceramic art design, drama and film art design, animation, film and television photography and production, art education, and clothing There are 31 majors in decoration design and engineering, industrial design, architecture, Landscape architecture, art management, cultural relic protection and restoration, packaging design, fiber art, art education, intelligent interaction design and 25 professional directions.



Guangzhou is located in the southern part of the Pearl River Delta, near the South China Sea, and has a rich Marine culture. As a port city, Guangzhou has been an important node of trade and maritime Silk Road since ancient times. Guangzhou has preserved many historical buildings and cultural monuments, such as Chen Family Temple, Guangxiao Temple, Litchi Bay style area, etc. These buildings represent the rich history and traditional architectural styles of Guangzhou, attracting many tourists and culture lovers.

Xi 'an Academy of Fine Arts is a famous art college in western China, located in Xi 'an, Shaanxi Province. The college emphasizes the integration of traditional and modern art education. The vast territory of Shaanxi Province, where Xi 'an Academy of Fine Arts is located, covers rich and diverse regional cultures, including Han culture, Tang culture, Silk Road culture, etc., which provides rich resources and inspiration for the artistic creation and research of the Academy.



As one of the seven ancient capitals of ancient China, Xi 'an has a long history and rich cultural heritage. Xi 'an is famous for its famous Terra-cotta warriors, which demonstrate the exquisite craftsmanship and rich historical value of ancient Chinese pottery terracotta warriors. Site of Chang 'an City: Xi 'an was once the site of the ancient Chang 'an City, one of the oldest and largest ancient capitals in the world. Xi 'an has preserved many historical buildings and cultural monuments, such as the Big Wild Goose Pagoda, Little Wild Goose Pagoda, Daming Palace ruins and so on. These buildings represent the architectural styles and artistic features of different dynasties, attracting the attention of many tourists and scholars.

Nanjing University of the Arts is a famous art college in Nanjing, Jiangsu Province, China. It is located in Nanjing, a famous historical and cultural city. The school is surrounded by a beautiful environment and full of strong cultural atmosphere. The college emphasizes the cultivation of humanistic spirit and encourages students to integrate humanistic care and social responsibility into their artistic creation.





Nanjing is one of the first national historical and cultural cities, Nanjing has a long history as the ancient capital of many Chinese dynasties. As the capital of Ming and Qing dynasties, Nanjing has left many historical buildings and cultural relics, such as the Ming city wall, the Confucius Temple, and the presidential palace. Nanjing Museum is one of the earliest museums in China, with a large collection of historical relics and works of art. In addition, there are many important cultural festivals in Nanjing, such as Nanjing International Book Fair and Nanjing Jinling Culture and Art Festival. An important cultural landmark in Nanjing is the Mausoleum of Sun Yat-sen, which is the mausoleum of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, a great pioneer of China's modern democratic revolution. Dr. Sun Yat-sen was a great national hero, a great patriot and a great pioneer of China's democratic revolution.

Jingdezhen Ceramic Institute, as a college focusing on ceramic art education, carries the essence of traditional ceramic art, and inherits and develops it through teaching and research. The college actively participates in the protection and inheritance of ceramic culture. The College organizes students to participate in the traditional inheritance and protection of ceramic skills, and is committed to inheriting and promoting the treasures of Chinese ceramic culture





Jingdezhen is the ceramic capital of China, with a long tradition of ceramic making and rich ceramic culture. The kiln fire culture of Jingdezhen is one of its unique geographical and cultural characteristics. Jingdezhen used to be a place where ancient Chinese kilns were concentrated. The blazing fire of kilns and the magic of kilns became the unique artistic characteristics of Jingdezhen. Jingdezhen holds a ceramic art festival every year, attracting artists and ceramic lovers from home and abroad.

Xiamen University has a beautiful campus environment. Xiamen University has outstanding strength in a number of research fields. Especially in the fields of Marine science, environmental science, chemistry, physics, biomedicine, economics, etc., the university's research achievements have been recognized at home and abroad.







Xiamen is a beautiful coastal city in Fujian Province, China. As a city with a long history, Xiamen is rich in historical and cultural sites. For example, Nanputuo Temple is one of the earliest Buddhist temples in China, dating back to the Tang Dynasty. Xiamen also retains many ancient buildings, temples and traditional neighbourhoods that showcase Xiamen's history and cultural traditions. Xiamen pays attention to ecological environmental protection and urban greening, and is known as a "garden city". Gulangyu in Xiamen, as dozens of countries have set up consulates here successively, buildings of various forms and styles have also appeared.