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Born 1978, Seoul, South Korea

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EDUCATION

MFA, 2012, California Institute of the Arts, Santa Clarita, CA

SELECTED ONE-PERSON EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 *Sala de Vídeo: Kang Seung Lee*, Museu de Arte de São Paulo (MASP), Brazil
- 2023 *Who will care for our caretakers*, Korea Artist Prize 2023, National Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Korea
The Heart of A Hand, Vincent Price Art Museum, East Los Angeles College, Monterey Park, CA
- 2021 *Briefly Gorgeous*, Gallery Hyundai, Seoul, Korea
Permanent Visitor, Commonwealth and Council, Los Angeles, CA
- 2020 *Becoming Atmosphere* (with Beatriz Cortez), 18th Street Arts Center, Santa Monica, CA
- 2018 *Garden, One and J*, Gallery, Seoul, Korea
- 2017 *untitled (la revolución es la solución!)*, Artpace San Antonio, TX
Leave Of Absence & Absence Without Leave, Commonwealth and Council, Los Angeles, CA
- 2016 *Covers*, Los Angeles Contemporary Archive, Los Angeles, CA
Untitled (Artspeak?), Turchin Center for the Visual Arts, Appalachian State University, Boone NC
and Child, Commonwealth and Council, Los Angeles, CA
- 2015 *Kang Seung Lee: Untitled (Artspeak?)*, Pitzer College Art Galleries, Claremont, CA
- 2012 *My Nights Are More Beautiful Than Your Days*, Centro Cultural Border, Mexico City, Mexico

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 *under(s)tow*, Commonwealth and Council, Los Angeles, CA
Manifesto for Sustainable Experimentation, Beaconsfield, London, UK
Spirit House, Henry Art Gallery, University of Washington, Seattle
Homage: Queer lineages on video, Wallach Art Gallery, Columbia University, New York, NY
Prologue, Gallery Hyundai, New York, NY
a field of bloom and hum, The Frances Young Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery at Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY
- 2024 *Queer Histories*, Museu de Arte de São Paulo (MASP), Brazil
Stranieri Ovunque - Foreigners Everywhere, 60th Venice Biennale, Italy
A World of Many Worlds, Asymmetry Art Foundation and Asia Forum, Fondazione Querini Stampalia, Venice, Italy
Entangled Writing, Manetti Shrem Museum of Art, University of California, Davis
Lost & Found: Embodied Archive, Singapore Art Museum, Singapore
Spirit House, Cantor Arts Center, Stanford University, Stanford, CA
Korean Embroidery in Modern Times: The Birds Trying to Catch the Sun, National Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Korea
Reluctant Gravities, Holybush Gardens, London, UK
Unseen Orchestra, Make Room, Los Angeles, CA
David Hammons (organized by JOAN and David Horvitz in the Garden), Los Angeles, CA
- 2023 *Made in L.A. 2023: Acts of Living*, Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA
Out of the Night of Norms (Out of the Enormous Ennui), Palais de Tokyo, Paris, France
Queer Threads, San Jose Museum of Quilts and Textiles, San Jose, CA
Off Script, Simone Subal Gallery, New York, NY
Between Us, Alexander Gray Associates, Germantown, NY
We Cry Poetry, de Appel, Amsterdam, Netherlands
Strings of Desire, Craft Contemporary, Los Angeles, CA
- 2022 *let's talk: vulnerable bodies, intimate collectives*, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY
Terracotta Friendship, National Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Korea & documenta 15, Kassel, Germany
Excelsior: Short films and videos by Asian and Asian diaspora artists, Art at a Time like This & the Armory Show, New York, NY
Nosotrxs, Commonwealth and Council x Galería Agustina Ferreyra, Mexico City, Mexico
Annotations, how we are in time and space: Nancy Buchanan, Marcia Hafif, Barbara T. Smith, Armory Center for the Arts, Pasadena, CA
I Am Here/You Were There, Archiving Transgenerational Memory Within the Korean Diaspora, Ohio Progressive Asian Women's Leadership (OPAWL) and the Task of the Curator (online)

- Lost at Sea*, The Artist Room, London, UK
- 2021 *Soft Water Hard Stone: 2021 New Museum Triennial*, New Museum, New York, NY
Minds Rising, Spirits Tuning, Gwangju Biennale, Korea
8 Americans, Chart Gallery, New York, NY
Omniscient: Queer Documentation In an Image Culture, Leslie-Lohman Museum of Art, New York, NY
Gardening, piknic, Seoul, Korea
Queer/Feminism/Praxis in Korea and Korean Diaspora, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI
Close to you, MASS MoCA, North Adams, MA
[Glyph], Lux Art Institute, Encinitas, CA
- 2020 *Solidarity Spores*, Asia Culture Center, Gwangju, Korea
MMCA 2020 Asia Project: Looking for another family, Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Seoul, Korea
No Space Just A Place. Eterotopia, Daelim Museum of Art, Seoul, Korea
Phantom Limb, Epoch Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
Incognito, Institute of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, CA
Queer Correspondence, Cell Project Space, London, UK
Drive-by-Art, Oxy Arts, Los Angeles, CA
When we first arrived..., The Corner at Whitman-Walker, Washington D.C.
- 2019 *Touching History: Stonewall 50*, Palm Springs Art Museum, CA
Altered After, Participant Inc, New York, NY
In No Order, Eastern Star Gallery, The Archer School, Los Angeles, CA
Condo London, Mother's Tankstation, London, UK
Queer Craft, Morris Gallery, University of Minnesota, MN
- 2018 *Identity and Desire in the Digital Age*, Los Angeles LGBT Center, CA
A Person Who Loves, Canton Gallery, Guangzhou, China
Dae-Bak Super Cool, Torrance Art Museum, CA
Commonwealth and Council, Tina Kim Gallery/47 Canal, New York, NY
It's Snowing in LA, AA|LA, Los Angeles, CA
Introspection: Stories Beneath the Surface, Sam Francis Gallery, Crossroads School of Arts and Sciences, CA
Manifesto: A Moderate Proposal, Pitzer College Art Galleries, CA
- 2017 *Not on View: Re/Activating the Archive and it's A/Effects*, The ReInstitute Research Library & Archive, Baltimore, MD
Reconstitution, LAXART, Los Angeles, CA
1992: An Examination of the Iconography from the LA Rebellion, Residency Art, Inglewood, CA
Kang Seung Lee & Hye In Lee, Baik Art Seoul, Korea
Luck of the Draw, DiverseWorks, Houston, TX

- 2016 *Blind Spot*, Design Matters, Los Angeles, CA
De la Tierra a la Tierra, Centro Cultural Metropolitano, Quito, Ecuador
- 2015 *RaceCraft*, Center for Art and Thought, Los Angeles, CA
Normal Family, Last Projects, Los Angeles, CA
- 2014 *Pardon My Condition*, Raymond Gallery, Art Center College of Design, Pasadena, CA
Endur A Round, California Institute of the Arts, Valencia, CA
Body Body Bodies, SOMArts Cultural Center, San Francisco, CA
- 2012 *Art on Paper: The 42nd Exhibition*, Weatherspoon Art Museum, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, NC
Narrativas con Dibujo, Galeria de la Esmeralda, the National School of the Arts, Mexico City, Mexico
Narrativas con Dibujo, Museo Casa de Leon Trotsky, Mexico City, Mexico
- 2011 *Proyecto Venganza*, Clinica Regina de Cultura, Mexico City, Mexico
Compilation of the Bastard Archive, la Galeria del Comercio, Mexico City, Mexico
Segundo Ciclo de Videoarte, Arte TalCual, Mexico City, Mexico

PUBLIC AND CURATORIAL PROJECTS

- 2022 *la revolución es la solución!*, LACMA x Snapchat: Monumental Perspectives, Los Angeles, CA
- 2019 *QueerArch*, Hapjungjigu, Seoul, Korea
- 2017 *Leave Of Absence*, Sunset Blvd Digital Billboards, City of West Hollywood + IF Foundation, CA
Outdoor Wall Installation, Baik Art, Culver City, CA

GRANTS, AWARDS, AND RESIDENCIES

- 2023 Finalist, Korea Artist Prize 2023, MMCA and SBS Foundation
Artadia Los Angeles Award
- 2022 MacDowell Fellowship
- 2020 18th Street Arts Center Lab Residency, Santa Monica, CA
- 2019 apexart International Open Call, NY
California Community Foundation Fellowship for Visual Artists, CA
- 2018 Rema Hort Mann Foundation Grant, CA
- 2017 International Artist-In-Residence, Artpace San Antonio, TX
- 2016 Creative Capacity Fund, Center for Cultural Innovation, CA
- 2015 Artist-In-Residence, Pitzer College, Claremont, CA
- 2011 Convocatoria, Centro Cultural Border, MX

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Cantor Arts Center, Stanford University, CA
Getty Research Institute, Los Angeles, CA
Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA
Kadist Foundation, San Francisco, CA and Paris, France
Leeum Museum of Art, Seoul, South Korea
Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA
Museu de Arte de São Paulo (MASP), Brazil
National Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Korea
Rhode Island School of Design Museum, Providence, RI
Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, NY
Sunpride Foundation, Hong Kong

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Cheng, Scarlet. "Artists visualise Los Angeles's recent and pre-human histories in Lacma and Snapchat's latest augmented reality collaboration." *The Art Newspaper*, April 18, 2022.

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"De la Tierra a la Tierra, una Mirada al consume." *El Telegrafo*, November 4, 2016.

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