

Letters from China

Buy Art-Shenzhen Dafen Oil Painting Village

Let A Hundred Sunflowers Bloom

After television and underwear, China price is reshaping the oil painting industry.

"Zhang Libing has painted more van Goghs than van Gogh ever did," the *New York Times* reported. "At 26, Mr. Zhang estimates that he has painted up to 20,000 copies of van Gogh's works in a paint-spattered third-floor garret here where freshly washed socks and freshly painted canvases dry side-by-side on the balcony."

20,000 copies? Assuming that Mr Zhang has started painting at 18 and he paints everyday in eight years, he must have produced about seven van Goghs each day?

Mr Zhang works in a painting store in Dafen Oil Painting Village in Buji, Longgang, Shenzhen, just across the border from Hong Kong. There are more than a dozen blocks of paintings stores with studios upstairs. He earns less than \$200 a month, plus modest room and board.

Seeing the photos in NYT readers may agree that the quality of the mass production of van Goghs is really impressive. I will visit Dafen to see "Vincent van Gogh meets Henry Ford" in Shenzhen.

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Comments



I am interest to buy wholesale oil painting and please give me some information of chinese wholesale "fabric"

Posted by: benny jazid | [August 18, 2005 at 06:49 PM](#)



I know little about the trade of oil paintings. See if www.alibaba.com, the leading China-focused B2B website, may help,

please.

Posted by: [Letters from China](#) | [August 19, 2005 at 12:37 PM](#)



Could you please send me any info regarding your oil paintings. I would like to come out to see some, with a view to placing an order.

Also, with only the name of the village, I need travel details. Could you provide me with some - I am based in London, England.

Paul Giles.

Posted by: paul giles | [January 22, 2006 at 08:19 PM](#)



Not quite MY oil paintings, Mr Giles. I am only a humble blogger.

You may want to check this for samples:

http://www.nytimes.com/slideshow/2005/07/14/business/20050715_PAINT_SLIDESHOW_1.html

To visit Dafen Oil Paintings Village, Shenzhen:

London - Hong Kong Airport - take bus A21 to Hung Hom Station - East Rail - Lo Wu border crossing

It will take you to Luohu District, Shenzhen. The Shenzhen tube has not yet extended to Dafen. Taxi would appear to be the only reliable transport. Handing the taxi driver a note with the following address "龙岗 布吉 大芬油画村" (Longgang, Buji, Dafen Oil Painting Village) should be OK.

Posted by: [Letters from China](#) | [January 23, 2006 at 02:52 AM](#)



need to buy wholesale prices oil paintings

Posted by: Jonh Smith | [February 03, 2006 at 07:53 PM](#)



ok so where can people from overseas buy these?

Posted by: jimi | [February 15, 2006 at 10:00 AM](#)



Yes, there are many such artist here in shenzhen, an i ,myself was one of them.

And welcome to visit our studio and website at <http://www.paintingiant.com>

Posted by: [Jared zeng](#) | [April 18, 2006 at 11:40 AM](#)



Do you now of any painters (artists) who can paint a portrate from a photo?

Please write back.

Posted by: Nathan Howard | [June 25, 2006 at 05:13 PM](#)



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Posted by: [Vera Yuen](#) | [July 12, 2006 at 08:50 AM](#)



I would like to order some reproductions please. How do I do this?

Posted by: [carol grant](#) | [July 18, 2006 at 11:33 AM](#)



I an intrested in buy reproduction oil paintings

Posted by: [john grace](#) | [July 31, 2006 at 12:39 PM](#)



I would like to order a large portrait from a photograph I have. Can I please have some idea how much it will cost and where I send the photo and order

Posted by: [Mrs A Scott](#) | [October 20, 2006 at 01:07 AM](#)



Can you please give me a cost to handpait a reproduction of Picasso's "The Acrobat" - Oil on Canvas to A2 size? Thanks

Posted by: [CJ Joubert](#) | [January 29, 2007 at 01:23 AM](#)



I am interested in purchasing reproductions of the U.S. artists Charles M. Russell and Albert Bierstadt. Do you have artists who specialize in these 2 artists?

Posted by: [Thomas Thompson](#) | [February 05, 2007 at 04:54 AM](#)



Dear Sirs,

Are there anyone working with watercolours in Dafen?

Posted by: [Peter V. Nielsen](#) | [February 18, 2007 at 10:22 PM](#)



Is Dafen art village open in the chinese public holidays - i know it was closed for Chinese New Year but I wanted to go up there on 5 April - Ching Ming festival? Anybody know?

Posted by: [kate](#) | [April 02, 2007 at 03:56 PM](#)



Kate,

Thanks to my Communist Comrades, Ching Ming Festival is NOT a public holiday in China (after all, we worship only Chairman Mao, not our ancestors). It would be alright to visit Dafen that day, but heavy traffic is expected because it IS a public holiday for Hong Kong people!

Posted by: [lfc](#) | [April 02, 2007 at 04:28 PM](#)



please contact me for a painting - i posted something on your site in january 07 i still have not heard from you how do i get hold of you?

Posted by: cj joubert | [April 13, 2007 at 02:59 AM](#)



I'm interested in a copy of a painting by Zhu Yi Yong and planning a trip to Shenzhen on Dec 1 or 2. Thanks. Please write directly to my email.

Posted by: Stacey | [November 21, 2007 at 09:37 AM](#)



Hello,

Could you please write me some contact information about independent student or academic oil painters in Dafen who want to paint for less money than a large company. I mean I want to deal with somebody directly without a middleman?

Thanks and sorry on my bad English language!

Posted by: Zeljko Masic | [January 21, 2008 at 04:35 AM](#)



Dear Sir

Many years ago I was with the Army in Fan Ling and Sekong.

I would very much like to purchase a range of pictures.

I hope you can assist me.

Regards

Alan

Posted by: Alan Lay | [March 05, 2008 at 06:40 PM](#)



Please I'll need to visit Dafen Village to order a large portrait photograph how do I apply for invitation online?

Posted by: Nike N | [June 23, 2008 at 09:16 PM](#)



I would like to have individual paintings of my grandchildren. Can I get an idea of size and prices. I'm thinking about individual pictures of about 12 by 18 inches for each of them (7).

Thank you for your help, R. Pregl

Posted by: Ray Pregl | [December 20, 2008 at 07:41 PM](#)



Hello ,

I would like to order a real oil painting .

Where can I do that ?

Kind regards ,

Marcel