

Sangmin Lee



For Sangmin Lee, pottery is a space where accumulated past times encounter the present moments and a medium for communing with ancestors across time and space. The artist moves the designed shape that he wants to express to the finished product of a 12mm glass sheet, and then digs out the back of the glass sheet and polishes its surface. The process of carving the surface of the glass with diamond sandpaper is similar to the process of self-discipline. With high-degree of concentration and professionalism, the artist only uses the touch of his hands to estimate the angle of the surface ground by sandpaper and creates an image of all things. Through this process of work, the artist embodies a reflection on the inside of all things, and defines his work as an 'exploration of the inner world of all things.' Another important element of his work is 'light.' The light discloses the essence of other things, while the source of vitality that does not disappear on its own. To the artist, light is a medium that reveals his invisible thoughts and awareness. The inner side of the artist is revealed as a work and the artist's thoughts are conveyed to the viewer. In his work, the bowl reveals its shape due to the light penetrating through the glass and the boundaries of darkness resulting from it. Several layers of shadow's outline that emerged on the back of the glass sheet produced by reflection and refraction in response to the surface sway like a mirage. The space between the glass sheet and its back is a boundary line dividing past and present, and the shape of the past is overlaid and times are overlapped, and it creates mixed moments. These impressions of light reveal the research of essence that the artist wants to express.

Sangmin Lee was born in 1966 in Seoul, Korea. He studied in department of Arts Plastiques, Strasbourg Marc Bloch National University, France (MFA) and in department of Objet, Ecole Supérieure des Arts Décoratifs de Strasbourg, France (BFA. MFA). He had solo exhibition 23 times since 1996 and his works has been exhibited at the National Gyeonggi Museum of Contemporary Art, South Korea. He is professor of Chungang University in department of Sculpture, Seoul, Korea and lives and works in Seoul, Korea. He is winner of Contemporain Art Japan, Bourguil, France and The International Snow Sculpture Competition in Quebec, Canada, also he got Eurocreation Prize at the Pepiniere des Artistes, France.

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Sangmin Lee (b.1966, Seoul, Korea)

■ Educations

Current Professor of Chung-Ang University, Department of Sculpture

1995 MFA Department of Arts Plastiques, Strasbourg Marc Bloch National University, France

1995 MFA Department of Objet, Ecole supérieure des arts décoratifs de Strasbourg, France

1993 BFA Department of Objet, Ecole supérieure des arts décoratifs de Strasbourg, France

■ Solo Exhibitions

2024 顯現, Gallery Sklo, Seoul, Korea

The Invisibles, LEE & BAE, Busan, Korea

2023 Object's unseen secret, Gallery Jeon, Daegu, Korea

2022 壽福, LEE & BAE, Busan, Korea

2021 My Beautiful Garden, Gallery, SKLO, Seoul, Korea

SOLO SHOW 2021, SHINSEGAE Gallery, Busan, Korea

2018 White Shadows, Gallery 4Walls, Seoul, Korea

Every Moment is Resplendent, Gallery Daham, Ansan, Korea

2017 One and Three Bowls, Gallery Sklo, Seoul, Korea

2016 The inner side of all things in nature, Gallery3, Seoul, Korea

2015 Art Stage Singapore 2015, Marina Bay Sands Expo and Convention Center, Singapore

2014 Metaxy the Moment and the Eternity, Gallery IDM, Busan, Korea

Poetics of time, Gallery3, Seoul, Korea

2013 LEE SANGMIN WAVE Sculpture, JEAN Gallery, Seoul, Korea

2011 The Landscape of Synchronism, Gallery IDM, Busan, Korea

The Landscape of Synchronicity, Da Xiang Art Space, Taichung City, Taiwan

2009 INNO Gallery, Seoul, Korea

Korea Contemporary Art Festival (KCAF), Seoul Art Center, Seoul, Korea

2008 The Landscape of Synchronism, Vit gallery, Seoul, Korea

2007 CROSS OVER, MOA Gallery, Paju, Korea

2006 An Image Dispersed into Time and Space, MANAS Art Center, Yangpyeong Korea

2005 MOA Gallery Heyri Festival, Paju, Korea

2004 10th Manif Seoul International Art Fair, Seoul Art Center, Seoul, Korea

Seoul Fine Art Festival SFAF, Seoul Art Center, Seoul, Korea

2001 Manif Seoul International Art Fair, Seoul Art Center, Seoul, Korea

The Bowl of Sound, Total Art Museum, Seoul, Korea

2000 EspaceTête d'Or, Lyon, France

1996 MESA Gallery, Busan, Korea

■ Group Exhibitions

2024 Brilliant Sunlight, Seoul Museum, Seoul, Korea

Kiaf Seoul 2024, COEX, Seoul, Korea

Art Taipei 2024, Taipei World Trade Center, Taipei, Taiwan

Intersect Aspen 2024, Aspen Ice Garden, Aspen, USA

VOLTA Basel 2024, Klybeck 610, Basel, Switzerland

Art Busan 2024, BEXCO, Busan, Korea

Intersect Palm Springs 2024, Palm Springs Convention Center, Palm Springs, USA

2023 Art Jakarta 2023, Jakarta International Expo, Jakarta, Indonesia

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- ART TAIPEI 2023, Taipei World Trade Center, Taipei, Taiwan
Intersect Palm Springs 2023, Palm Springs Convention Center, Palm Springs, USA
Art Central 2023, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, Hong Kong
INNER LIGHT, Doonamjae Art Center, Seoul, Korea
ART BUSAN 2023, BEXCO, Busan, Korea
VOLTA New York 2023, Metropolitan Pavilion, New York, USA
COLLECTION SPRING, LEE & BAE, Busan, Korea
- 2022 ART MIAMI 2022, One Herald Plaza, Miami, USA
Abu Dhabi Art 2022, Manarat Al Saadiyat, Abu Dhabi, UAE
DAEGU Art Fair 2022, EXCO, Daegu, Korea
ART TAIPEI 2022, Taipei World Trade Center, Taipei, Taiwan
Art Central 2022, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, Hong Kong
Art Busan 2022, BEXCO, Busan, Korea
Sense Essence, gallery b, Seoul, Korea
BAMA 2022, BEXCO, Busan, Korea
ENTOR+MENTEE, Hanwon Museum of Art, Seoul, Korea
- 2021 ART MIAMI 2021, One Herald Plaza, Miami, USA
Abu Dhabi Art 2021, Manarat Al Saadiyat, Abu Dhabi, UAE
Art Central 2021, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, Hong Kong
DAEGU Art Fair 2021, EXCO, Daegu, Korea
KIAF SEOUL 2021, COEX, Seoul, Korea
Art Busan 2021, BEXCO, Busan, Korea
Korea Galleries Art Fair 2021, COEX, Seoul, Korea
A Hybrid of Time and Form, Bon Gallery, Seoul, Korea
Craft, Moving Beyond Time and Boundaries, Seoul Museum of Craft Arts, Seoul, Korea
Palm Beach Modern + Contemporary I Art Wynwood, Online Viewing Room
- 2020 'As it is', LEE & BAE, Busan, Korea
India Art Fair 2020, NSIC Exhibition Grounds, New Delhi, India
Art KARLSRUHE 2020, Messe Karlsruhe, Rheinstetten, Germany
KIAF SEOUL 2020, Online Viewing Room
Art Busan 2020, BEXCO, Busan, Korea
Palm Beach Modern+Contemporary, Palm Beach Modern+Contemporary Pavilion, Miami, USA
- 2019 ART MIAMI 2019, One Herald Plaza, Miami, USA
CONTEXT Art Miami 2019, Miami Herald Plaza, Miami, USA
Layover, Soloarts Gallery, Seoul, Korea
Art Central 2019, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, Hong Kong
Korea Galleries Art Fair 2019, COEX, Seoul, Korea
London Art Fair 2019, Business Design Centre, London, UK
Seattle Art Fair 2019, Century Link Field Event Center, Washington, USA
- 2018 Dreamed of a Pig, Pink Gallery, Seoul, Korea
ART MIAMI 2018, One Herald Plaza, Miami, USA
CONTEXT Art Miami 2018, Miami Herald Plaza, Miami, USA
SCOPE Miami Beach 2018, Miami Beach Pavilion, Miami, USA
DAEGU Art Fair 2018, EXCO, Daegu, Korea
SOFA CHICAGO 2018, Navy Pier Festival Hall, Chicago, USA
KIAF SEOUL 2018, COEX, Seoul, Korea
Art New York 2018, Pier 94, New York, USA
100 Anniversary Exhibition, University of Seoul, Seoul, Korea

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- Art Busan 2018 BEXCO, Busan, Korea
Korea Galleries Art Fair 2018, COEX, Seoul, Korea
Art KARLSRUHE, Messe Karlsruhe, Rheinstetten, Germany
Art Wynwood 2018, One Herald Plaza, Miami, USA
Art of the Korean Aesthetic, PaikHaeYoung Gallery, Seoul, Korea
BeSeTo Festival 2018, Asia Cultural Center, Gwangju, Korea
- 2017 Winter Story - Pyeogchang Winter Olympics Exhibition, Public Inje Naeseorak Art Museum, Inje, Korea
ART MIAMI 2017, One Herald Plaza, Miami, USA
CONTEXT Art Miami 2017, Miami Herald Plaza, Miami, USA
SOFA CHICAGO 2017, Navy Pier Festival Hall, Chicago, USA
ART PARIS ART FAIR 2017, Grand Palais, Paris, France
Art Central 2017, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, Hong Kong
art KARLSRUHE, Messe Karlsruhe, Rheinstetten, Germany
Crafts+ space, Mokka Gallery, Seoul, Korea
MOTOR inquire of modern art, LOTTE Gallery, Daegu, Korea
TRESO 2017, Messe Basel, Basel, Switzerland
Cross Genre, Gyeonggi Museum of Art, Ansan, Seoul
- 2016 Scales of the Dragon, Seoul Art Center, Seoul, Korea
- 2015 The Memory of Europe, ARTSPACE HOSEO, Seoul, Korea
Korea Sculptor's Association Exhibition, KOSA space Gallery, Seoul, Korea
- 2014 Korea Basic Design Group International Invitation Exhibition, University of Seoul, Seoul, Korea
Korea Basic Design Institute of San Francisco International Invitation Exhibition, San Francisco State University, San Francisco, USA
From Seoul With Love, Neuer Kunstverein Aschaffenburg, Aschaffenburg, Germany
- 2013 Post Paris, WE Gallery, Yongin, Seoul, Korea
KIAF SEOUL 2013, COEX, Seoul, Korea
3 Exhibition, Lina Gallery, Seoul, Korea
Sur-Fantasy, JEAN Gallery, Seoul, Korea
- 2012 illuminated, Shin Hwa, Hong Kong
Dragon Scales, Haslla Art World, Gangneung, Korea
Ttriangle IX DecalageHoraire, Palais de Seoul, Seoul, Korea
BAMA 2012, BEXCO, Busan, Korea
Department of Sculpture, Gallery Jireh, Paju, Korea
Korea Galleries Art Fair 2012, Coex, Seoul, Korea
- 2011 Nouveau Départ, lang Gallery, Seoul, Korea
Steps on Balkan, Museum of Applied Art, Belgrade, Serbia
Exhibition of two Artists, Brûlée Gallery, Strasbourg, France
A Leap from the Deep-Sea, Sungshin Women's University, Korea, Korea
Segye Daily 22nd Anniversary Show, Gallery Luminarie, Seoul, Korea
8e Exposition DécalageHoraire, Gallery palais de Seoul, Seoul, Korea
Korean Sculptors Association, Seoul Museum of Art, Seoul, Korea
- 2010 Spacium Tempus Alchemy Gallery, Beijing, China
Ceramic Art & Technology, aT Center, Seoul, Seoul, Korea
SOFA CHICAGO 2010, Navy Pier Festival Hall, Chicago, USA
Ewha Sculpture Association WITH, Hanjeon Plaza Gallery, Seoul, Korea
Korea Art Explore, Gyeonggi Arts Center, Suwon, Korea
Seoul Modern Art Show, aT Center, Seoul, Korea
Application of Basic Design & Art through the Generations, Kyunghee University, Seoul, Korea

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- SHOW SHOW SHOW, DMC High-Tech Industrial, Seoul, Korea
Arts and Crafts Collaboration, Icheon World Ceramic Center, Incheon, Korea
Koeran Sculptors Association, Seoul Museum of Art, Seoul, Korea
Koera Contemporary Sculpture, View Cultural Complex, Seoul, Korea
7e Décalage, CERESTAR, Seoul, Korea
The Echo Wave, Club Gallery, Seoul, Korea
- 2009 Baum Club Fund, Baum Gallery, Seoul, Korea
Capital du verre, Brûlée Gallery, Strasbourg, France
Busan International Environment Art Festival, Korean Cultural Center, Tokyo, Japan
Art Encounter, Gallery Hannam The Hill, Seoul, Korea
ECHO, gallery Zandari, Seoul, Korea
New Wave 2009, MOA Gallery, Paju, Korea
Hot & Cold with Glass Festival, Mokkumto Gallery, Seoul, Korea
- 2008 Essentielle, Korea Art Centre, Busan, Korea
KIAF, Korea International Art Festival, COEX, Seoul, Korea
SEA, Galleryidm, Busan, Korea
Looking-Through, Baum Gallery, Seoul, Korea
Seoul Art Fair Busan 2008, BEXCO, Seoul, Korea
- 2007 Seoul Art Fair 2007, COEX, Seoul, Korea
L'art du feu, La galerie SEMA, Paris, France
ASIA-EUROPE, Hannover, Germany
Vision 2007, Gana forum Space, Seoul, Korea
- 2006 Poems lie in the picture, Insa Art Center, Seoul, Korea
City of Color Spectrum, Seongnam Arts Center, Seongnam, Korea
In Between, Woolim Gallery, Seoul, Korea
CROSS, Chosun Museum, Seoul, Korea
- 2005 05 Sculpture Group, Gallery AGIO, Seoul, Korea
Soft Power, Daejeon Museum of Art, Daejeon, Korea
- 2004 The Seoul Art Exhibition 2004, Seoul Museum of Art, Seoul, Korea
Art in Life, Chosun Museum, Gwangju, Korea
Exhibition of two Artists, Electric Power Corporation Gallery, Seoul, Korea
Overture 2004, White Elephant Gallery, Paris, France
- 2003 Art Group ELEVEN, Baik Song Gallery, Seoul, Korea
Object & Reflection, Duru Gallery, Seoul, Korea
From East to West Global Art, Venue Gallery, Seattle, USA
- 2002 Glass Art Festival, Insa Art Center, Seoul, Korea
Plan of Contemporary Art, Daegu Cultural Center, Daegu, Korea
- 2001 Glass Art Society, Corning, New York, USA
Contemporary Art Exhibition, GwangHwa Moon Gallery, Seoul, Korea
- 2000 International Art Fair "Strat" 00, Strasbourg, France
Galerie Espace Swiss, Strasbourg, France
- 1999 Odakyu Museum of Art, Shinjuku, Tokyo, Japan
Henri Lannoye Gallery, Belgium
J.P.C. 33, GanaBeaubourg Gallery, Paris, France
International Art Fair "Start" 99, Strasbourg, France
- 1998 International Art Fair 20th Century, Ghent, Belgium
Exhibition of two Artists, GalerieBrûlée, Strasbourg, France
Grand et jeunes d'aujourd'hui, L'espace Eiffel Branly, Paris, France

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43e Salon de Montrouge, Paris, France
International Art Fair "Start" 98, Strasbourg, France
1997 International Art Fair "Start" 97, Strasbourg, France
Exhibition of two Artists, Korean Cultural Center, Paris, France
B Gallery, Sinzheim-Baden, Germany
Exhibition of Two Artists, Brûlée Gallery, Strasbourg, France
1996 International Art Fair of Strasbourg S.I.A.C, Strasbourg, France
1995 Exhibition of two Artists, Brûlée Gallery, Strasbourg, France
Galeire à l'en-verre, Strasbourg, France

■ Collections

Department of Culture and Tourism, UAE
Seolhaewon Clubhouse, Yangyang, Korea
Mandarin Oriental London, London, UK
Chung-Ang University Central University R&D center, Seoul, Korea
HannamDe hilobby, Seoul, Korea
Ilshin Cultural Foundation, Seoul, Korea
Crown Haitai Confectionery Group, Seoul, Korea
National Museum of Contemporary Art(ART Bank), Gwacheon, Korea
Arte Company, Seoul, Korea
Embassy of Italian, Seoul, Korea
Company of Art Prise.com, Lyon, France
Pfaffenhoffen Protestant Church, Alsace, France
Young Won Trade, Seoul, Korea
Tréfileries de Xertigny, Xertigny, France
Chung-Ang University Main Building, Seoul, Korea

■ Awards

1999 First Prize, Contemporain Art Japan, Bourguil, France
1994 First Prize at The International Snow Sculpture Competition in Quebec, Canada
1994 Eurocreation Prize at the Pepiniere des Artistes, France