Sheng’s Open Wall: A large scale outdoor sculpture installation, restages and reinterprets sections of the Great Wall of China into transparent glass form. It constructed from 2,208 hand-made Venetian Murano glass bricks, corresponding to the 2,208 years of the Great Wall’s construction.

Open Wall project captures an interval of China’s Great Wall, translating the historic structure as a temporary zone of glass architecture. Sheng’s installation engages in dialogue with this period of relative openness in contemporary China engaging this dynamic and pivotal moment in history, it evokes the exquisite yet transitory flux of of globalization time.

The Open Wall has been exhibited internationally, debuting at the 53rd Venice Biennale (2009). It has since been featured at the 2010 Shanghai World Expo Chinese Theme Pavilion where it was visited by 5 million people, and subsequently exhibited in Prague’s Museum Kampa where it was highlighted during the citywide spring and summer contemporary art festival (2011). The Open Wall was honored and featured in an Italian documentary film,”Earth-Our Home” commissioned by UNESCO and music scored by Enrico Morricone, alongside architectural works by Frank Gehry, Santiago Calatrava and Zaha Hadid.
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As a temporary work, Open reconstructs China's Great Wall as a sequence of stacked glass bricks. The glass bricks become a kind of cultural currency, to be distributed and redistributed in the process of installation.

Sheng's Open Wall suggest a moment of both transparency and opacity, marking a critical intersection of Chinese and Western culture. Open Wall suggests the contemporary opening of China to both the global economy and an unprecedented exchange of ideas.

* At the Shanghai Expo 2010, Open Wall was visited by 5 million people, centrally placed at the entrance of China's themed pavilions.

* At the 53rd Venice Biennale, Open Wall also was honored and featured in a commissioned United Nations documentary film, with scores by Enrico Morricone and architectural works by Frank Gehry and Zaha Hadid.

* Open Wall was highlighted during Prague's 2011 Spring and Summer citywide contemporary art festival, with an exhibition on the grounds of the historic Museum Kampa on the banks of the Charles River.

* https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B0KnHMkcHAalS20tVnFiSmFkNTQ/view?usp=sharing&resourcekey=0-NT7DWbOK8rOklnKtcXYlWQ

* Open Wall, 53rd Venice Biennale
  http://openwallproject.com/installation.php

* Open Wall, Shanghai Expo (2010)
  http://openwallproject.com/worldexpo.php

* Open Wall, Museum Kampa, Prague
  http://openwallproject.com/museum.php