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# Kong Xin Shi is You and Me

## *Interrelated*

Breathing the Same Air, Walking the Same Earth,  
Drinking the Same Water

Opening Reception: Fri., June 19, 6-9 p.m.

CHICAGO - Woman Made Gallery is pleased to introduce Kong Xin Shi in her solo exhibition, *Interrelated*, where the artist uses her work to emphasize what all humans share, and what we all have in common.

### **About the Exhibition:**

Over half of her life, Kong Xin Shi has been following the spiritual path of meditation. Since coming to the West, she has been searching for a medium for beings in the West to connect with the spirituality of the East, in order to find peace and harmony.

Kong Xin Shi has found this connection through art. Her sculptures and paintings portray organic forms that convey qualities that all beings share. All

organic forms are beings, and all organic forms contain beings. Leaves become noses and noses become figures prostrating in prayer. Leaves breathe. Noses breathe. And in prayer we all breathe the same air, walk the same earth, and drink the same water. All beings have consciousness. All beings have an equal opportunity to interact within themselves and find self-realization. In this way all beings are interrelated.



### **About the Artist:**

Instead of becoming a physician Kong Xin Shi became a “patient” in a Buddhist monastery, and a student at Malaysian Buddhist Institute, Penang, Malaysia for over a decade. Ordained as a Buddhist nun, Kong Xin Shi arrived in Chicago in 2000 to serve and teach in several Asian and American Buddhist organizations and the community at large while earning a B.A. degree in art and psychology at Northeastern Illinois University.

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**EXHIBITIONS AT THE GALLERY THROUGH JULY 23, 2009:**

Group Show: **Interactive** juried by Karen Hanmer

Solo Show: **Maps & Metaphysics** by Sage Dawson

Solo Show: **Interrelated** by Kong Xin Shi

Artisan Gallery: **Physicality** juried by Margaret Denny

**Woman Made Gallery**

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Website: [www.womanmade.org](http://www.womanmade.org)

**Gallery Hours: Wed-Fri noon-7 p.m. / Sat-Sun noon-4 p.m. / Admission: Free**

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