



Am I only stranger here
233.6x91cm. Acrylic on canvas. 2018

Artist. Diren Lee

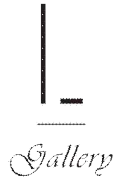
Artist Note

Reflecting the emotions and stories of people
to the endangered animals and abandoned companion animals,
I did express on my message the empathy and love between people and animals,
and the understanding and blessing.

The artist, Diren Lee, graduated as a textile art major, and then worked as a principal designer at Jetoy for 6 years. She also designed ChooChoo, a famous character all over Asia. During the earlier stage of her artistic career, she put question marks on scars and fears of people's past, using tattoo as a medium. Then more recent years, she applied endangered species, abandoned pets to stories and feelings of people on this little planet. She pulls out strong empathy between human beings and animal, and brings in warm sympathy about what we've changed and what we've lost.

Her art pieces are composed of crystal clear colors and lines. This very detailed descriptions eventually complete a fine harmony in distance.

The eyes in her works speak for various stories of each object. Every eye has a number of lines and colors; the artistic expression is extremely realistic yet it simultaneously tells our dreams and hopes that do not exist in real lives. This irony remains in her lines and colors. The dreams and the reality greet each other in her canvas. And this consoles our souls and heals our wounds.



Biography

Diren Lee (b.1976. Republic of Korea)
Graduate HongIk University, Seoul

WORK

As a principal designer of JETOY, I've been painting cats called 'CHOO CHOO' which have been loved in Korea, Japan, China, Taiwan and Hongkong for more than 7 years.

Solo Exhibitions

- 2017 "Day Dream" (gallery ARTION/Korea)
- 2017 "Diren Lee exhibition" (gallery wave/Korea)
- 2017 "IN LOVE" Gallery (Mei/Korea)
- 2017 "Friends on Earth" (MIEL/Korea)
- 2016 "DIREN LEE" (J.Hoon Gallery/Korea)
- 2015 "Memory" (art space ARTION/Korea)
- 2014 "Coexistence" (MIEL/Korea)
- 2014 "DIREN 3'rd EXHIBITION" (Soul ink gallery/Korea)
- 2013 "DIREN EXHIBITION" (cozy/Korea)
- 2012 "DIREN's first exhibition" (go south art space/Korea)

Art Fair

- 2018 Art Expo Malaysia (Kuala Lumpur/Malaysia)
- 2016 Art Gyeongju 2016 (Gyeongju/Korea)
- 2015 Spoon art fair (Gallery sein/Korea)
- 2015 Art show Busan (Busan BEXCO/Korea)

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Group Exhibition

- 2018 "Gate of stone. Diren Lee & Sung Byung Hee, duet exhibition" (gallery HOARD/Korea)
- 2018 "ChungDam-dong Zoo 2018" (Gallery Doo/Korea)
- 2017 "Gallery in Zoo" (Seoul Grand Park/Korea)
- 2017 "FAUNA:Animal book" (gallery HOARD/Korea)
- 2017 Duet exhibition "Greeting" (Palais de seoul/Korea)
- 2017 "LOVE" (Wave Gallery/Korea)
- 2017 "Gift form an artist ll-" gallery (sein/Korea)
- 2016 "Joy, Anger, Sorrow and Pleasure" ARTION (gallery/Korea)
- 2016 "Art Collaboration" (Hall of Assembly/Korea)
- 2016 "David Bowie" Eugene (Gallery/Korea)
- 2016 "2016 Artist Accompany for hope" SeoJung Art cetner/Korea)
- 2016 "Bravo Life" (KOTRA Art collabo exhibition hall/Korea)
- 2016 "25 promising artists of Korea" (SeoJung Art cetner/Korea)
- 2016 "Coexistence" (KARA'S GALLERY/Korea)
- 2016 "6'th Zombie" (Yoojin Gallery/Korea)
- 2016 "ARTIST ROOM" (Space NAMU/Korea)
- 2016 "SPORTS ART COLLABO" (KOTRA Art collabo exhibition hall/Korea)
- 2016 "Spring" (ARTION Gallery/Korea)
- 2016 "Exchange" (Soul ink Art Gallery/Korea)
- 2015 "Money" (Haeundae Volkswagen Gallery /Korea)
- 2015 "Warm exhibition" (Karas gallery/Korea)
- 2015 "Art Edition Fair" (gallery sein/Korea)
- 2015 "SsangNyun" (Skunk/Korea)
- 2015 "EunHye" (Amado Art Space/Korea)
- 2015 "TOKYO ZOMBIE" (Tokyo Block House/Korea)
- 2015 Back to the 90's Jamo book/Korea
- 2015 " The 3rd Rock star 展" (Mudaeruk/Korea)
- 2014 "Light" (Jebi flower coffee shop/Korea)
- 2014 World Vision charity exhibition "I Dream" (Avenuel Art hall/Korea)
- 2014 "Exchange" (Soul ink Art Gallery/Korea)
- 2014 " 色, Comfort you" (Busan, Star Jade/Korea)
- 2014 " beclassy " (El Cantina/Korea)
- 2014 "MAIFEST Gallery Exhibition the 1st" (MAIFEST/Korea)
- 2014 "ITaeWon" (Soul ink Art Gallery/Korea)
- 2014 Duet exhibition "DirenLee&Carmin songsong" (Hyundai0 g Valley Fashion center/Korea)
- 2014 "Another Farm" (cozy art space/Korea)
- 2014 "Ladder" (Soul ink Art Gallery/Korea)
- 2014 "Robot" (HaeIRi Art school/Korea)
- 2013 "Exchange" (soul ink gallery/Korea)
- 2013 "Another Farm. WSB Farm exhibition" (cozy gallery/Korea)