

# Joyce Ling Finds an Oasis of Life Through Paintings and Modern Poems

• Oil painter Joyce. Image / provided by Joyce Dan-Chi Ling

Contemporary artist and philosophical modern poetry writer Joyce Dan-Chi Ling used to work in construction financial management industry. Her acumen to construction and financial markets enabled her to learn to observe life and see the fluctuations and context of economics. Although she established high-end connections in construction and finance, she deeply felt that life is limited, and if the circumstances permit, she should do her life's homework as early as possible. As a result, she gradually withdrew from the nine-to-five life, found the oasis of life through painting and modern poetry, and delivered the homework of life.

Joyce Ling believes that “It is difficult to find the true self while in hustles, and one tends to lose a lot of inner quality and life scenery. The soul needs to be irrigated, and life needs turns. A straight line inevitably reaches the end. Only by taking some turns can the path be farther and longer.”

After Joyce Ling became a full-time artist, she felt that arts are spiritual and not about skills. Emphasizing too much on skills may close the window to the soul and makes the artworks lacking warmth and soul, and thus the craftsmanship tends to be cold. Joyce Ling advocates the style of “supernaturalism” where artists paint with their soul.

Afterwards, Joyce Ling took part in ART TAIPEI 2018. She found that people's vision is easily guided to uniformity. If one looks at the works on the market for a long time, they would be educated with inertial thinking and find it hard to tell what is warm and spiritual. Vincent van Gogh he started to take standard art classes at the age of 27. His natural talent of painting had not been restrained, so he knew how to open up the window of spirituality and

use color boldly. His works are different from the colorful starry sky which ordinary people would create. His vision was very different from everyone, and yet he created unique visions that capture everyone's eyes.

In this April, Joyce Ling published a collection of aesthetic philosophy poems - "And Then?" Joyce is good at expressing the joy of painting in words. Her modern poems are mostly in natural, plain yet innocent words to enter people's structured hearts that are squeezed by life and limited by education. Joyce Ling illustrates the philosophy of life with modern poetry, coupled with her interesting photography out of hobby, interpreting modern poetry in a way that is no longer unfamiliar, but a way to nourish physical and mental energy to enlighten and inspire readers with the profound meaning of life philosophy. During the pandemic, it is also a kind of inner turn and guidance for people's minds when they don't know where to go, as well as a rare type of refined words that regain people's inner brushwork and awareness. Joyce believes that "The external stimulations will not last long and are not a true source of happiness. The pandemic also made it clear that cutting off external happiness and turning to words or the philosophy of her poetry can sometimes lead people to find the meaning of life and the happiness of returning to one's own nature." It is up to the doer to undo the knot. This book is directed at people's hearts, telling how the emptiness of the external world makes people lose their direction and risk not finding true happiness.

Therefore, as a painter, Joyce Ling advocates the style of supernaturalism, that is, to find her own soul to guide the painting, putting aside the technical shackles of the academics and finding the new style of supernaturalism. As a writer of modern poetry literature, she uses modern poems to guide people to the profound meaning of life, making people realize that the external world only reflects the lacks and hunger of the heart and that true happiness cannot be found externally, while words and arts are both bridges to enter people's hearts. As an artist and a writer, she can use painting and modern poetry creation to help people truly find the mysterious meaning of life.