## **XCEED**

## **Sentient Pond**

Multimedia, projection, robotic wheels 2024

## Words from the artist

"A tranquil pond, a mirror unveiled; where sunlight and clouds intertwine in flight. How does it attain such clarity? From a vibrant spring, it's waters bestow."

—— Thoughts from Reading by Zhu Xi

In water's wisdom, find solace and embrace, timeless and boundless, uniting realms above, below, and unknown.

Through learning and analysis by artificial intelligence, *Sentient Pond*'s research begins with over hundreds of paintings by Wu Guanzhong from the HKMoA collection, inviting the audience to embark on a journey of exploration in Wu's essence and spirit. The creativity of the audience is woven into the tapestry, intertwining, merging, and extending with Wu's brushstrokes. This dialogue, transcending time and space, goes beyond mere appreciation and interpretation of Wu's paintings; a profound revelation of the art master's unconventional creativity. As the brush dances across the pond, a collaborative formation emerges and ripples, flowing freely between creation and observation. Immerse oneself in the mirror between the virtual and reality, roam in boundless realms, and witness the infinite possibilities unfurl.

## **About XCEED**

XCEED is about transcending boundaries and beyond limitations.

XCEED is a new media art collective based in Hong Kong, focusing on digital art installation, spatial design and interactive performance. Their works have been invited to participate in various international art festivals, screenings, exhibitions and performances, such as the Athens Digital Arts Festival and WRO Art Biennale, and showcased in countries including Italy, Spain, Brazil, Argentina, Germany, United States, Greece, Poland and different Asian cities. Latest collaborations with art organisations include Creative Media Centre of the City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra, ifva Festival, City Contemporary Dance Company, Hong Kong Ballet and more. The team was awarded the Red Dot Design Award in Germany, Core77 Design Award in New York, USA, Lumen Prize in the UK, Golden Pin Design Award in Taiwan, Shenzhen Design Award for Young Talents and HKDA Global Design Awards.