

## Kim, Myeong-Gon

Born in Seoul in 1969, Kim Myeong-Gon graduated in 2000 with a Master of Fine Arts and in 1994 with a Bachelor of Arts from Hongik University with a major in Fine Arts. He had 22 solo exhibitions and 180 group shows all over the world.

Kim Myeong-Gon's work is composed of hundreds of or thousands of color faces, which is not completed even if one face is used by accidental brush stroke or artificial color. If his work is viewed closely, just one color side is viewed, however, according to the great distance, the image appears like magic and reality as if looking at the real scene is actualized.

Kim Myeong-Gon found out life from inanimate beings by chance. Lifeless car moves as if living matter by human being. As you may know in the titles of paintings such as <The car full of dream and vision>, <Through the World>, <Speeding>, etc., his attitude looking at Art and Living is affirm and admiration about living. He does not follow pessimism for civilization and also rejects to reach transcendental realm or internal problems via abstraction. He focuses on a dynamic image of a city and an object which has the driving force like a car and heads toward the restoration of life energy by putting flowers and plants on the image.

Kim Myeong-Gon has participated in prestigious KIAF, SOAF, Art Show Busan, Art Gyeongju, Korea Galleries and Daegu Art Fair in Korea since 2007, Asia Top Gallery Hotel Art Fair in Hong Kong and Seoul, Salzburg Art Fair and LA Art Fair, Houston Art Fair and was also featured in Asia Contemporary Art Show, and all the time he has obtained good results. He was awarded Today's Artist at Kyung Hyang Newspaper in 2008, The Special Selection at the Grand Art Exhibition of Korea in 2004, The Excellence Award at Danwon Arts Festival in 2001 and The Special Selection Award of Seoul Modern Art Show, National Museum of Contemporary Art, Gwacheon in 1998.

His public collection is in National Museum of Contemporary Art, Art Bank, Gwacheon/ Seoul Museum of Art, Seoul/ Korea Development Bank, Seoul/ Hana Bank, Seoul/ Yonsei University Memorial Hall, Seoul/ Kyunghyang Daily News, Seoul/ Gospel Times, Seoul/ Madvision Inc. Seoul/ BangTae Inc., Inje

He is currently teaching at Kaywon School of Art & Design and working in Seoul.

1994 Hongik University, College of Fine Art, B.F.A., Seoul, Korea

2000 Hongik University, College of Fine Art, M.F.A., Seoul, Korea

### **Solo Exhibitions since 1995**

#### **2015 Car with a dream(GALLERY JHAK, Seoul)**

2013 *The Happy Story of Dreaming Man*, (Lotte Gallery. Seoul)

2013 *Through the world*, Khalifa gallery. Seoul

*Car with a dream*, 41gallery. Seoul

2012 *For travel forever*, Jun Gallery. Daegu

*The Happy Story of Dreaming Man*, Tong In Gallery. Seoul

2011 *The World of Spirits*, Insa Art Center, Seoul

*Through the world*, Wu Myeong Museum. Hanam, Gyeonggi-do

2011 *The World of Spirits*, Insa Art Center, Seoul

2010 *Aesthetic of Dream and Imagination \_ Ontological Self-Examination on the Variation of Happy Dream*, Luben Gallery, Seoul

*Art & Company Project*, Shinhan PB Gallery, Seoul

*The Happy Story of Dreaming Man*, So Gallery, Seoul

*Blessing\_ the Branch Over the Fence*, Seoul Art Salon, AT Center, Seoul

2008 *Telling the Beauty of Flowers*, So Gallery, Seoul

*The Kyunghyang Newspaper Today's ArtistPrize-Winning Exhibition*,  
Kyunghyang Gallery, Seoul

*Blossom*, COEX Indoyang Hall, Seoul

*Blossom under the Divine Blessing*, Gac Gallery, Seoul

2007 *Dreaming Tree\_a Song of Spirits*, COEX Indoyang Hall, Seoul

*Dreaming Tree*, Seoul Arts Center, Seoul

2004 *The Father's Dream*, Kwanhoon Gallery, Seoul

2003 *A parcel from Eden*, Goyang Contemporary Art Festival, Ilsan, Korea

2002 *A parcel from Eden*, Songeun Gallery, Seoul

2000 *Between the Space*, Kwanhoon Gallery, Seoul

1995 *Estrangement\_ 'I', 'You' and 'It'*, Moin Gallery, Seoul

### **Selected Group Exhibitions since 1993**

2013 *Contemporary Art Leb*, Art and Dream. Seoul

*Car Story*, Art Factory. Heyri

2012 *Accompany*, Insa Gallery. Seoul

2011 *Trajet de Vie*, CT Gallery, Seoul

*Through the World*, Wu Myeong Museum. Hanam, Gyeonggi-do

*The Western Art Show*, Gallery Western. LA. USA

2010 *Art Docking Spot Exhibition*, Wu Myeong Art Museum, Hanam, Korea

*Insa Art Festival*, Bon Gallery, Seoul

*Selection & Collection*, Philip Kang Gallery, Seoul

2009 *The Seongnam International Incubating Art Show*, Seongnam Art Center,  
Seongnam, Korea

*Next Generation*, Open art center, Seoul

- Contemporary Artist*, Hanwon Gallery, Seoul
- 2008 *Contemporary Art Japan & Korea*, Bukchunju 1010 Gallery, Tokyo  
*Korea · Japan Painting Art Festival*, Art Space Yul, Gyeonggi, Korea/ Hyunlip Art Gallery, Yokohama, Japan
- 2005 *Wonderful Day*, Insa Art Center, Seoul
- 2003 *Korea · Japan Contemporary Painting International Exchange Exhibition*, Sejong Gallery, Seoul
- 2002 *San Francisco Main Art Hall Opening Commemoration Invitational Exhibition*, San Francisco
- 2000 *Gwangju Biennale 2000 : Forest of Human Beings & Forest of Painting*, Gwangju, Korea  
*Seoul Contemporary Art Festival*, Seoul Museum of Art, Seoul  
 etc. about 200 times

### **Art Fair**

- 2015 *Asia contemporary art show*, Hong Kong
- 2014 *LA Art Show*, LA, USA  
*AHAF (Asia Hotel Art Fair)*. Hong Kong  
*Art Show Busan*, BEXCO. Busan  
*Asia contemporary art show*, Hong Kong  
*AHAF (Asia Hotel Art Fair)*. Seoul
- 2013 *Korea Galleries Art Fair*, COEX, Seoul  
*Asia contemporary art show*, Hong Kong  
*Houston Art Fair*, Houston, USA  
*Bank Art Fair*, Hong Kong  
*KIAF (Korea International Art Fair)*, COEX, Seoul  
*Art Gwangju*, Gwangju
- 2012 *KCAF (Korea Contemporary Art Fair)*, Seoul Art Center, Seoul  
*SOAF (Seoul Open Art Fair)*, COEX, Seoul  
*Art Show Busan*, BEXCO. Busan  
*Art Gyeongju*, Gyeongju. Korea  
*Asia contemporary art show*, Hong Kong
- 2011 *Seoul Art Festival*, Novotel Hotel, Seoul  
*Korea Galleries Art Fair*, COEX, Seoul  
*Asia Top Gallery Hotel Art Fair*, Mandarin Hotel, Hong Kong  
*SOAF (Seoul Open Art Fair)*, COEX, Seoul  
*KIAF (Korea International Art Fair)*, COEX, Seoul  
*Daegu Art Fair*, EXCO, Daegu, Korea

- 2010 *KIAF* (Korea International Art Fair), COEX, Seoul  
*SOAF* (Seoul Open Art Fair), COEX, Seoul  
*Art Daegu*, EXCO, Daegu, Korea  
*Hotel Art Fair*, Novotel Hotel, Daegu, Korea  
*Asia Top Gallery Hotel Art Fair*, Shilla Hotel, Seoul  
*Daegu Art Fair*, EXCO, Daegu, Korea
- 2009 *KIAF* (Korea International Art Fair), COEX, Seoul  
*Salon de Art Seoul*, AT Center, Seoul  
*Salzburg Art Fair 2009*, Kunstmesse Salzburg, Salzburg, Austria  
*Cheongdam Art Festival*, Seoul
- 2008 *Golden Eyes*, COEX, Seoul
- 2007 *MANIF*, Seoul Art Center, Seoul  
*ArtStar 100*, COEX, Seoul

### **Awards**

- 2008 Today's Artist, Kyung Hyang Newspaper, Seoul  
2004 The Special Selection Award, the Grand Art Exhibition of Korea, Korea  
2001 The Excellence Award, Danwon Arts Festival, Ansan, Korea  
1998 The Special Selection Award of Seoul Modern Art Show, National Museum of Contemporary Art, Gwacheon, Korea

### **Teaching**

- 2011 – Kaywon School of Art & Design  
2011 Soongsil University  
2009 - 2010 Kaywon School of Art & Design  
2007 - 2010 Cultural lecture in Songpa Public Library  
2003 - 2006 Hoseo University, College of Art & Sports Sciences  
2003 – Kaywon High School of Arts  
2001 - 2003 Chungkang College of Cultural Industries  
2002 Hongik University

### **Public Collection**

- National Museum of Contemporary Art, Art Bank, Gwacheon, Korea  
Seoul Museum of Art, Seoul. Korea  
Korea Development Bank, Seoul. Korea  
Hana Bank, Seoul. Korea  
Yonsei University Memorial Hall, Seoul. Korea  
Kyunghyang Daily News, Seoul. Korea  
Gospel Times, Seoul. Korea  
Madvision Inc. Seoul. Korea  
BangTae Inc. Gyeonggi-do. Korea