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The Evolution of Poetic Painting in Modern Media:

A Case Study of *The 24 Solar Terms in Poetry and Painting* (2022)

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As an artistic approach to visualizing classical Chinese poetry, poetic painting (诗意画) embodies the ancient aesthetic ideal of "painting within poetry, poetry within painting" (画中有诗·诗中有画). In the context of modern multimedia, this aesthetic principle has been further developed and expanded, taking new forms of expression in film, animation, and digital art. This paper uses The 24 Solar Terms in Poetry and Painting (2022) as a case study to explore the inheritance, innovation, and transformation of the traditional poetrypainting relationship in contemporary media art. Specifically, it focuses on three key aspects: (1) the shift from static aesthetic contemplation to dynamic viewing experiences; (2) the adaptation of traditional inscription (落款) techniques within visual media; and (3) the evolving power dynamics between poetry and painting in the animated media context. The paper argues that The 24 Solar Terms in Poetry and Painting (2022) primarily manifests a relatively static artistic expression in its mediation of the poeticpictorial tradition, largely preserving the external forms of classical Chinese poeticpictorial aesthetics. However, it also highlights a lack of necessary integration between classical poetic aesthetics and modern media technologies, which will be crucial to future developments of the visualization of classical Chinese poetry.

Biography

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