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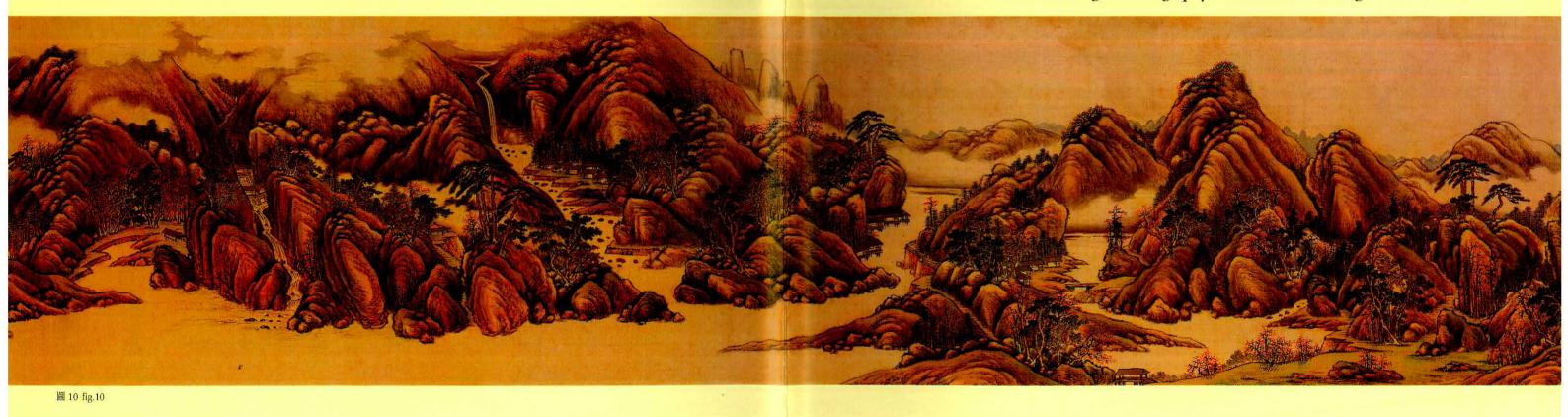
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虚白齋藏中國書畫選一手卷繪畫

A Selection from the Xubaizhai Collection of Chinese Painting and Calligraphy — Handscroll Painting





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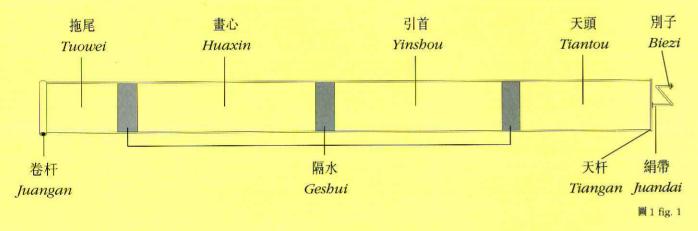
手卷的歷史

手卷是中國畫的一種獨特裝裱形式,相比於掛軸、冊頁等,它的展示模式較富變化,更能引人入勝。在紙帛發明前,我國的文字是由上而下書寫於竹木之上的。書於竹片上的稱為「簡」,木片上的稱為「牘」。將若干簡編連一起而成「冊」,整冊由左至右捲起以便收藏。閱讀「冊」上的文字時則由上而下,右至左,此順序模式遂奠下了日後以紙帛書寫繪畫的形式。而捲起了的「冊」可説是手卷的雛形。

手卷的裝裱比較複雜,但基本的規格次序是:別子、絹帶、天杆、天頭、隔水、引首、隔水、畫心、隔水、拖尾、卷杆。並以不同色紋的絲絹裝飾手卷,而軸頭和別子除用竹木外,更有用象牙、牛角、瓷片、玉石等珍貴材料。(〔〕圖1)

手卷的觀賞

欣賞手卷時,皆是以由右至左舒卷,觀者就其臂長徐徐放收;這種段復一段景致的展陳方式蘊含了重現時空的元素,使觀者有更多的取捨選擇,容許更大的想像空間。例如禹之鼎(1647—1713後)的《花果草蟲圖卷》(〔〕圖2)以工筆繪出不同種類的四季花果於同一畫幅中,並以巧妙的鋪排和留白的背景引領觀者閱覽。畫家注重的是構圖布局,而不須著眼於時空的邏輯性。此外,觀者欲欣賞全幅畫卷必須舒合數次,使畫中不同的部份先後展示於眼前。這種跨越時間和空間的觀賞方法正是手卷特別之處。



手卷的題材與構圖

短幅的畫卷大都只有一個構景,而長的畫卷則可以由數個不同的構景組合而成。就構圖而言,只有一景的短卷跟一般冊頁相差不大。這類短卷的裝裱格式亦相對較簡約,如馬守真 (1548—1604) 的《仿管道昇雙清競秀圖卷》(〔〕圖 3)。

而由多個構景組成的長卷,則最能展示畫家對各樣不同物件的精心鋪排。這類手卷的內容先後次序和時間關係相對較富彈性。畫家每每因應構圖的美感或喜好而隨意作布局。這些本來不合邏輯的構圖,卻恰如其分地展露於畫卷中,如藍瑛 (1585—約1664) 將蘭花的不同的生長階段描畫於《蘭竹石圖卷》中(〔〕 圖 4)。

此外,張穆 (1607 — 1683) 的《射鹿圖卷》(□ 圖 5) 和 羅聘 (1733 — 1799) 的《鬼趣圖卷》(□ 圖 6) 的構圖皆 別具匠心。《射鹿圖卷》為明代畫院風格,卻溯源於唐代貴族的傳統騎射活動,圖中以明快的色彩及張氏一貫瀟灑流麗的筆觸表現出馬匹疾馳的姿態。羅聘的《鬼趣圖卷》更加顯露了畫家天馬行空的大膽創意。透過卷中多種佛經所闡述的地獄之苦嚇阻世人作惡,有警世的寓意。此外,丁雲鵬 (1547—1621後)《羅漢圖卷》(○○圖7)的內容也是與宗教有關的。

故事性題材的主要人物每每會多次出現於同一畫卷中。 透過不同的背景場面,主角人物重複出現。一方面使身份更為突出,另一方面亦可連繫不同的背景,提高手卷內景物的延續性。這種技巧可見於楊晉 (1644 — 1728) 的《仿沈周江山勝覽圖卷》(〔〕圖8)中身穿紅衣的主角人物重複出現,於屋舍中閒坐、渡橋,或在崖上眺望河景等。



圖 3 fig. 3



總結

手卷的形式亦便於描繪廣闊連綿的山水,虛白齋手卷藏品中佔大多數的都是以山水為題材的作品。當中的景物有些是啟發自前代大師,有些是畫家憑空想像的,有些是紀遊畫家曾到過的地方。受前人作品或是歷史遺跡所啟發的,有《仿沈周江山勝覽圖卷》。而蕭雲從(1596—1673)《黃山雲海圖卷》(〇〇圖9)及唐岱(1673—1751後)《秋山不老圖卷》(〇〇圖10)則是對自然本身的細意描寫和頌讚。此外,更有加添畫家緬懷舊地故人之情懷。畫家繪出介乎古與今、真實與幻想之間的山水畫。這些山水畫往往予人仿佛能走入畫中的境界,有臥遊之趣,更有超越時間性和空間的感覺。

手卷提供了觀賞中國畫一種獨特的模式,廣闊的構面除 了提供發揮想像力和運用技巧的空間,更宏觀地展露出 古代中國的生活及文化。虛白齋藏的這批手卷不但包括 了各式各樣的題材,更不乏明清二朝大師的精作,乃同 時揭示了中國繪畫發展歷程的一個重要階段。

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Historical Development

Shoujuan (handscroll) or simply juan (scroll) is a unique format of Chinese painting. Compared to the other major formats of Chinese painting including zhou (hanging scroll) and ce (album leaves), the handscroll is an art form of great charm and fascination. Before the invention of silk and paper, Chinese literary records were written on the surfaces of bamboo or wood. A strip of bamboo with writing is called jian while writing on wood is called du. Characters are written from top to bottom. A literary passage is written on a number of strips and the strips are arranged and strung up as ce or album. These strung-up strips are rolled up from left to right during storage and opened from right to left for viewing. In a rolled form, it is the prototype of juan or handscroll.

A standard handscroll format consists of five major components, *tiantou*, *qian geshui*, *huaxin*, *hou geshui* and *tuowei*. *Tiantou* or "top of the sky" is a panel of



圖 4 fig. 4

blank silk that acts as protection for the scroll when rolled. Qian geshui or "preceding separating-the-water" is a narrow intervening section that is positioned before the painting proper. Huaxin or "heart of painting" is the painting proper. The painting section is followed by the hou geshui or "rear separating-the-water", which functions like the qian geshui, is a panel of blank silk that comes between the painting and the tuowei or "dragging tail". The tuowei is the end piece where a space of infinite length can be provided for inscriptions by contemporaries or later admirers and critics of the painting. For decorative purpose, the silk backing may consist of panels of differing patterns and colours and the tying pins range from common bamboo and wood, to rare and precious materials such as ivory, horn, porcelain, jade, etc. (Afig. 1)

Viewing a handscroll

As a handscroll is unrolled from the right to the Jeft on the one hand, the other end is being rolled up. Therefore, the viewer sees only the portion of the scroll unrolled between his hands, about an arm's length. As the handscroll unrolls sequentially, thus, there is an element of time inherent in the unfolding of the visual narrative. The viewer changes the scenes himself at his own speed. The painted panorama moves and changes slowly and steadily before his eyes. Scenes appear and disappear one after another. This movement in time and space distinguished handscroll art.





Subject matter and composition of handscroll painting

Spatial arrangement of a handscroll can be manipulated with great freedom and imagination. For example, Yu Zhiding's (1647–after 1713) Flowers, fruits, vegetables and insects (fig. 2) was painted without the discomforting awareness of displacement of time and place. Flowers, fruits and plants that grow in different seasons and physical conditions are shown in a grand parade. The artist meticulously arranged the multiple elements and set up a rhythmic pattern that leads the viewers through an appealing visual exploration. The time element involved in the unfolding process of a handscroll gives allowance to sometimes even illogical temporal or spatial juxtaposition.

Compositionally, a short handscroll may contain one single scene and a long handscroll can be made up of multiple scenes. A short monoscenic handscroll may contain a small compact composition like that on an album leaf. In that case, the format of the mounting has little special bearing on the composition itself, such as *Orchids and bamboo in the style of Guan Daosheng* by Ma Shouzhen (1548–1604). (fig. 3)

In the Xubaizhai Collection, there are plenty of examples in which multiple scenes evolve into one another. Lan Ying's (1585–ca,1664) *Orchids, bamboo*



圖 6 fig.6

and rock (fig. 4) depicts the various modes of the orchid in the different stages of its growth cycle. In this kind of multiscenic arrangements, there is no necessary chronological or causal relationship between one section and another.

Zhang Mu's (1607–1683) *Deer hunting* (\bigcap fig. 5) and Luo Pin's (1733–1799) *Ghost amusements* (\bigcap fig. 6) are two scrolls in this collection that make ingenious use of the handscroll composition. The colorful and vivacious *Deer hunting* harks back to the great Tang dynasty tradition of the aristocrats' hunts or polo games. The casual ambience of Zhang's hunting scene has taken departure from the grand old tradition.

The casual freedom is even more fully demonstrated in Luo Pin's *Ghost amusements*. The main characters, in situations were depicted in the principal hells as described in various Buddhist scriptures, form the subject of this vivid scroll painting. The depiction of the suffering in hell often focused on the horrors of



圖 7 fig.7

hell to encourage piety in their devotees in order to attain rebirth in the Paradise. Moreover, *Luohans* by Ding Yunpeng (1547–after 1621) (\bigcap fig. 7) is another example of the depiction of Buddhist themes.

Various sorts of repetitive techniques are used to develop a story and to keep the identity and the actions of the main characters clear to the viewer. The most common method is to show the main figure again and again in front of a changing background — a technique that works particularly well with the handscroll format, in which scenes can be smoothly and continuously changed. The technique is applied in Yang Jin's (1644–1728) Landscape in the style of Shen Zhou (fig. 8), the scholar in red robe, who is the main character in the painting, is pictured several times in the picture: seated in the thatched hut, crossing the bridge or overlooking the river scenery by the pavilion on the top of the cliff.

Within these groups of landscape paintings, some are inspired by early masters, *Landscape in the style of Shen Zhou* for example, some are imaginary landscapes

while others are records of places that the artists actually visited. For the simple celebration of the natural beauty of nature, Xiao Yuncong's (1596–1673) *Clouds at Mount Huang* (\bigcap fig. 9) and Tang Dai's (1673–after 1751) *Autumn mountains* (\bigcap fig. 10) are the most eloquent articulation of the wonders of nature. Other than as records of previous visits, these paintings also evoke fond memories of people and incidents associated with the places where emotional reunions or farewells might have taken place.

In these paintings, time crystallizes into eternity, situation transcends temporality to become emblazoned into a state of mind, imagination intercepts experience and earthlings hover over the mundane to traverse in infinite time and space.

Conclusion

Handscroll paintings have played a peculiarly important role in the cultural and artistic history of China. The great appeal of these narrative scrolls lies not only in the skill and imagination with which the pictures were composed and painted, but also in the panorama of Chinese life and culture they present. The handscrolls of the Xubaizhai Collection together make up a telling tale of an important segment of the historical development of Chinese painting.

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圖 8 fig.



圖 9 fig.9

虚白齋藏中國書畫選一手卷繪畫

(展品簡介-第九輯)

1. 丁雲鵬《羅漢圖卷》

2. 馬守真《仿管道昇雙清競秀圖卷》

3. 蕭雲從《黃山雲海圖卷》

4. 張風《古木高士圖卷》

5. 石濤《四時寫興圖卷》

6. 楊晉《仿沈周江山勝覽圖卷》

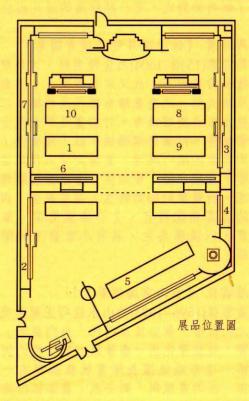
楊晉(1644-1728)是清代正統畫派「四王」之 一王鼍的入室弟子,他曾參與繪書《康熙南 巡圖》。擅長畫山水,尤其是畫村莊及人 物、牛馬等配襯景物。他於此作品中自題仿 沈周的《江山勝覽圖》,圖中山水甚有「吳 門畫派」的清秀雅淡的風格,當中更加入「吳 門畫派」常見的文人生活的題材。楊晉透過一 些人物重複出現的手法,引領觀者入畫中, 仿佛與畫中人共遊山水。由卷首至卷末部 份,紅衣及藍衣二人先後多次出現於屋舍 内、橋上,或在長廊中聽瀑、崖上眺望河 景。此技法可使畫中景物達致「可居」、 「可遊」的境界。此外,楊晉畫樹亦師法了 「吳門畫派」的特色,以不同樹葉造型相間 布置,其中楊柳樹的畫法明顯是沈周的風 格。

7. 禹之鼎《花果草蟲圖卷》

8. 唐岱《秋山不老圖卷》

9. 乾隆皇帝《具有生趣圖卷》

10. 羅聘《鬼趣圖卷》





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