

SELECTED ARTISTIC WORKS BY SHI QUN 1939—1985

简群集的基础北京特别版料



我喜歡渾厚、樸拙和雄健明快的藝術風格,也是我努力追求未能達到的藝術。



## 淳樸的品格 樸素的畫

## ——懷念師群同志

建國前夕(1949年7月)在全國第一次文代大會上,我認識了師群同志。解放後的1953年,我們奉命到武漢籌建中南美術專科學校,我們前後一同工作、共事了五年,一同參加過武漢的防汛鬥爭。1958年學校搬到廣州後,我們之間的接觸是少了,但我們之間老戰友的感情是很深厚的。在文化革命期間,我受到衝擊,住在"牛欄"的時候,師群同志曾派他的兩個女兒海虹、海雲到廣州美院看望我,這也説明他對我是理解的。我早已深深感覺到他爲人踏實、敦厚,正直善良、平易近人,對人寬、對己嚴,對黨忠心耿耿,把黨的事業放在第一位,在處理問題時,也能做到實事求是,既有原則性,又有靈活性。由于他工作作風正派,實事求是,工作效果較好,大家都很尊敬他,所以他有着很高的威信。這些高貴的品質是值得我們好好學習的。

1938年師群同志懷着滿腔的抗日激情參加了八路軍,從而開始了他半個世紀的革命生涯。師群同志從小愛好繪畫,他雖然没有進過藝術院校、受過正規的技術訓練,但基于革命戰争的需要,他在戰鬥生活中刻苦自習繪畫,提高技巧。1938年開始,他創作了大量的木刻作品,如《戰鬥》、《突襲》、《勞動在黃河之濱》、《自己的隊伍回來了》,還有連環畫、宣傳畫《淮海之戰》、《百萬雄師過大江》、《英勇奮鬥十八年》、《進村之後》、《游擊隊的母親》、《土改五要圖》。這些作品的内容是從革命現實鬥争生活中來的,是通過作者的生活感受提高概括創作出來的,是言之有物、人民看得懂的樸素的作品。這些作品曾廣爲流行,在社會上起到宣傳群衆、教育群衆、打擊敵人的作用,是有社會共鳴的。

他的作品所反映的是一部中國三、四十年代那段充滿戰 火與硝烟、痛苦與喜悦、犧牲與勝利的歷史——他留給我們一 份極爲真實的革命戰争史料。

解放後,由于黨的需要,師群同志長期作組織領導工作, 很自然會產生工作與創作之間的矛盾。師群同志始終把本職 工作即組織領導工作放在第一位,把自己愛好的美術創作放 在第二位,成爲雙肩挑的干部。在不影響本職工作的情况 下,始終抓緊時間和機會致力于藝術創作,如60年代的木刻作 品《風雪大别山》、《三峽》、《清江放排》;80年代的木刻 版畫《轉移》、《敵後宣傳隊》等等,反映出他在藝術上孜孜 不倦的追求。

他的作品,如同他的人品,是質樸的;而正是他作品的樸 實無華形成了師群同志作品的藝術風格。

站在今天的角度,倍感師群同志人品的可貴和作品的可貴。他的一生是對我國革命事業和美術事業作出雙重奉獻的一生。他是一位老黨員,是忠誠的無產階級革命戰士,也是一位現實主義的美術家、美術教育家、美術事業的領導者。他爲 崇高的共産主義事業,爲中國藝術事業作出了應有的貢獻。

我們永遠懷念師群同志!

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## SIMPLE CHARACTER AND PLAIN ART-ISTIC WORKS

## -CHERISH THE MEMORY OF COMRADE SHI QUN

On the eve of liberation (July, 1949), I got to know Comrade Shi Qun at the first conference of representatives of literary and art workers. After liberation, in 1953, Shi Qun and I received orders to make preparations for the establishment of Zhongnan Art Training School in Wuhan. There we worked together for 5 years and we took part in the anti-flood fighting in Wuhan. When the school was moved to Guangzhou in 1958, we seldom contacted with each other. However, we cherished a very deep affection as old comrade - in - arms. During the Great Cultural Revolution, I was affronted and forced to live in " cowshed". Shi Qun sent his two daughters Haihong and Haiyun to call on me at Guangzhou Art College, which showed his understanding of me. I had perceived deeply that he was honest and sincere, kind-hearted and amiable, strict with himself and broad - minded towards others. He was loval and devoted to the Party and put the cause of the Party at the first position. While dealing with problems, he was always practical and realistic, highly principled and flexible as well. As he was honest and upright in his ways, he was very effective in his work. All the people around him respected him, so he enjoyed a high prestige among them. His noble quality deserved to be learned by us.

With strong hatred of Japanese invaders, Comrade Shi Qun joined the Eighth Route Army in 1938. From then on, he continued his revolutionary career for the following half a century. He was fond of painting in his childhood. Although he never entered any art college to receive formal training, he diligently studied painting by himself in his fighting life, due to the need of the revolutionary war. From the year of 1938 on, he created a lot of woodcut works such as FIGHTING, SURPRISE ATTACK, LABOURING AT THE BANK OF THE YELLOW RIVER, OUR TROOPS HAVE COME BACK. He also produced some picture—story books and picture posters as THE HUAIHAI CAMPAIGN, A MILLION BOLD WARRIORS CROSSING THE YANGTZE RIVER, BRAVE FIGHTING FOR EIGHTEEN YEARS, AFTER ENTERING THE

VILLAGE, THE MOTHER OF THE GURRILLA FORCES, PICTURE OF THE FIVE "MUSTS" OF LAND REFORM. The content of these works originated from the revolutionary fighting life. They were the result of generalization and enhancement of his experience, full of substance and easy for people to understand. These works were once very popular and played an important role in spreading propaganda among the masses, educating the masses and striking relentless blows at the enemy. Shi Qun's works portrayed the history of fight and smoke of gunpowder, suffering and joy, sacrifice and victory during 1930s and 1940s in China. He left us a very authentic record of the revolutionary war. After liberation, responding to the call of the Party, Comrade Shi Qun worked as a leader for a long period of time. Though it was difficult for him to work as a leader and an artist at the same time, he always put the former at the first place and the latter the second place. To shoulder heavy responsibilities of both leadership and artistic creation, he made the best use of his time to devote himself to artistic production. His woodcut works produced in 1960s, such as SNOW IN MOUNT DABIE, THREE GORGES, LET OFF RAFT ON THE OING RIVER and his woodcut prints produced in 1980s such as TRANSFERRING and PROPAGANDA TEAM BEHIND ENEMY LINE, all reflected his assiduous pursuit of art.

Like his character, his works are simple. It is the simplicity of his works that forms Comrade Shi Qun's art style.

From today's view, both Comrade Shi Qun's character and works are precious. His life is a devotion to both our revolutionary cause and art. As an old Party member, he has been a devoted proletarian revolutionary soldier, a realistic artist, an art educator and a prominent leader in the field of art. He has made a due contribution to the noble communist cause and Chinese art cause.

We will cherish the memory of Comrade Shi Qun forever!

Hu Yichuan (31/10/1991)























