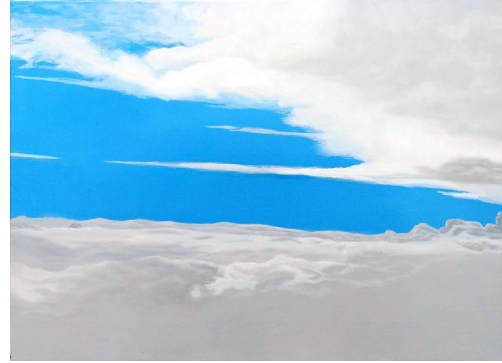


## Studio Now



In November, I am working on two commissioned pieces and researching for work.

## The explanation of my works



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This piece is motivated by a shop in a mall of Beijing, China.

I can say that one of the root motivations of urban people's consumption of urban products such as clothing is the contrasting nature of the outward value judgments that will affect each other at a time when social relations between them are created in a special place.

Value judgments about its appearance have a great influence on the identity of urban people who are in the crowd but also exist individually. And mannequin exists in the show window as a target that meets the requirements of the people's value judgement. Urban people who consume in the city take the action of equating themselves with the virtual images of themselves, poster characters and mannequins, through the images presented by the mannequins of the show window, such as the models (who are virtual-not real in the works) of posters. This act is learned consciously or unconsciously by the city's system, and may be the starting point for the act of value judgment regarding one's own appearance and the other's appearance. And I think the more this act is repeated, the more self-forgotten of urbanites will be tamed by the familiarity that exists as a member of the city, like a batter who repeats it, and the greater the oblivion of their own identity as individual beings. I also ask myself a question as a person who lives in a city. "What am I in the city, and what am I living here for?"

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## Kim's Essay

### Choice and Free Will (3)

Ludwig Boltzmann(1844-1906) once said that if an incident has high probability of happening, it will happen. This means that events of great probability in the micro-world gather together and affect events of small probability in the macro-world. If I apply this in different perspective, I could say, 'The changes around me come from the little things that I didn't even realize.'

Were the decisions I had to make under unwilling situation really my own free will? People say that we must do our best in the given situation and must fight our way through. What is 'our best'? Would our choices be different if we know the causes of the 'given situation'?

Think of this story I read once online as an example. There was a woman A, about to get married. A had a best and a childhood friend, B. One day, B witnesses A's boyfriend C having an affair and hears about his ill behaviors from others. And another day comes when A and B are having a cup of tea and A looks at B with all the joy about marrying C. Looking at how happy her friend is, B considers whether she has to tell A about C's behavior, which she eventually does, thinking it would be best for A's happiness. Surprised at this, A does not listen to what B has to say but rather ends their friendship. And A marries C. But only after short period of time, witnessing his actions with her own eyes, A realizes B was telling the truth. So in the end, A breaks up with C, and was not able to recover her relationship with B.

### Result

Not knowing C's true self, A ends her friendship with B

B decides on telling the truth for A, but this results to an end of their friendship.

### Raising a Question

Is A knew the truth, would she have still chose the marriage with C over B?

Would B have chose to tell A if she knew that it would end their friendship?

If we know the cause and effect, could we say that we make choices? Do choices really exist if we know everything?

On the contrary, what choices do we make without knowing the cause and effect and can we call these choices free-will?

So here's what I think. Since human choice is not causative, it can be said that it is a limited free will to make a decision on the side that is compatible with one's psychological stability, or probability-wise peace of mind, by mobilizing all the cognitive abilities that one can do in the given situation. Today I'm choosing as my mind dictates rather than trying to achieve something against a given situation. Maybe this is the only free will that a man can truly have.