

## Chiu Tak Hak

Since their 1995 introduction in the United States, the colorful store-fronts and moody Parisian streets of Chiu Tak Hak's paintings have captured the interests of hundreds of fine art collectors.

The appeal of Chiu's paintings stems from their ability to engage the viewer's imagination. The artist selects as his subjects deserted cafes, boutiques, buildings and streets that strike a story to tell, but it is left to the viewer to write it. A self-taught artist from Canton, China, Chiu originally gained recognition in Hong Kong for his abstract works. Following his 1972 move to Paris, the artist began experimenting with different styles, finally settling into realism in the early 1980s. This style allowed him to preserve, at least on canvas, what he describes as Paris' dying past.

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