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PREFACE

When Mr Su Guochao came from Chengdu to Shanghai, I stayed in Songjiang County. Then he came by bus to visit me. To this I feel very happy. At that time, an activity was held in Songjiang County, the home town of Dong Qichang, a painter of the Ming Dynasty. In the activity we painters were seeking our roots. We painters must have three respects—the respect for the past, the respect for the present and the respect for the future. In other words, we must seek our roots. We must not be trees without roots, nor water without sources. I think Mr Su has all these respects in his art. When he draws paintings, he inherits the past traditions and tries to make them abound with contemporary features. He was also trained by his elders in Sichuan Province, so that he has created his own styles in form and content and combined the skillful penship and real life. He tries his best to increase the interest and charm of his paintings. If he insists on doing so he has boundless future. It is quite interesting that his calligraphy has a style of painting. This is a new school of calligraphy which can help develop his

和内容而華法流陽 中其生活和

painting. This school of calligraphy which does not follow the beaten track is beyond reproach.

When Mr Su plans to publish this beautiful picture album of his own, he asks me to write down my hope to him as the preface. I have nothing new to say. I only hope that he will not be stopped in his activities of ceation as vehicles jammed on the highways in rush hours but be brave to open a new way. People may say this requirement may be too high, but I do not think so. The saying is quite true that the boldness of creation stems from super skill.

I also hope that Mr Su will make still greater achievements in the field of art.

Chen Shifa

我認識蘇國超,是在老友劉既明那里。劉是一位真正從事藝術且善良慈祥的老人,除繪畫外,可以說什么也不知道,恰如前人詩里説的:"百無一用是書生"。他被錯劃后,茫然不知所從,在那破舊清冷的西城角住宅里,真要陷于極其困難的境地了。可是,年輕的富于正義感的蘇國超,"敢于直面慘淡的人生",以他力所能及的微薄之力去關心既明老人,"涸轍之鮒,相濡以沫",雖然是初初相識,但我對他做人的份量卻很實重了。

老友李瓊久在一股邪風之下,開除了公職, 生活頓時無着。我到樂山城牆邊破爛的天后宮 去看他時,家里只有幾把矮竹凳子,冷冷清清, 到了"十有九人堪白眼"的地步。可是,蘇國超又 出現于瓊久兄破爛的家里,他從成都每月領得 竹簾幾十張去樂山請瓊久爲之作畫,替老人換 得酬勞,得以維持其生活。這樣赤誠地關心困境 中的老前輩、老藝術家,不是幾個月,而是經年 累月地、默默地作出他自認爲是份内的事。韓愈 在柳子厚墓志銘中說:"嗚呼!士窮乃見節義。" 在十年浩劫那段時間,像蘇國超這樣的人還是 不多見的。

他被四川省總工會評爲自學成才先進個人,得500元獎金,全捐給他的家鄉資陽縣敬老院。省氣象學院一少數民族學生患白血病,他悄悄地送去300元,卻未留名姓。湖北黄梅縣一同行因生活困難向他寫了求助信,他毫不猶豫地向這位素不相識的朋友伸出了友誼之手。

他的老師程十髮說他:"酷愛美術,很有禮貌,爲人敦厚,重友情。""在那風風雨雨的歲月里,他也曾冒了風險,不遠千里,只身跑到那個唐代首都西安去探望石魯,給他送去他最喜歡吃的辣味腐乳。當時,石魯滿頭白髮、滿臉白須,病勢非常沉重!石魯的想法已經無從知道了,但同樣身處逆境的我卻能從腐乳的辣味中品嘗出人世炎涼。"他們的師生之情如同一股熱流,在那瘋狂鬧劇似的日子里,今天看來,是彌足珍貴了。

石魯曾説過:"畫秀爲善,人直爲高。"所以, 書畫在一定程度上反映出作者的思想情操。姜 白石在《續書譜》中認爲書體要具備風神,"一須 人品"。沈尹默在向他弟子授學時,反復强調: "人品爲上,書法次之。"樓鑒明在《學書》一文中 說:"做人是學書的基礎"。我國書畫歷來講究蓄 意象于筆底,是情感素質的顯露,心動情移的記 錄。關于國超的繪畫,别人評得很多,這里只談 談他的書法。國超的書法在傳統的基礎上,自變 其法,不滿足于一色濃墨的平面表現方式。追求 多層次、多變化、隨心所欲、灑脱飄逸的意境。在 書法工具上也另辟蹊徑,在慣性思維一成不變 的常規下來一些逆向思維,縱橫馳騁,大有舍我 其誰的氣勢。值此國超第二本畫册付梓之時,我 想了許久,說了些畫外之話。并以此祝願國超書 畫在不斷積極探索中大步向前。

1994年11月小雪后

Excellent Paintings and Noble Character

I began to know Mr Su Guochao in the home of Liu Jiming, an old friend of mine. Mr Liu was an honest and kindhearted old artist. He knew nothing except painting. After he was wrongly classified as a "rightest", he was at a loss what to do. He lived a miserable life in his lonely house in the western corner of the city. Young Su Guochao, with a sense of justice, did what he could to help him. Although I knew Mr Su for the first time, I could not help admiring him for his noble character.

My old friend Li Qiongjiu was wrongly discharged from public employment and had nothing to live on. There was nothing but a few bamboo stools in his broken house at Tianhougong near the Leshan city wall and most people looked upon him with contempt. But Mr Su often went to visit him and brought dozens of bamboo curtains from Chengdu to Leshan city every month and asked the old painter to draw paintings on them. After selling the curtains, he got some money with which the old painter could support himself. He showed concerns to his elders not for months but for years running because he regarded it as his duty. In the ten years of great turmoil, such persons as Mr Su were very hard to find.

Mr Su was appreciated by the Sichuan General Workers' Union as an advanced individual who became talented through self education and was awarded 500 yuan. He donated the money to an old folks' home in his hometown Ziyang County. When he hnew a student of national minority origin in Chengdu Meteorological Institute suffered from leukemia, he sent him 300 yuan without others knowing it. When a painter from Huangmei County, Hubei Province, was in difficulty and wrote him to ask for help, he lent him a helping hand without hesitation.

His teacher Chen Shifa says that he is a polite, kindhearted art lover who highly values friendship.

"In those troubled years, he once ran the risk and travelled a long way alone to visit Shi Lu in the ancient Tang capital Xi'an and brought the old painter some hot fermented beancurd which the white-haired and white-beard artist loved best. Shi Lu was then seriouly ill. I don't know what he thought of it. But I, who was also in adversity, could taste the ficklness of the world. The friendship between the teacher and the student was full of love. The sincerity and love in those turmoil years should be treasured.

Shi Lu once said, "If you want your art to be excellent you must have a noble character." So calligraphy and paintings are to some extent the reflection of one's thinking and sentiments. Jiang Baishi holds that if one wants his calligraphy and paintings to be superb, he must have superb moral character. "Shen Yinmo stresses "Moral quality first, calligraphy and paintings second. "Lou Jiangming says, "Noble character is the foundation of calligraphy. "In China, calligraphy and painting have long been considered as the record of one's moral standing.

About Mr Su's paintings, there are many comments. Here I only want to say something about his calligraphy. On the basis of tradition, he tries his best to give variety to his calligraphical works. He is not satisfied with monotone but is in pursuit of variety, arbitariness and affectedness. He runs counter to the convention and tries to use new tools to do calligraphy.

When his picture album is going to be printed, I think and think and then write to foregoing remarks. I hope he will advance in big strides in the field of art.

Che Fu



1994 年 3 月 16 日 在上海参加劉海粟大師 百歲慶典的筆會上和海 粟大師在一起。

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With Master Painter Liu Haisu at Master Liu's 100 birthday party in Shanghai on 16 March, 1994

photo by Su Yuan



1992年元宵節于 深圳看望陸儼少先生。 譚天仁 攝

Visiting Lu Yanshao in Shenzhen at the Lantern Festival of 1992

photo by Tan Tianren



1990 年 秋 陪 同 恩 師李瓊久先生參觀都江 堰養鹿場。

何家壁 攝

Visiting a deer farm in Dujiangyan with his teacher Li Qiongjiu in the autumn of 1990

photo by He Jiabi



1986 年冬于上海 看望王個簃先生。

李大君 攝

Visiting Mr Wang Geyi in Shanghai in the winter of 1986

photo by Li Dajun



1992 秋陪同恩師程十发先生在上海街頭散步。

歐豪年 攝

Strolling in a street of Shanghai with his teacher Chen Shifa in the autumn of 1992

photo by Ou Haonian



1993 年蘇國超夫婦與何海霞老師、師母合影于成都龍泉桃花源。

何家壁 攝

Su Guochao and his wife taking a photo with his leacher He Haixia and his wife in the Peach Flower Garden of Longquanyi Chengdu

photo by He Jiabi



· 1990 年夏與鄭乃 珖先生合影于福州。 廖繼胤 攝

Taking a photo with Mr Zheng Naiguang in the summer of 1990

photo by Liao Jiyin



1991 年春前往蘇 州看望費新我老師。

蘇 賁 攝

Visiting his teacher Fei Xinwo in Suzhou in the spring of 1991

photo by Su Pen



1992 年参加深圳 元宵筆會時請教白雪石 先生。

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Asking Mr Bai Xueshi for advice in Shenzhen at the Lantern Festival of 1992

photo by Li Jinyuan



1993 秋 與 美 籍 畫 家丁紹光先生合影于廣 州。

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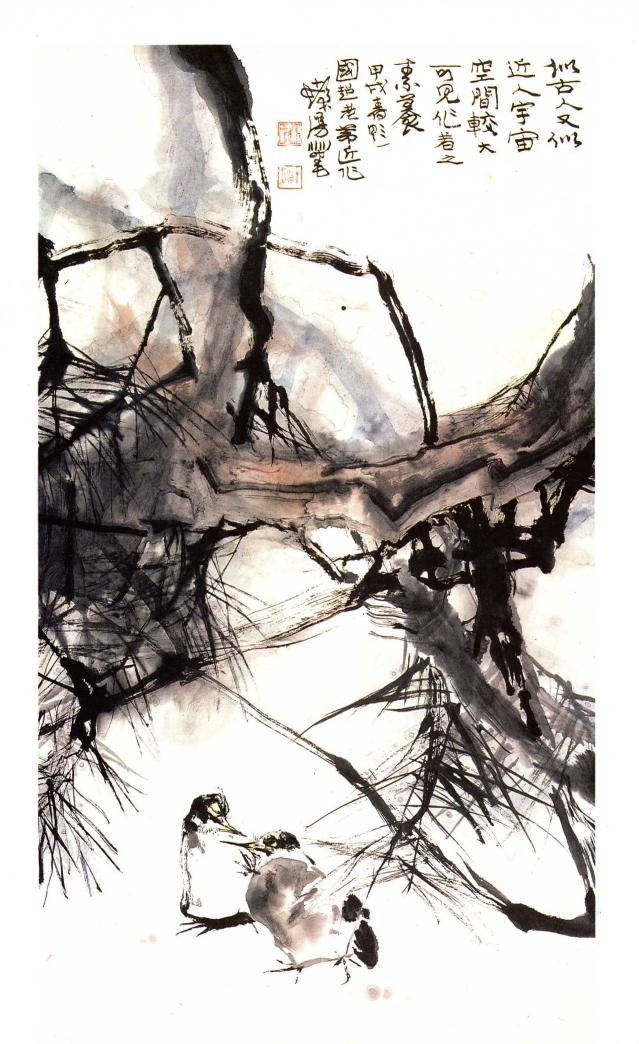
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