

KWON YOUNG-WOO

Born in Liwon, Hamgyeongnam-do, South Korea, 1926
Died in 2013

Education

MFA, Seoul National University, Seoul, South Korea, 1957
BFA, Seoul National University, Seoul, South Korea, 1951

One-Person Exhibitions

2017

Various Whites, Kukje Gallery, Seoul, South Korea

2016

Blum & Poe, New York, NY

2015

Kukje Gallery, Seoul, South Korea

2014

1st Memorial Exhibition: Kwon Young-woo, Gallery EM, Seoul, South Korea

2007

Kwon Young-woo Retrospective, Seoul Museum of Art, Seoul, South Korea

2004

Gwangju Art Award, Gwangju, South Korea
Suga Gallery, Busan, South Korea

2002

Gana Art Center, Seoul, South Korea

2000

Gana Art Center, Seoul, South Korea

1998

Artist of the Year, National Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Gwacheon, South Korea

1993

World Gallery, Busan, South Korea

1992

Hyundai Gallery, Seoul, South Korea

1990

Ten Years in Paris, Ho-Am Art Museum, Seoul, South Korea
University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada
Hanil Gallery, Busan, South Korea

1987

Artcore Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
Bridgestone Gallery, Toronto, Canada

1986

Hyundai Gallery, Seoul, South Korea

1984

Samil Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

1982

Gallery Hyundai, Seoul, South Korea

1980

Art Forum International Gallery, Paris, France
Korean Cultural Center, Paris, France

1977

Shinsegae Gallery, Seoul, South Korea

1976

Jacques Massol Galerie, Paris, France

1974

Myeongdong Gallery, Seoul, South Korea

1966

Shinsegae Gallery, Seoul, South Korea

Group Exhibitions**2018**

Korea: Five Artists, Five Hinsek 'White', Tokyo Gallery + BTAP, Tokyo, Japan
Topologies, curated by Mika Yoshitake, The Warehouse, Dallas TX
Korean Abstract Art: Kim Whanki and Dansaekhwa, Powerlong Art Museum, Shanghai, China

2017

Systemic Paper, Blum & Poe, Tokyo, Japan
Looking into Korean Art II: Dansaekhwa, Museum San, Wonju, South Korea
Rhythm in Monochrome: Korean Abstract Painting, Tokyo Opera City Art Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
Who Can Be Strangers? The Art of Mono-ha and Dansaekhwa, Blum & Poe at Adrian Rosenfeld Gallery, San Francisco, CA
The Weight of Lightness: Ink Art at M+, M+ Pavilion, Hong Kong, China

2016

Dansaekhwa and Minimalism, Blum & Poe, Los Angeles, CA; traveled to Blum & Poe, New York, NY
When Process Becomes Form: Dansaekhwa and Korean Abstraction, Boghossian Foundation – Villa Empain, Brussels, Belgium
Korean Abstract Art: Early Works, Waldorf Astoria Hotel, New York, NY

2015

45th Anniversary of Gallery Hyundai: Korean Abstract Painting, Gallery Hyundai, Seoul, South Korea
Dansaekhwa, Palazzo Contarini-Polignac, Venice, Italy

2014

The Artistic Spirits of Modern Artists on Paper, Gallery Hyundai, Seoul, South Korea
From All Sides: Tansaekhwa on Abstraction, Blum & Poe, Los Angeles, CA

2012

Dansaekhwa: Korean Monochrome Painting, National Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Gwacheon, South Korea
34th Fine Art Exhibition, National Academy of Arts, Seoul, South Korea

2011

Artist of the Year 1995-2010, National Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Gwacheon, South Korea
Chang Chang Life, Gyeonggi Museum of Modern Art, Ansan, South Korea

2010

Korean & Japanese Contemporary Art, National Academy of Arts, Seoul, South Korea
32nd Fine Art Exhibition, National Academy of Arts, Seoul, South Korea

2009

Korea-South America Contemporary Art, Gallery Bellarte, Seoul, South Korea
31st Fine Art Exhibition, National Academy of Arts, Seoul, South Korea

2008

30th Fine Art Exhibition, National Academy of Arts, Seoul, South Korea

2007

Korean Paintings 1953-2007, Seoul Museum of Art, Seoul, South Korea
Homage 100: Korean Contemporary Art 1970-2007, Korea Art Center, Busan, South Korea
Woljeon Museum of Art, Icheon, South Korea
29th Fine Art Exhibition, National Academy of Arts, Seoul, South Korea

2006

The Guardians of the Tradition, Hankuk Art Museum, Yongin, South Korea
28th Fine Art Exhibition, National Academy of Arts, Seoul, South Korea

2005

Korean & Japanese Contemporary Art, Sejong Center, Seoul, South Korea
Hangoekhwa VISION, Seoul Arts Center, Seoul, South Korea
Transcending Time: Traditional and Contemporary, Seoul, South Korea
Seoul Fine Arts, Seoul Museum of Art, Seoul, South Korea
4th Shenzhen International Ink Painting Biennale, Shenzhen, China
Alchemy of Daily Life, Christchurch Art Gallery, Christchurch, New Zealand
27th Fine Art Exhibition, National Academy of Arts, Seoul, South Korea

2004

Korean & Japanese Contemporary Art, Tokyo, Japan
26th Fine Art Exhibition, National Academy of Arts, Seoul, South Korea

2003

25th Fine Art Exhibition, National Academy of Arts, Seoul, South Korea

2002

Age of Philosophy and Aesthetics: Korean Contemporary Art from the 1970s to mid-1980s, National Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Gwacheon, South Korea

Understanding of Abstract Art, Sungkok Art Museum, Seoul, South Korea

Aesthetics in Monochrome Paintings, Hanwon Gallery, Seoul, South Korea

Korean & Japanese Contemporary Art, Yokohama, Japan

24th Fine Art Exhibition, National Academy of Arts, Seoul, South Korea

2001

International Paper Artists, Jeonju, South Korea

Danwon Art Museum, Ansan, South Korea

Journey of Contemporary Korean Art of the 21st Century, Sejong Center, Seoul, South Korea

23rd Fine Art Exhibition, National Academy of Arts, Seoul, South Korea

2000

The 50th Anniversary of Seoul National University, Seoul National University, Seoul, South Korea

Senior Artists, Korean Artists Association, Seoul, South Korea

22nd Fine Art Exhibition, National Academy of Arts, Seoul, South Korea

1999

50 Years of Korean Art, Seoul, South Korea

21st Fine Art Exhibition, National Academy of Arts, Seoul, South Korea

1998

Busan Contemporary Art 98, Busan, South Korea

20th Fine Art Exhibition, National Academy of Arts, Seoul, South Korea

Seoul Grand Art Exhibition, Seoul Museum of Art, Seoul, South Korea

1997

Horizon of Korean Art, Gallery Wooduk, Seoul, South Korea

19th Fine Art Exhibition, National Academy of Arts, Seoul, South Korea

Seoul Grand Art Exhibition, Seoul Museum of Art, Seoul, South Korea

1996

60th Anniversary of Hooso Group, Seoul, South Korea

Spirit of Korean Abstract Painting Ho-Am Art Museum, Seoul, South Korea

Evolution, Seonam Gallery, Seoul, South Korea

18th Fine Art Exhibition, National Academy of Arts, Seoul, South Korea

Seoul Grand Art Exhibition, Seoul Museum of Art, Seoul, South Korea

1995

Korean Contemporary Art, Korea Foundation, Beijing, China

MANIF Seoul International Art Fair 1995, Seoul, South Korea

Korean Contemporary Paintings, Hanlim Gallery, Daejeon, South Korea

The 100 Portraits, Seoul Museum, Seoul, South Korea

The 1995 Year of the Art: Korean Contemporary Art, Paris, France

17th Fine Art Exhibition, National Academy of Arts, Seoul, Busan, Jeju, South Korea

Seoul Grand Art Exhibition, Seoul Museum of Art, Seoul, South Korea

1994

Twenty Leading Artists Today, Ho-Am Art Museum, Seoul, South Korea

19th École de Seoul, Kwanhoon Gallery, Seoul, South Korea

Seoul International Contemporary Art Festival, National Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Gwacheon, South Korea

Seoul Grand Art Exhibition, Seoul Museum of Art, Seoul, South Korea

1993

Eleven Leading Artists Today, Jean Art Gallery, Seoul, South Korea

18th École de Seoul, Kwanhoon Gallery, Seoul, South Korea

Present and Past of Korean Art, Hanlim Gallery, Daejeon, South Korea

Seoul Grand Art Exhibition, Seoul Museum of Art, Seoul, South Korea

1992

Groping for the Identity of Korean Contemporary Art, Hanwon Gallery, Seoul, South Korea *Generations of Korean Painting*, Gallery Focus, Seoul, South Korea

Korean Contemporary Art in Japan, Shimonoseki, Nakata, Kasama, Mie, Japan

Lines of Tradition: Korean Spirit, Seonam Gallery, Seoul, South Korea

Seoul Grand Art Exhibition, Seoul Museum of Art, Seoul, South Korea

1991

25 Korean Contemporary Artists, Hyundai Gallery, Seoul, South Korea

Korean Contemporary Art, Sonjae Museum of Contemporary Art, Gyeongju, South Korea

Korean Contemporary Paintings, National Museum Zagreb, Zagreb, Yugoslavia; traveled to Cankarjev Hall, Ljubljana, Yugoslavia; Collegium Artisticum, Sarajevo, Yugoslavia; Museum of Contemporary Art, Belgrade, Yugoslavia

Seoul Grand Art Exhibition, Seoul Museum of Art, Seoul, South Korea

1990

Footsteps of 47 Artists for Freedom of Journalism, Seoul Arts Center, Seoul, South Korea

Seoul Grand Art Exhibition, Seoul Museum of Art, Seoul, South Korea

1989

Salon de Mai, Paris, France

1988

Salon de Mai, Paris, France

Art Vision '88 France, Paris, France

Chonsun Daily, Seoul, South Korea

Salon Grands et jeunes d'aujourd'hui, Paris, France

'88 Seoul Olympics: International Contemporary Art Festival, Seoul, South Korea

1987

Salon Grands et jeunes d'aujourd'hui, Paris, France

1986

Exposition: SEOUL-PARIS, Press Center Gallery, Seoul; Centre National des Arts Plastiques, Paris, France

1985

Salon de Mai, Paris, France

Korean Contemporary Art of Today, Ville Français Museum, Nice, France

Salon Grands et jeunes d'aujourd'hui, Paris, France

1984

Whiteness and Eight Korean Contemporary Artists, France Cultural Center, Seoul, South Korea

Salon Grands et jeunes d'aujourd'hui, Paris, France

Four Korean Artists, Bateau Laboire, Paris, France

23 Artists of Today, Dongbang Gallery, Seoul, South Korea

1983

Salon de Mai, Paris, France

Korean Contemporary Art Exhibition of the 1970s, Tokyo Metropolitan Museum of Art; traveled to Tochigi Municipal Museum of Art, Tochigi, Japan; National Museum of Contemporary Art, Osaka, Japan; Hokkaido Museum of Modern Art, Sapporo, Japan; Fukuoka City Museum, Fukuoka, Japan

Korean Resident Artists in France, Korean Cultural Center, Paris, France

Salon Grands et jeunes d'aujourd'hui, Paris, France

Seven Korean Contemporary Artists, Jean Art Gallery, Seoul, South Korea

1982

The Art of Contemporary Paper: Korea and Japan, Deoksugung Art Museum, Seoul; traveled to Kyoto Municipal Museum, Kyoto, Japan; Museum of Modern Art, Saitama, Japan; Kumamoto Folk Museum, Kumamoto, Japan; National Museum of Contemporary Art, Seoul, South Korea

Korean Resident Artists in France, Korean Cultural Center, Paris, France

1981

Salon de Mai, Paris, France

Works on Paper: Korean Contemporary Drawings, Donsanbang Gallery, Seoul, South Korea; traveled to LA Artcore, Los Angeles, CA

Korean Resident Artists in France, Korean Cultural Center, Paris, France

Salon Grands et jeunes d'aujourd'hui, Paris, France

1980

Salon de Réalité Nouvelle, Paris, France

Salon de Mai, Paris, France

Cité Internationale Des Arts, Paris, France

Korean Engraving Art, National Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Gwacheon, South Korea

Five Korean Resident Artists in France, Hangook Gallery, New York, NY

Asia Contemporary Art Festival Part II, Fukuoka Museum of Art, Fukuoka, Japan

1979

Korean Art: Today's Methods, Korean Culture and Arts Foundation Art Center, Seoul, South Korea

Works on Paper, Jean Gallery, Seoul, South Korea

Cité Internationale Des Arts, Paris, France

Salon Sude 92, Paris, France

1978

Joongang Art Contest Prizewinners, National Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Gwacheon, South Korea

Works on Paper, Gallery Gyunji, Seoul, South Korea

Trends in Korean Contemporary Art of the Last 20 Years, National Museum of Modern and

Contemporary Art, Seoul, South Korea

The 4th École de Seoul, National Museum of Contemporary Art, Seoul, South Korea

Secondes Recontres Internationales d'Art Contemporain, Galeries Nationales du Grand Palais, Paris, France

1977

Eastern Painting, Shinsegae Gallery, Seoul, South Korea

Korea: Facet of Contemporary Art, Tokyo Central Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan

Korean Contemporary Art, Nagoya Beaux-Arts Gallery, Nagoya, Japan

Korean Contemporary Paintings, Taipei National Ancient Museum, Taipei, Taiwan

Korea: Contemporary 10 Artists, Korea UNESCO Center, Seoul, South Korea

The Contemporary Art Exhibition, National Museum of Contemporary Art, Seoul, South Korea

1976

Contemporary Eastern Painting, National Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Gwacheon, South Korea

Independent Artists, Korean Art Association, Seoul, South Korea

Seoul Contemporary Art Festival, National Museum of Contemporary Art, Seoul, South Korea

Grand Prize Exhibition of Korean Art, National Museum of Contemporary Art, Seoul, South Korea

Contemporary Art Festival, Daejeon, Busan, Gwangju, Gangwon, and Jeonbuk, South Korea

The 2nd École de Seoul, National Museum of Contemporary Art, Seoul, South Korea

The Contemporary Art Exhibition, National Museum of Contemporary Art, Seoul, South Korea

1975

Five Kinds of White, Tokyo Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

Cité Internationale Des Arts, Paris, France

Seoul in the 70s, Seoul, South Korea

The Contemporary Art Exhibition, National Museum of Contemporary Art, Seoul, South Korea

1973

Korean Contemporary Art, 1957-1972: Plasticity and Antiplasticity, Myongdong Gallery, Seoul, South Korea

12th São Paulo Biennale, São Paulo Contemporary Art Museum, São Paulo, Brazil

Grand Prize Exhibition of Korean Art, National Museum of Contemporary Art, Seoul, South Korea

100 Korean Contemporary Artists, National Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Gwacheon, South Korea

13 Contemporary Artists, Signum Gallery, Kyoto, Japan

The Contemporary Art Exhibition, National Museum of Contemporary Art, Seoul, South Korea

1972

Korean Contemporary Art, Tokyo, Japan; traveled to Honolulu, Hawaii

Grand Prize Exhibition of Korean Art, National Museum of Contemporary Art, Seoul, South Korea

The Contemporary Art Exhibition, National Museum of Contemporary Art, Seoul, South Korea

1971

2nd Triennale, Lalit Kala Akademi, New Delhi, India

Grand Prize Exhibition of Korean Art, National Museum of Contemporary Art, Seoul, South Korea

The Contemporary Art Exhibition, National Museum of Contemporary Art, Seoul, South Korea

1970

Shinsegae Gallery, Seoul, South Korea

Grand Prize Exhibition of Korean Art, National Museum of Contemporary Art, Seoul, South Korea

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LOS ANGELES

NEW YORK

TOKYO

The Contemporary Art Exhibition, National Museum of Contemporary Art, Seoul, South Korea

1965

8th Japan International Art Exhibition, Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan

The Contemporary Art Exhibition, National Museum of Contemporary Art, Seoul, South Korea

1964

The Contemporary Art Exhibition, National Museum of Contemporary Art, Seoul, South Korea

1963

Korean Contemporary Artists Exhibition, Press Center Gallery, Seoul, South Korea

The Contemporary Art Exhibition, National Museum of Contemporary Art, Seoul, South Korea

1962

International Freedom Exhibition, Tokyo, Japan

The Contemporary Art Exhibition, National Museum of Contemporary Art, Seoul, South Korea

1961

The Contemporary Art Exhibition, National Museum of Contemporary Art, Seoul, South Korea

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The Contemporary Art Exhibition, National Museum of Contemporary Art, Seoul, South Korea

1959

The Contemporary Art Exhibition, National Museum of Contemporary Art, Seoul, South Korea

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The Contemporary Art Exhibition, National Museum of Contemporary Art, Seoul, South Korea

1956

The Contemporary Art Exhibition, National Museum of Contemporary Art, Seoul, South Korea

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2013

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2008

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2007

Choi Kwang-jin, ed. *Kwon Young-woo*. Seoul: Image Art Research Institute, 2007.
Kwon Young-woo: Life Work in Paper. Seoul: Seoul Museum of Art, 2007.

2004

Kwon Young-woo. Gwangju, Korea: Uijae Museum of Korean Art, 2004.

1998

Artist of the Year 1998: Kwon Young-woo. Gwacheon, South Korea: National Museum of Contemporary Art, 1998.

1990

Kwon Young-woo. Seoul: Ho-Am Gallery, 1990.

1986

Kwon Young-woo. Seoul: Gallery Hyundai, 1986

Articles & Reviews

2018

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2017

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2016

Bent, Siobhan, and Denise Chu. "Peak Monochrome." *ArtAsiaPacific* vol. 11 (Almanac 2016): 69.
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2015

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Korean Embassy, Ottawa, Canada
Korean Embassy, Washington D.C.
Korean Railway Office, Seoul, South Korea
M+, Hong Kong, China
Museum of Contemporary Art, Gwacheon, South Korea
National Library, Seoul, South Korea
Plaza Hotel, Seoul, South Korea
Samsung Museum Leeum, Seoul, South Korea
Seoul Museum of Art, Seoul, South Korea
Seoul University Museum, Seoul, South Korea