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Contemporary Chinese Art and the Literary Culture of China

through January 15

Symposium - Contemporary Chinese Artists and the Literary Culture of China - Saturday, November 7 at 1:00 pm.

Participants will include: Patricia Eichenbaum Karetzky, curator; Zhang Er, poet; Leonard Schwartz, translator/poet/literary critic; and artists Xu Bing, Longbin Chen, Zhao Suikang, and Xing Fei.

Reception for the artists - Saturday, November 7 from 3:00 - 5:00 pm

Contemporary Chinese Artists and the Literary Culture of China features large-scale installations which explore the nature of communication in the digital age of the late 20th century. Within the context of Confucianism—the ideology behind the governmental system—literature was the basis of education and the tool for successful leadership. For the literati of China, uniformly educated for political careers, literature was also a major means of personal expression. These artists have taken up the theme using books, words, Chinese texts, and the act of writing to create a form of personal expression. Their art questions the cultural values of the ancient society and its relevance to the future. The exhibition includes the work of Xu Bing, Longbin Chen, Zhao Suikang, and Xing Fei. A second exhibition, **Six Artists in China**, provides digital reproductions which focus on related work by artists living in China and includes: Shang Yang, Zhang Dali, Liu Yan, Huang Yan, Zhu Jingshi and Wang Huaxiang. The exhibition is curated by Patricia Eichenbaum Karetzky. Catalogue available.

Lehman College Art Gallery is located at Bedford Park Boulevard West, Bronx, New York. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm. Parking available. To reach the gallery by subway, take the #4 or the D train to Bedford Park Blvd. station and walk one block west to the campus entrance.