

CIT Host Ms. Qin Bailan's Exhibition Reception on Montgomery Campus

Qin Bailan, an artist named in 2005 as one of China's "Ten Major Art Masters," visited Troy University's Montgomery campus today for the second of two exhibitions.

Bailan presented her art exhibit called "Excellent females in Chinese history," with a reception at The Rosa Parks Museum in downtown Montgomery.

"I want this artwork to empower future women," Bailan said.

Bailan's art has created thousands of paintings of women and children from Chinese history, inspired by tales told to her by her grandmother.

"Everyone has their own story and their own history," Bailan said. "You can learn a lot from the painting about the Chinese culture and history."

Bailan, who is paralyzed from the chest down, said she overcame many difficulties to express her art with painting to the world.

"At first I painted just out of sheer interest, but in 1995 I was invited to the Worlds Women's Conference, where I held an art exhibition, from then on my life was changed," Bailan said. "I started receiving many invitations to hold art exhibitions and since then I have shown my art in 60 countries around the world."

Dr. Lance Tatum, Vice-Chancellor of Troy University, also delivered a welcome speech.

"This is a great opportunity to foster understanding between China and the citizens of the River Region," Tatum said. "High level business leaders often have the opportunity to benefit from cultural exchange with other high level business leader.

"However, it is not often that ordinary citizens get to benefit from that cultural exchange," Tatum said.

After the reception Bailan did sketches to anyone who wanted one who went to the reception, and then later did a workshop and lecture on Chinese water painting.

Bailan's art will remain for viewing in Montgomery until March 8, and can be viewed from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Rosa Parks museum.

