

## ***Zoomdojo Career Conversation***

Guest Speaker:

**Jennifer Wen Ma**

**Jennifer Wen Ma** was born in 1973 in Beijing, China, moved to the United States in 1986, and received her Master of Fine Arts degree in 1999 from Pratt Institute, New York. She works and lives in New York and Beijing. Ma's interdisciplinary practice bridges media as varied as installation, video, drawing, fashion design, public art and performance, often bringing together unlikely elements in a single work. Her recent work explores Chinese ink as a contemporary medium.



Some recent solo exhibitions include Ullens Center for Contemporary Art, Beijing; Eslite Gallery, Taipei; Art Space NIJI in Kyoto, Japan; and The Phillips Collection, Washington, DC. Ma was the Artistic Director for The Republic of China Centennial Grand Countdown, Taipei, 2010. She participated in Lingua Franca for St. Moritz Art Masters, the 2010 Biennale of Sydney, and the 2009 Echigo-Tsumari Triennial, Niigata. Video installations were commissioned by Guggenheim Bilbao, 2009; Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, 2008; and the National Art Museum of China, 2008. Ma's permanent public projects include multimedia installation for Digital Beijing Building, among others.

In 2008, Ma was one of the seven members on the core creative team for the opening and closing ceremonies of the Beijing Olympics, and the chief designer for visual and special effects. Additionally, as the main liaison for the international broadcast teams, she won an Emmy for the US broadcast of the ceremony.

Upcoming projects include permanent public lighting installation for the façade of National Aquatic Center, aka The Water Cube, Beijing; exhibitions at Witte de With, Rotterdam; Hanart Gallery, Hong Kong, among others.