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**GUO HONGWEI** 郭鸿蔚

*tiny drop*

October 29 – November 30, 2011

Opening October 29, 6 pm

**Aike Dellarco** is thrilled to present "*tiny drop*", Guo Hongwei's first solo exhibition in Italy.

Guo Hongwei, born in Chongqing (Sichuan) in 1982, in recent years has gained quite an attention for his unique technique. Recurring to the medium itself as a device to enhance and deepen the visual perception of the painted subjects - water in the case of watercolours, varnish in that of oil paintings, as pure pigment in the case of tridimensional, stand-alone sculptures wholly realized in acrylic paint, Guo Hongwei combines an experimental and bold attitude within the practices and methodologies of painting together with a rigorous and selective concern for the essential structure of the objects he observes.

The series of works '*tiny drop*' presented in the show, consists of a number of small watercolours that reproduce photographs of the artist's childhood. By repainting this sequence of self-portraits, family members and close friends, Guo Hongwei

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pursues a nostalgic and intimate recollection of his own **past**, while also engaging in reassembling the collective memory of an entire generation.

Guo Hongwei graduated from Sichuan Fine Arts Institute. He lives and works in Beijing.

Select recent exhibitions: *"Catch the Moon in the Water: Emerging Chinese Artists"*, James Cohan gallery, New York, 2011; *"Things"*, Chambers Fine Art', New York, 2010; *"Guo Hongwei, Yuko Murata, Karen Seapker"*, James Cohan gallery, Shanghai, 2010; *"Refresh: Emerging Chinese Artists"*, Zendai Museum of Modern Art, Shanghai, 2007; *"Energy: Spirit, Body, Material"* Today Art Museum, Beijing' 2007

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