

# Choi Young-Wook

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Choi Young Wook (b. 1964) graduated from Hongik University in Seoul with a B.F.A. in Painting and a M.F.A. Over the past decade, Choi has devoted his efforts to mastering the moon jar as an art form. The artist recalls from his past when he was still trying to find his personal style and way of expression, he happened to come across a Joseon-era moon jar at a museum during his travels in Europe and the US. It was a chance encounter that left a formidable yet vulnerable impression on him, inspiring his ensuing projects of researching, collecting, and painting these white porcelain vessels.

Choi aims to visualize memories into images, thus his works become a medium of communication, mostly to convey the stories and recollections of his own life. However, there are more than just elements of the artist himself in his works - he believes that viewers of his paintings would be reminded of their own memories, thereby forming a connection between the artist's and the viewers' memories. Choi hopes his works may facilitate a process of self-reflection and discovery for the beholder, who may in turn develop a heightened awareness of relationships and communication with others. While his technique produces a strikingly lifelike effect on his subject matter, Choi's ultimate objective is not to merely replicate the image of the porcelain vessel. His technique and style has grown into one that connects East Asian tradition with the expressive methods of Western modern painting; under Choi's brush, the historic Joseon moon jar transcends space and time to become modern and pertinent to us once again. Choi's works are featured in both private collections and museums, including the National Museum of Contemporary Art, Gyeonggi Museum of Contemporary Art among others.



崔永旭畢業於首爾弘益大學繪畫系，並在過去十年以月亮罐為研究主題，將此器物帶入畫中。崔氏憶述，在藝術生涯早期，探索創作方向時，偶然一次在西方博物館中目睹了朝鮮時代的月亮觀，此次機遇帶給了他對於物體型態的哲學領悟，繼而給予了他研究的田野方向、收藏及描繪月亮罐的契機。

冰裂紋，是崔永旭筆下月亮罐的顯著特徵，藝術家將陶瓷的冰裂紋視作為本我，將繪畫的過程比作記憶圖像化，肆意生長的冰裂紋代表著藝術家過去的記憶。他把畫面看作成為一種溝通媒介，以純粹複製物件的外貌為創作方式，刻畫了藝術家生命中的印象片段。然而，作品所表達的中心元素並非止於藝術家本人；他把畫作看為一面鏡子，觀眾根據自身，引出不同的故事與回憶，在同一空間內，藝術家自身與觀眾串連結起來，形成緊密關係。崔永旭希望觀眾在空間內獨立思考自身的狀態，建立自我意識的同時，亦會更領悟到與他人的關係。

崔永旭以的寫實創作技法，將月亮罐最真實的狀態帶入眼前。朝鮮時代的月亮罐在崔氏筆下得以跨越時空代入當代。崔氏的作品已被納入韓國以至海外的私人及博物館收藏，包括國立當代藝術博物館、京畿現代美術館等。

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**Choi Young Wook** 崔永旭  
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**Education**

- 2000 M.F.A, Hongik University (Seoul, Korea)  
1991 B.F.A. in Painting, Hongik University (Seoul, Korea)

**Selected Solo Exhibition**

- 2020 Karma, Rho gallery (Seoul, Korea)  
Karma, Helen J Gallery (LA, USA)  
Reflection, Soul art space (Busan, Korea)  
Karma, JJ Joong Jung Gallery (Seoul, Korea)
- 2019 Karma, gallery Rho (Seoul, Korea)  
Lotte123 (Seoul, Korea)
- 2018 Condensation, Ilwoo Space (Seoul, Korea)  
Karma, Banyan Tree Hotel Gallery (Seoul, Korea)
- 2017 Karma, Daishin Finance Center Gallery 343 (Seoul, Korea)  
Wishing upon a Moon, Biseon Jae (Seoul, Korea)
- 2016 Karma, Soul Art Space (Busan, Korea)  
Karma, Biseon Jae (Seoul, Korea)
- 2015 Karma, Biseon Jae (Seoul, Korea)  
Karma, Pyo Gallery (Seoul, Korea)  
Karma, Jun Gallery (Daegu, Korea)
- 2013 Karma, Soul Art Space (Busan, Korea)  
Karma, A-cube Gallery (Tokyo, Japan)
- 2012 Karma, Art Issue Project (Taipei City, Taiwan)  
Yonsei in the Moon, Seojeongwook Gallery (Seoul, Korea)  
Karma, Sun Contemporary (Seoul, Korea)  
Embrace the Moon, Lotte Gallery Gwangbok Branch (Busan, Korea)
- 2011 Image of Memories, Mugaksa Temple (Gwangju, Korea)  
Special Exhibition Karma, Daegu World Athletics Competition VIP Room (Daegu, Korea)  
Karma, Jun Gallery (Daegu, Korea)  
Karma, Versace Aki (Seoul, Korea)  
Karma, Gaga Gallery (Seoul, Korea)  
Karma, Yegam Gallery (New York, USA)
- 2010 Karma, Gaga Gallery (Seoul, Korea)  
Karma, Gong Gallery (Seoul, Korea)
- 2010 Image of Memories, ArtGate Gallery (New York, USA)
- 2007 One Day Story, Woori Bank Gangnam Gallery, Sup Gallery (Seoul, Korea)  
One Day Story, Fukuoka Art, Japan Art Fair, ANNEX Convention Center (Fukuoka, Japan)
- 2006 One Day Story, Ono Gallery (Japan)
- 2004 One Day Story, Seoul Arts Center (Seoul, Korea)
- 2003 One Day Story, Noam Gallery (Seoul, Korea)
- 2000 One Day Story, Hongik University Art Museum (Seoul, Korea)



- One Day Story, Alternative Space Pool (Seoul, Korea)  
 1996 One Day Story, Kim Nae Hyun Gallery (Seoul, Korea)  
 1992 One day story, Gaain Gallery (Seoul, Korea)

**Selected Group Exhibition**

- 2021 DAN : Dynamic & Alive Korean Art, MMCA (Seoul, Korea)  
 Post Modernity : Modernity, Hyper Reality : Reality, JMOA (Jeju, Korea)  
 Tomorrow's artist's · Happy dream, Roh Gallery (Seoul, Korea)  
 Jamunbak Museum Project Part II , Gana Art Center (Seoul, Korea)  
 Full Moon, Soluna Fine Art (Sheung Wan, Hong Kong)
- 2020 CUBE, JJ Joong Jung Gallery (Seoul, Korea)  
 A fascination with moon jar, gallery NOW (Seoul, Korea)  
 Snap make and draw, Cho Eun-sook Gallery (Seoul, Korea)
- 2019 Happy Dreamer of Tomorrow, Rho Gallery (Seoul, Korea)  
 Basic Gravity Exhibition, Dong-A Gallery (Seoul, Korea)  
 April Talk Exhibition, Gallery Y (Seoul, Korea)
- 2018 Eternity of Finiteness, JJ Joong Jung Gallery (Seoul, Korea)  
 Art Mining-Seoul: Four Emotions of Contemporary Art, DDP (Seoul, Korea)
- 2017 Choi Young-wook, Jung Hyun, Lee Se-hyun Group Exhibition: ORIGIN, Gallery Park (Gyeonggi-do, Korea)  
 Autumn Moon Jar-Gu Bon Chang, Young Wook Choi Group Exhibition, Gallery We (Seoul, Korea)  
 ART369, Art Place (Seoul, Korea)  
 JAM Project, JJ Joong Jung Gallery (Seoul, Korea)  
 Visualizing Today, Hongik University Museum of Contemporary Art (Seoul, Korea)
- 2016 Art Match 2016 START UP, Gyeonggi Cultural Foundation (Gyeonggi, Korea)  
 ACAF2016, Seoul Arts Center Hangaram Art Museum (Seoul, Korea)  
 Place, Superior Gallery (Seoul, Korea)  
 Choi Young-wook, Choi Jun-geun, Lee Se-hyun Group Exhibition, Art Space Ben (Seoul, Korea)
- 2015 A Beautiful Meeting Exhibition, Hoon Gallery (Seoul, Korea)  
 THE WAY TO INFINITY, Ritz-Carlton's Choice Gallery (Seoul, Korea)  
 I am a flame, 63 Art Museum (Seoul, Korea)  
 Self Fiction Seoul & Japan, Hanjeon KEPCO Art Center (Seoul, Korea)  
 ROOM, GalleryHUUE (Singapore)  
 INNUMERABLE:CERAMICS IN A PICTURE, Icheon City Woljeon Art Museum (Gyeonggi-do, Korea)  
 Becoming, JJ Joong Jung Gallery (Seoul, Korea)  
 4 People, 4 Colors, Gallery H (Seoul, Korea)  
 Empty, Fill, JJ Joong Jung Gallery (Seoul, Korea)
- 2014 The Wind Blows, G Gallery (Songdo, Korea)  
 Space Curve, JJ Joong Jung Gallery (Seoul, Korea)  
 Friend – Walking the Way II , JJ Joong Jung Gallery (Seoul, Korea)  
 Cultural Code, Springs Center of Art (Beijing, China)  
 K-P.O.P – Process, Otherness, Play, Museum of Contemporary Art Taipei (Taipei, Taiwan)
- 2013 The Sounds of Korea, Embassy of the Republic of Korea (Beijing, China)



Correspondence, BRIDGE GALLERY (Seoul, Korea)  
RED GATE, Gallery Hogam (Seoul, Korea)  
Scenery from a memory, odetoart (Singapore)  
The Beauty of Stillness, SUPERIOR GALLERY (Seoul, Korea)  
2012 Hongik International Art Festival, Alumni Middle Artists Exhibition, Hongik University  
(Seoul, Korea)  
Korea contemporary art exhibition, Gallery Sup (Seoul, Korea)  
Friends-Walk the Way, JJ Joong Jung Gallery (Seoul, Korea)  
Love, Traces-A Story of Life, Gallery Heart + The Space (New York, USA)  
Korean Zone – Mind shadowing into Things, MIA Gallery (Beijing, China)  
Studio Akka Group Exhibition, Studio Akka (Milan, Italy)  
Ilwoo Space Group Exhibition, Ilwoo Space (Seoul, Korea)  
Reality Equals Dream, Art On Gallery (Singapore)  
Searching, JJ Joong Jung Gallery (Seoul, Korea)  
Dragon's Flight, Gallery Support (Seoul, Korea)  
Adagio non molto, EON Gallery (Seoul, Korea)  
Art in Life, Life in Art, Art On Gallery (Singapore)  
Group Exhibition, Epoque Gallery (Seoul, Korea)  
Stone, Water, Moon, JJ Joong Jung Gallery (Seoul, Korea)  
Fiction Nonfiction, Inter Alia Gallery (Seoul, Korea)  
Korea-China Exchange Exhibition, Indeco Gallery (Seoul, Korea)  
Korea-Japan Exchange Exhibition, Jigudang Gallery (Tokyo, Japan)  
Korea-Bulgaria Exchange Exhibition, Sophia Municipal Gallery of Art (Bulgaria)  
Korea-US Exchange Exhibition, JoongAng Ilbo Gallery (Los Angeles, USA)  
Metro Group Exhibition, Insa Art Center (Seoul, Korea)  
Treasures from the Mythology, Yegam Gallery (New York, USA)  
Maum Group Exhibition, Maum Gallery (New York, USA)  
and has participated in up to 200 group exhibitions

### **Art Fairs**

Art Busan, BEXCO (Busan, Korea)  
Art Central, Central Harbourfront (Hong Kong)  
Gallery Art Festival (Seoul, Korea)  
KIAF (Seoul, Korea)  
CIGE (Beijing, China)  
LA Art Show (LA, USA)  
Art Miami Context (FL, USA)  
Art Miami (FL, USA)  
BANYAF (Seoul, Korea)  
G Seoul 2015 (Seoul, Korea)  
Affordable Art Fair (Singapore)  
Art Silicon Valley, San Francisco (CA, USA)  
SOAF (Seoul, Korea)  
START Art Fair (London, United Kingdom)  
Chicago International Art Fair (Chicago, USA)



Art Show Busan (Busan, Korea)  
Scope Art Fair (New York, USA)  
Palm Beach Art Fair (Miami, USA)  
LA Art Show (LA, USA)  
Seoul Living Design Fair (Seoul, Korea)  
Art Toronto (Toronto, Canada)  
Houston Fine Art Fair (Houston, USA)  
Doors Art Fair, Imperial Palace Hotel (Seoul, Korea)  
Art Gwangju (Gwangju, Korea)  
Kunst Art Fair (Bolzano, Italy)  
KIAF (New York, USA)  
Cologne Art Fair (Cologne, Germany)  
Singapore Art Fair (Singapore)  
Asia Top Gallery Hotel Art Fair, Grand Hyatt (Seoul, Korea)  
New York Red Dot Art Fair (New York, USA)  
New York Scope Art Fair (New York, USA)  
Seoul Art Festival (Seoul, Korea)  
Daegu Art Fair, EXCO Convention Center (Daegu, Korea)  
Miami Scope Art Fair (Miami, USA)  
LA Art Fair (LA, USA)  
Trend Art Fair (Korea)  
Fukuoka Art Fair (Fukuoka, Japan)

### **Collections**

National Museum of Contemporary Art (Gwacheon, Korea)  
Gyeonggi Museum of Contemporary Art (Ansan, Korea)  
Baekwoon Museum (Seoul, Korea)  
Baekgong Museum (Gangwon, Korea)  
Grand Hyatt Incheon (Korea)  
Imperial Palace Hotel (Taipei, Tai Wan)  
Lotte Hotel (Seoul, Korea)  
Lotte Hotel (Myanmar)  
UN GCF Incheon Free Economic zone (Korea)  
Espana Monarchy (Espana)  
Luxembourg Monarchy (Luxembourg)  
JEI Education (Seoul, Korea)  
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (Seattle, USA)  
Philadelphia Museum of Art (Philadelphia, USA)  
Loreal Korea (Seoul, Korea)  
Komferry Asia (Seoul, Korea)  
NUVICOM (NJ, USA)



LG U Plus (Seoul, Korea)  
Korea Herald (Seoul, Korea)  
The University of Suwon (Suwon, Korea)  
Tmaxsoft (Bundang, Korea)  
MUDO SATIS MAGAZALARI A.S. (Istanbul, Turkey)  
Blue Dot, Chilgok-gun (Gyeongsangbuk-do, Korea)  
Korean Air (Seoul, Korea)  
Seahsteel (Seoul, Korea)  
SK Group (Seoul, Korea)

