

**GERELKUU GANBOLD** is a young contemporary Mongolian painter. He combines traditional Mongolian art with contemporary art.

#### The artist

GerelkhUU ganbold is born in 1988 in Mongolia. He graduated from the School of Fine Arts of the University of Arts and Culture (painting section) (2010) where he was trained at painting zurag, the Mongolian painting school.

#### Artwork

GerelkhUU Ganbold's paintings, with their intense and beautiful colors, tell stories about time and legends; they are similar to an illuminated graphic art, recall Western romantic art, they also include the notion of heaven and hell, common to East and West. They also show subtle influences of contemporary Japanese mangas and video games.

GerelkhUU Ganbold is a wise observer and commentator of his time. In his painting 'Soldiers who do not know themselves' (2013), a triptych, he painted horsemen in armor who ride in a big desert. The horde walks in a rigid order that helps to give an impression of isolation and defeat to come. His ghostly battalion recalls the epic past of Mongolia under the rule of Genghis Khan; it is at the same time an allegory to the uncertainty of life in a rapidly changing country. The artist seeks to show the fragile nature of a changing society, denounce the precarious balance of urban life and the loss of tradition.