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唐朝为中国古典诗歌的全盛时期,名家辈出,流派纷呈,诗歌艺术气象万千。李白、杜甫、白居易、王维、李商隐等诗人作品成就了唐诗艺术的高峰,千余年来影响深远。

《唐诗三百首》成书于清乾隆二十八年(1763),系孙洙 所辑。全书选录了七十余位诗人三百一十首唐诗。

孙洙字临西(一作芩西),号蘅塘,晚号退士,无锡人。 生于康熙辛卯(1711)七月初十,卒于乾隆戊戌(1778)十二 月初七,享年六十八,葬景云乡陈湾里。乾隆十六年(1751) 进士,曾任山东邹平县令,江宁府教授,著有《蘅塘漫稿》。 史载孙洙"性颖敏,家贫",为官清廉,问民疾苦,与民讲 学,民感其仁。其终身不改书生本色,老而勤学。

自《唐诗三百首》问世以来,各种刊印本、注释本层出不穷,两百多年来风行海内外,几至家置一编。《唐诗三百首》初衷面向塾学子弟,乃童蒙读本,但因所选唐诗兼顾不同时期诗风特点和诗人流派风格,范围广泛,便于吟诵,精到浅显且具代表性,深受读者喜爱,终成雅俗共赏的一部传统读物。

余幼时恰逢十年浩劫,未能一睹《唐诗三百首》。待云开 日出喜获《唐诗三百首》之时,已过启蒙岁月,只能聊作零星 吟咏而已。然对《唐诗三百首》的偏爱时至今日依旧,不经意 间搜罗的各种版本已有十数种。曾读过坊间刊有配图的《唐诗 三百首》,或刻工粗俗或构图简陋,皆未能表达出唐诗之真实意境,实为一大憾事。

乙酉(2005)岁末,余曾酝酿以孙洙的《唐诗三百首》为蓝本,遍邀海上画师配画,后因诸多因素搁浅。庚寅(2010)伊始,方案重新启动。历时两年,有幸得到陈佩秋、林曦明、陈家泠、戴敦邦、张桂铭、韩天衡、杨正新、萧海春、韩硕、张培成、卢辅圣、施大畏、车鹏飞、朱新昌、马小娟、朱敏、丁筱芳和何曦共十八位当今海上丹青高手鼎力相助。最终以一百零八首唐诗绘就一百零八幅作品,皆为一时精心之作,可谓是当代海派绘画艺术的一次盛会。后又承蒙陈佩秋先生和高式熊先生两位前辈厚爱,分别题写和篆刻了"画说唐诗",为此佳话画上了一个圆满的句号。

今上海清河文化传播有限公司与孔子学院总部、中国对外翻译出版有限公司合作推出中英文对照的《画说唐诗》,将有助于世界各国人民对中国传统文化的理解,增进中国人民与世界各国人民的友谊。《画说唐诗》与唐诗英文翻译家许渊冲教授的牵手是一种缘分,希冀英汉对照、一诗一画的《画说唐诗》可以飞得更高,走得更远。

费滨海 壬辰大暑于谷庵

Tang Poetry: Appealing to All

The Tang Dynasty was the heyday of classical Chinese poetry. A good many outstanding poets of various schools brought prosperity to the art of poetry. Among them, Li Bai, Du Fu, Bai Juyi, Wang Wei and Li Shangyin contributed the most to the boom of Tang poetry. Their works have produced a far-reaching influence over the past one thousand years.

The *Three Hundred Tang Poems* was compiled by Sun Zhu in 1763, the 28th year of Emperor Qianlong's reign in the Qing Dynasty. The whole book includes 310 poems composed by over 70 poets.

A native of Wuxi, Sun Zhu was also known as Linxi or Qinxi (courtesy name) and Hengtang or Tuishi (literary name). He was born on July 10 (Chinese lunar calendar) in 1711, the 50th year of Emperor Kangxi's reign in the Qing Dynasty, and passed away at the age of 68 on December 7 (Chinese lunar calendar) in 1778, the 43rd year of Emperor Qianlong's reign, buried at Chenwanli, Jingyun Village, Wuxi City. He passed the palace examination in 1751, the 16th year of Emperor Qianlong's reign, and the positions he held in the government were Magistrate of Zouping County, and Educational Official of Jiangning City, Shandong Province. His works were included in *Hengtang Causerie*. According to historical records, Sun Zhu was 'a clever and diligent man from a poor family'.

An incorruptible official, he was concerned about common people's sufferings and often gave lectures to them, which touched them deeply. He was always a diligent learner in his lifetime, even in his later years.

Since it came out over two centuries ago, *Three Hundred Tang Poems* has been very popular at home and abroad with numerous editions in different prints and annotations. At the prime time, almost every Chinese household kept one copy of the book. Although designed to be a primer for students of traditional Chinese private schools, the book has turned out to cater to both refined and popular tastes. All easy to recite, the selected poems cover different styles and subjects and represent the best works of poets of different schools and in different periods.

I did not have the chance to read *Three Hundred Tang Poems* when I was a child because of the Cultural Revolution. When I eventually got the book, it was not my best age to read it any more so I only recited some of the poems occasionally. However, I have enjoyed reading it since then and collected dozens of versions of this book. I have also come across some inferior versions with rough illustrations and coarse printings. None of them helped to display the real charm of Tang poems. It is a pity for such a classic!

At the end of 2005, I planned to invite painters of the Shanghai School to illustrate Sun Zhu's version of the book. But the plan was shelved for various reasons until early 2010. Over the past two years, each of the 108 Tang poems has been illustrated with a delicate painting thanks to the support of 18 outstanding painters of the Shanghai School, including Chen Peiqiu, Lin Ximing, Chen Jialing, Dai Dunbang, Zhang Guiming, Han Tianheng, Yang Zhengxin, Xiao Haichun, Han Shuo, Zhang Peicheng, Lu Fusheng, Shi Dawei, Che Pengfei, Zhu Xinchang, Ma Xiaojuan, Zhu Min, Ding Xiaofang and He Xi. It is like a selected collection of contemporary Shanghai School paintings. Moreover, Mr. Chen Peiqiu and Mr. Gao Shixiong respectively inscribed and engraved the four Chinese characters 'Hua Shuo Tang Shi' (Tang Poetry in Paintings) for the new book, drawing the collective effort to a successful conclusion.

The Chinese-English *Tang Poetry in Paintings* is jointly published by Shanghai Qinghe Culture and Communication Co., Ltd., Confucius Institute Headquarters, and China Translation and Publishing Corporation. It is intended to help the world better understand traditional Chinese culture and cement the friendship between China and the world. The participation of Mr. Xu Yuanchong, a senior expert in translating Tang poetry into English, only adds luster to the book Lastly, I would like to wish the book a great success both at home and abroad.

Fei Binhai Written in Gu'an Hut on July 22, 2012

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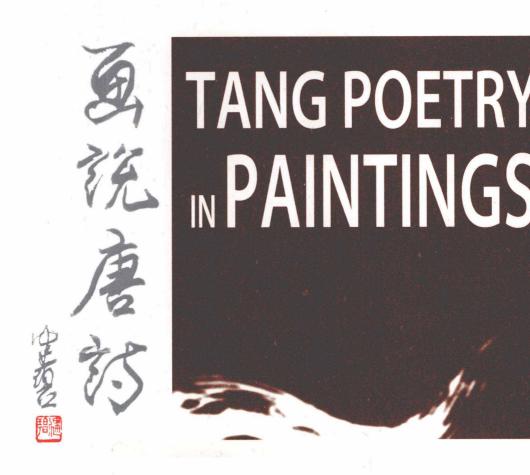
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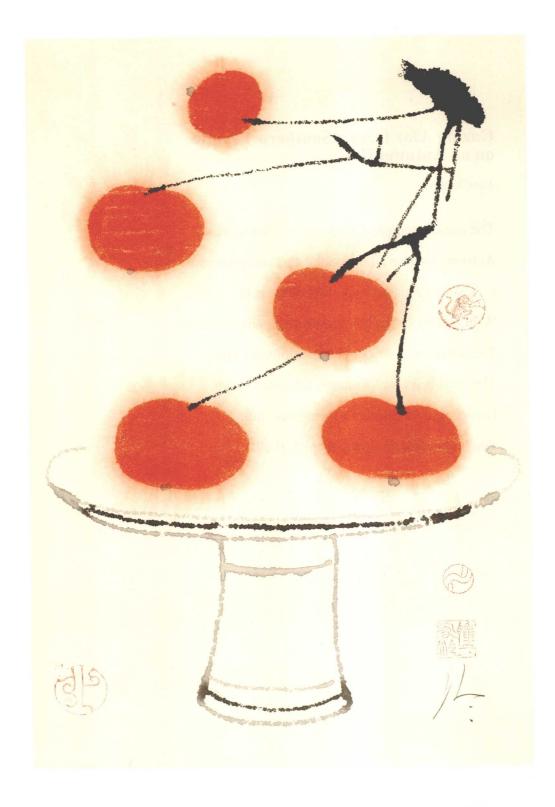
秋日登吴公台上寺远眺

刘长卿

Gazing Afar from a Southern Temple on an Autumn Day

Liu Changqing

The ancient temple strewn with fallen leaves,
Autumn invades a homesick heart and grieves.
Unvisited monasteries wild would seem
With cloudy peaks beyond deep stream on stream.
The setting sun sinks behind mountains high;
The chill bell fills the dale with sigh on sigh.
Brooding over Southern Dynasties' fall,
The lonely Rivers flows in spite of all.



感遇

张九龄

江经岂自可奈运循徒此有犹地岁荐阻惟不树宫外绿气寒嘉重所可桃无时以何命环言水大。,,。

The Oranges Painter: Chen Jialing

The Oranges

Zhang Jiuling

South of the river grows the orange tree,

Its leaves are green throughout the winter long.

From snow and frost is its warmer soil free?

By nature its fruit is cold-proof and strong.

It is worthy to entertain your guest,

But distance keeps it far away from you.

By fate the east stands far apart from the west,

Oh, how can the old again become new?

You may plant as you like peach or plum trees,

But orange trees may afford shade to please.



月下独酌 韩硕 绘 ▶

Drinking Alone under the Moon Painter: Han Shuo