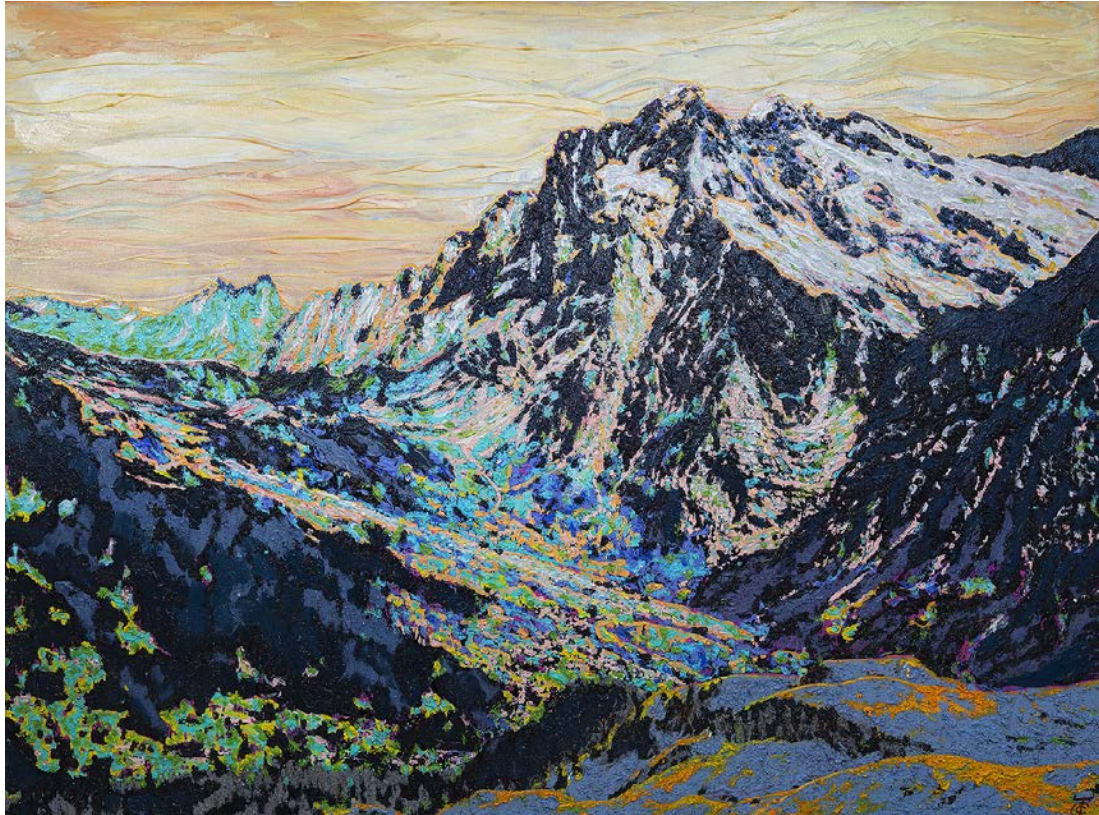


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"Mother nature provides an endless source of beauty every day – in shapes, in lines, in smell and in colors. In the mountains that beauty seems amplified.

When I am in the mountains, I imagine myself becoming part of them. I move with their varied forms and I inhale the life and energy they emit.

When I close my eyes I can feel colors floating, spreading, emerging around me.

In this series of paintings I am trying to capture something of the magic and glory mother nature bestowed upon the mountain landscape.

Growing up in Taiwan, an island with a great density of summits over 3,000 meters, I always had special feelings about mountains. During summer vacation my grandparents would rouse me and my siblings at the crack of dawn and we would hike up a local mountain in the cool fog with empty stomachs and sleepy eyes.

In Chinese mythology, celestial beings live high in the mountains. Sunrise is the moment when one could perhaps catch a glimpse of them. We would watch for them as we waited in the morning mist for the red fireball to emerge. But when it rose from behind the mountain, its fierce light quickly chased away the fog, and with it any lingering spirits. By then we were so hungry that all we wanted to do was rush down the mountain to where street vendors served warm soy milk, fresh rolls, rice balls and other traditional breakfast treats.

Since moving to Switzerland in 2013, I feel as though I am reconnecting with the mystical power of mountains that I knew in my youth. As I have wandered among these magnificent peaks I have come to think of them as an angels' retreat. And so as I paint, I seek to meld feelings rooted in Eastern mysticism into an interpretation of the Western landscape around me. If you look close, perhaps you will see a celestial spirit winking at you from behind a ridge." **Tzu Chen Chen, March 2021**

We would welcome your visit.

Thomas Keller, Curator

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*Tzu Chen Chen's creative approach has always been unconventional, blending eastern and western culture. Her works often incorporate intricate layers and her colors are always bold. She travels frequently in Europe, Asia and North America, taking photographs that serve as inspiration for her finished works. Much of her studio work now focuses on painting her unique interpretations of mountain landscapes, using mixed media on canvas.*

*Equally at home as a fine artist and a commercial studio photographer, Tzu Chen Chen splits her time between her own projects and work for clients, primarily in France's luxury goods industry. For more info please see : [www.tzuchenchen.com/about](http://www.tzuchenchen.com/about)*