

M I C H A E L GOEDHUIS

MA HOUQUAN

AMONG THE REED FLOWERS, 2013

Photograph

20 x 20 in (50.8 x 50.8 cm) Ed. 2/9



Artist description:

MA Hou Quan, pseudonyms "YiMo" (means an ink), lives in Dongying, Shandong, China. He was born in a small mountain village in Jianyang, Sichuan China in 1958 and moved to Donying, Shandong with his parents when he was 8 years old. He became a repairman at the age of seventeen. Ma is obsessed with Chinese calligraphy, and started to learn this artist form from his middle school teacher by emulating ancient rubbings. He began to engage in news photography and news reports at when he was twenty three. He found calligraphy to be quite intriguing and through exploration and practice he has become adept at the art of integration of photography, Chinese painting, and calligraphy.

He got his MBA specializing in finance and investment management from Peking University EMBA program in 2005 and is currently the chairman of an equipment manufacturing enterprise in China.