

# CHEN CHANGWEI

## Profile:

- **One of the greatest artists of Contemporary Chinese Art.**
- **An audacious style: the artist taps into Chinese traditions to reinvent the signs of the Chinese horoscope.**
- **Stunning, original and unusual work: busts with surrealist animal heads, totems full of humour.**
- **4 emblematic works created for Daum: each character has its own qualities and faults.**

## Biography (1973)



Born in 1973, Chen Changwei is a graduate of the Yunnan Arts Institute. He currently lives and works in Kunming as a lecturer in the Sculpture department of the Yunnan Arts Institute. He is currently lecturer at the Sculpture department of the Yunnan Arts Institute. His work lies on the border of sculpture and design. In 2004 Chen Changwei created his own zodiac cycle full of humour and finesse. The twelve signs all possess their own characteristics (qualities and defects, preferred activities, degree of luck, and so on) and combine relatively well with each other.

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Many exhibitions have been dedicated to his work throughout the world:**

- 2005: Montpellier-China Contemporary Chinese Art Biennial, Montpellier, France
- 2005: Mandarin France, Beijing, Shanghai, China
- 2004: Anxiety and preservation, Kunming, China
- 2003: Spring Art Exhibition, Shanghai, China
- 2001: Second sculpture exhibition of Yunnan, First Prize, Kunming, China

## Chen Changwei for Daum

The meeting between Chen Changwei and Daum took place in 2006.

With humour and finesse, Chen Changwei created his own zodiac cycle in 2004. The twelve signs (none of which corresponds to the Western zodiac) all possess their own characteristics (qualities and defects, preferred activities, degree of luck, etc.) and combine relatively well with each other.

*"In this world, I believe that anyone who can make art is pretty lucky. To quote a great master, 'He can create like God, and rule like a king, but of course it also means working like a slave.'" Chen Changwei*



Dalmatian

Edition of 188  
Height: 33 cm



Stag

Edition of 188  
Height: 40 cm



Iridescent green elephant

Edition of 8  
Height: 80 cm



Amber elephant

Edition of 88  
Height: 80 cm

## The world of Chen Changwei



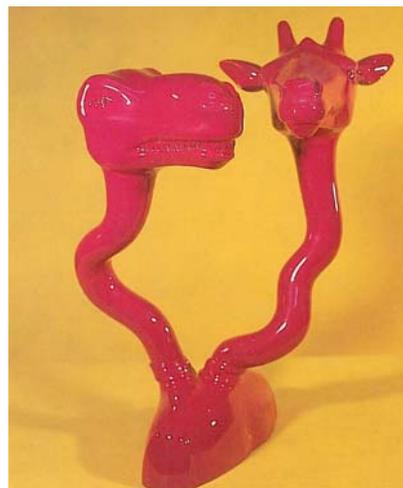
Crocodile  
Paint, polyfibre  
Date created: 2004  
Size: 42 x 33 x 48 cm



Leopard  
Paint, polyfibre  
Date created: 2004  
Size: 42 x 21 x 49 cm



Guo-Hua  
Date created: 2002  
Painted polyester  
Size: 46 x 37 x 48 cm



The giraffe marries the dinosaur  
Date created: 2004  
Automobile paint  
Size: 35 x 29 x 51 cm