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The Attitude that Sustains Our Lives

Park Yoon-Kyung (b. 1976)

Date: 16 July – 28 August 2021

Opening: 16 July 2021 (Friday), 10AM - 6PM

Soluna Fine Art is pleased to present **Park Yoon-Kyung's** solo exhibition 'The Attitude that Sustains Our Lives' in Hong Kong. It marks Park's second solo exhibition with Soluna Fine Art and our extension of a recent successful show in Art Central featuring the artist's ground-breaking 'Yi Tai' (also known as 'Painting Tower') painting installation. 'The Attitude that Sustains Our Lives' will be on view from 16 July - 28 August 2021, opening on 16 July 2021, 10-6 PM.

Park's painting installation uses translucent surfaces to deviate from the conventions of paintings. This technique also traces her Eastern cultural lineage and the traditional paintings that utilize lighter fabrics, contrary to the western paintings on canvas. The artist's contemporary adaptation of a traditional Korean painting, '문자도,' (Moon-ja-do, 文字圖), further encourages the audience to read between the boundaries of image and text. Her artistic approach shares a connection to 'Moon-ja-do' paintings which transform visual characteristics of the Korean and Chinese language into new images that stimulate cultural ideas and aesthetic pleasures.

From 'Yi Tai' in Art Central to 'The Attitude that Sustains Our Lives' at the gallery, Soluna Fine Art showcases Park's painting installation in a towering structure, consisting of abstract paintings on stretched chiffon. The transparency of the fabric offsets the weight of the sculpture while the paint of the brushstrokes drips in various directions against the test of gravity and time. The brushstrokes are layers of incomprehensible letters and symbols executed in vibrant colors with bold and playful expressions that signal the artist's desire to communicate her interests in timeless, universal issues ranging from the environment to human relationships.

As the audience walks around the painting installation to explore the ambiguous yet correlating nature between image and text, the present time and space are observed around the canvas and painting. The spatial exploration around the tower provides an immersive experience, allowing the audience to organically connect with Park's subtle visual languages and stories. The painting installation enables the audience to unravel the abstract sense placed in between the gaps of image and text by encouraging a circular movement around the tower. Like the traditional walking mode of circumambulation (walking around in a circle), the audience will meditate and form an intimate relationship with the structure. The tactile engagement with the installation will bridge the gap in communication and understanding, audience and artist, and our different attitudes towards life.



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About Park Yoon-Kyung

Park Yoon-Kyung was born in South Korea in 1976 and received her MFA from the University of London and Hongik University in South Korea. During her time in London, Park discovered the method of painting on silk and chiffon, which then became the huge turning point for her artistic career. By applying multiple layers of paint on translucent materials, she cleverly combines the recto and the verso of a canvas, exposing the space behind and turning all three spaces into one work. Much like **Lucio Fontana** and his well-acclaimed Spatial Concept Series, Park's work breaks down the boundaries between dimensions but with more subtlety.

About Soluna Fine Art

Soluna Fine Art is a gallery specialising in Asian fine art and objects with deep roots in South Korea. Our mission is to revitalise interest in Eastern aesthetics and philosophy by showcasing established and emerging artists and works of traditional value with contemporary interpretation. Works by artists represented by Soluna Fine Art can be found in private collections and institutions around the world. As well as exhibitions, our annual programme includes fairs, educational initiatives and multi-disciplinary collaborations on an international level.

Gallery opening hours: Tuesday - Saturday, 10am – 6 pm

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