

Seontae Hwang



Seontae Hwang presents "glass-photo" which has been gradually formed through his 10 years of living and working in Germany. The artist calls his "glass-photo" a "thinking space." It is a kind of device in which it becomes possible to keep thinking by taking objects of thinking into it. By the way, what is it thinking? According to Vilem Flusser, a media thinker, "Thinking is something which keeps circulating spinning round in your head." It is arranged in order by it being organized in the linear form of words."

Considered of its use, "glass-photo" seems to be what makes it possible to keep thinking rather than to arrange thinking in order. It is a device to stay in the circulating state of thinking rather than to get out of it. The "thinking space" is composed of a photo, glass, and wood. A piece of photo stands and a piece of milky glass stands at some distance from the photo. And the periphery between them is closed by wood. Each type is independent and refers to each other. For example, an installation work from 2004, which studied the relationship between space and perception by changing the slope of a room 3 degrees can be seen as an extension of the "thinking space" to "a room of reality". Also, "glass-book", a three-dimensional glass sculpture created preparing for a group exhibition at the library of TU Berlin is repeated as a two dimensional "paper-book", that is, in the form of photograph in the "thinking space".

The "thinking space" reveals a daily life. It is presented in the form of photos taken as an aspect of its. As a thing with a date, it is recorded and memorized by the artist and it is projected in imagination as an image of a time by viewers. It is a light thing. It is light as it is a moment placed on a thin paper with color. Taken from a particular viewpoint it is what flows away. As a daily life gains thickness through the medium of opacity of glass and closeness of wood, it loses its date. Now it becomes the object of thinking without a history. It is transformed into infinite days of repetitive daily lives and the viewers' projection becomes stronger in the "thinking space." Now it becomes heavy. Being in the "thinking space," It can't remain light. It becomes of heaviness with its eternally returning time and infinite eyes. The "thinking space" reminds us the old excitement which

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"they" would have felt playing moving images in a "camera obscura." It is play of images, not of things and it is play of simulacra, not of reality. Today the room has been reduced to the size of a camera but the excitement and enjoyment seems to be just as it was long ago. They are alive in the movement of fingers pushing every time every where. The "thinking space" is as much the space of play as the camera obscura is. It is of heaviness in which the time of eternal return and the eyes of infinity are repeated but it is of lightness in which images and simulacra dance.

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■ Educations

2006 Postgraduate in Glass Art, Burg Giebichenstein University of Art and Design, Halle, Germany

2004 Diploma in Glass Art and Skulptur, Burg Giebichenstein University of Art and Design,
Halle, Germany

1997 BFA College of Fine Arts, Kyunghee University, Seoul, Korea

■ Selected Solo Exhibitions

2024 The Light Being, Gallery Now, Seoul, Korea

2023 Light of the Senses - Light of Purity, PYO Gallery, Seoul, Korea

Hwang Seontae | Living Light, Friedrichs Pontone, New York, USA

2022 Light-to capture time, Gallery Now, Seoul, Korea

The Space of Deep Thinking, LEE & BAE, Busan, Korea

2021 The power of light, Pontone gallery, London, UK

2020 Light : A Space to draw memory, PYO gallery, Seoul, Korea

2019 Night Windows, Cymay gallery, LA, USA

Line and Light-The Misconstruction of Depiction, tongin gallery, Seoul, Korea

2018 Light, Time & Space, Pontone gallery, London, UK

2017 Light-Time-Space, Artside gallery, Seoul, Korea

2016 Between Light and Space, Pontone gallery, London, UK

2015 Hwang Seontae solo exhibition, gallery Jeon, Daegu

The light, which has become the image. 63 art museum, Seoul, Korea

2014 sunlight, shine artists gallery, London, UK

2013 Transparent, Pyo gallery, Seoul, Korea

2011 Familiar Unfamiliar, LEE & BAE, Busan, Korea

Line and Light-The shadow of the essence & The trap of the sense, Dr.Park gallery,
Yangpyeong, Korea

The sunny room, white8 gallery, Villach, Austria

2010 Freezed story, Dr.Park Gallery, Yangpyeong, Korea

Frozen History, White8 Gallery, Vienna, Austria

2009 Seontae Hwang-solo exhibition Dr.Park Gallery, Yangpyeong, Korea

Things Seeing, Shinsegae Gallery, Kwangju, Korea

2008 Fragile eternity, Gallery66, Eckernförde, Germany

2007 Glass books, white8 Gallery, Villach, Austria

Glass books-Installation, showroom in house of artists of Schleswig-Holstein,
Eckernförde, Germany

2006 Stipendiaten Art, Johann-Friedrich-Danneil-Museum, Salzwedel, Germany

Stuffed words, Weißes Haus- Burg Giebichenstein, Halle, Germany

■ Selected Group Exhibitions

2024 The Great Heritage : Exploring Korean Cultural Heritage Through Art, Savina Museum,
Seoul, Korea

Reappearance and Consolation, Hampyeong Museum of Art, Hampyeong, Korea

With Gallery JEON, Gallery JEON, Daegu, Korea

KIAF Seoul, COEX, Seoul, Korea

Bank Art Fair, SETEC, Seoul, Korea

VOLTA Basel, Klybeck 610, Basel, Switzerland

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- Plastic Art Seoul, COEX, Seoul, Korea
Home Table Deco Fair, BEXCO, Busan, Korea
Diaf, EXCO, Daegu, Korea
Korea Galleries Art Fair, COEX, Seoul, Korea
Korea Galleries Art Fair in Suwon, Suwon Convention Center, Suwon, Korea
Intersect Aspen, Aspen Ice Garden, Aspen, USA
Intersect Palm Springs, Palm Springs Convention Center, Palm Springs, USA
EXPO Chicago, Navy Pier Festival Hall, Chicago, USA
Palm Beach Modern + Contemporary, Palm Beach County Convention Center,
Palm Beach, USA
Art Wynwood, The Art Wynwood Pavilion, Miami, USA
Art Palm Beach, Palm Beach County Convention Center, Palm Beach, USA
- 2023 Art Jakarta, Jakarta International Expo, Jakarta, Indonesia
Volta Basel, KLYBECK 610, Basel, Switzerland
3650 Storage-Interview, Seoul Museum, Seoul, Korea
THE WINDOW: Space of Meditation, The Trinity Gallery, Seoul, Korea
Art Vacance, Daejeon Shinsegae Gallery, Daejeon, Korea
Unusual Book Story, Ulsan Library, Ulsan, Korea
Turning Point, Eunam Museum of Art, Gwangju, Korea
Spring, one comma, the beginning of leisure, Goyang Aram Nuri Museum, Goyang, Korea
Art Central Hong Kong, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, Hong Kong
Intersect Palm Springs, Palm Springs Convention Center, Palm Springs, USA
A NEW HOME, Pontone Gallery, New York, USA
Art Miami, The Art Miami + CONTEXT Pavilions, Miami, USA
EXPO Chicago, Navy Pier Festival Hall, Chicago, USA
Palm Beach Modern + Contemporary, Palm Beach Country Convention Center,
Palm Beach, USA
- 2022 ABU DHABI ART, Manarat Al Saadiyat, Abu Dhabi, UAE
Warm current, Powerlong Art Museum, Shanghai, China
Common inspiration-with Jun Dongdzsu's poetry, Korean Cultural Center in Hungary,
Budapest, Hungary
The ARTPLACE HMC 2022 - Welcome Frieze, Oakwood Premier COEX Center, Seoul, Korea
ART-IST:ways of seeing, Boon the Shop Cheongdam, Seoul 2022 HI, LIGHT –
When light meets art' Koo House Museum, Yangpyeong, Korea
Art Central Hong Kong, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, Hong Kong
ART BUSAN, BEXCO, Busan, Korea
BAMA, BEXCO, Busan, Korea
Art Miami, The Art Miami Pavilion, Miami, USA
VIEWING ROOM : ART MIAMI COLLECTION 2022, Pontone Gallery, London, UK
EXPO Chicago, Navy Pier Festival Hall, Chicago, USA
EXPO London, Pontone Gallery, London, UK
- 2021 South Korean Contemporary Art, LPontone Gallery, Augusta, USA
ABU DHABI ART, Manarat Al Saadiyat, Abu Dhabi, UAE
ART BUSAN, BEXCO, Busan, Korea
Warm Revitalization-Gangwon Triennale 2021, Hongcheon, Korea
Craft, Moving Beyond Time and Boundaries, Seoul Museum of Craft Art, Seoul, Korea
Source of inspiration, Yeongwol Integrated Tourism Center, Yeongwol, Korea
Rest from the scent of art, Jeongeup Museum of Art, Jeongeup, Korea

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- One Fine Day, LG Signature Art Gallery, Korea
Art Miami, The Art Miami Pavilion, Miami, USA
- 2020 Neverland-Lightland, Busan museum of art, Busan, Korea
Sequence, Gallery We, Yongin, Korea
Apple in My Eyes, Soma Museum, Seoul, Korea
The Second Decade, Shinsegae Gallery, Kwangju, Korea
Hangul loved by big data, Sabina museum, Seoul, Korea
- 2019 Encounter, Pyo gallery, Seoul, Korea
Unnecessary Exhibition In Life, Seoul museum, Seoul, Korea
Variation in Sculpture, LEE & BAE, Busan, Korea
From Miami to London, Pontone Gallery, London, UK
- 2018 Act 1, scene 1, Summit gallery, Seoul, Korea
An unfamiliar book story, National library for children and young adults, Seoul, Korea
The phase of light, whiteblock gallery, Paju, Korea
畫畫-遊流山水-roam around Seoul, Sejong artcenter, Seoul, Korea
Light, Line and Blur... choeunsook gallery, Seoul, Korea
Unfinished landscape, STMAk, Seoul, Korea
Art Miami, The Art Miami Pavilion, Miami, USA
London Art Fair, Islington's Business Design Centre, London, UK
- 2017 Places and Spaces, Cmay gallery, LA, USA
Trick, shinsaegae gallery, Incheon, Korea
Spring, a comma, the beginning of leisure' Aramnuri museum, GoYang, Korea
evergreen everblue, the trinity gallery, Seoul, Korea
Context Art Miami, Art Miami + CONTEXT Pavilions, Miami, USA
START Art Fair, Saatchi Gallery, London, UK
- 2016 optical guidance, Krimson gallery, Seoul, Korea
Invite to Coffee Room, Kangneung Museum of Art, Kangneung, Korea
An Eye for Art, soul art space, Busan, Korea
- 2015 When Every Day Reveals Itself from Out of the Blue, Art Center White Block, Paju, Korea
Master of Light, Albermarle gallery, London, UK
Art go into the book., Kyobo art space, Seoul, Korea
- 2014 '物質' magic ilwoo space, Seoul, Korea
'Space:Life & Routine' choi junga gallery, Seoul, Korea
Reminiscenting, gallery form, Busan, Korea
春夜喜雨, gallery art & summer, Busan, Korea
Sense of Perspective_Hwang, Seontae/Min, Seongsik, superior gallery, Seoul, Korea
Draw the space with the line, S+gallery, Busan, Korea
- 2013 Dual exhibition-Seontae hwang, junho song, Pyo gallery, Korea
Portraits On the Road to..., white8 gallery, Vienna
Korean Collective, shineartists gallery, London, UK
G.P.S. Art Navigator, gallery purple studio, Namyangju, Korea
Real? Real!, gallery H, Ulsan, Korea
- 2012 Love ist 37.5, Ganaart gallery, Seoul, Korea
Reality Equals Dream, ion art gallery, Singapore
Momentary, JangHeung artpark, Yangju, Korea
A Magic Moment, Leonhard Ruethmueller gallery, Basel
Life In The Realm of Fantasy, vit gallery, Seoul, Korea
Un Lieu De La Memorie, BJN gallery, Seoul, Korea

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- Healing Camp, Ganagallery, Seoul, Korea
Wavelength of light, Lina gallery, Seoul, Korea
From Cover to Cover, Park Ryu Sook gallery, Seoul ,Korea
Autumn- Lost in Meditation, Lotte gallery, An-Yang, Korea
Artist books, Shinsaegae gallery, Korea
Artistic Period, interalia, Seoul, Korea
Revenge of mimesis, Adamas253 gallery, Korea
- 2011 Korean Collective Basel 2011, Art Center Halle33, Basel, Swiss
The purpose of life, POMA, Pohang, Korea
Color series-Black and white, gallery cola, Seoul, Korea
a cup of rest-a cup of smile, resort Villa32, GaPyeong, Korea
In Touch With Nature, gallerySP, Seoul, Korea
The aesthetics of something small, Art-User gallery, Seoul, Korea
Art in life, Life in art, Sculpture square, Singarpore
Dream Light 7, MBC Chuncheon R.Mutt1917, Chuncheon, Korea
Seoul Design Festival- Designer's Lab, COEX, Seoul ,Korea
Poster!Poster!, Interalia, Seoul ,Korea
YOUNG DYNAMIC CONTEMPORARY, white8 gallery, Vienna, Austria
- 2010 My private collection, Ganaart Gallery, Seoul ,Korea
experimenting colour and line, white8 gallery, Vienna, Austria
Closing Encounter, Jeju Museum of Art, Jeju, Korea
12.Cutting Edge, Seoul Auction, Seoul ,Korea
The book meets with the picture, Kuemsan gallery, Paju, Korea
Immunity, Zaha museum, Seoul ,Korea
Unfamiliar Time, Familiar Space, Interalia Art Comany, Seoul ,Korea
Artists, who paints the book, Borim art space, Paju, Korea
Eclaire, Hotel Lotte Exhibiton Hall, Seoul ,Korea
- 2009 CHANGING - International contemporary art, white8 gallery, Villach, Austria
The books, Park Ryu Sook gallery, Seoul ,Korea
The still: Logical conversation , gallery Hyundai, Seoul ,Korea
Book & painting -Seoul international book fair , Gallery Jinsun, Seoul ,Korea
outside-inseide, white8 gallery, Vienna, Austria
White winter, N Gallery, Seongnam ,Korea
Artists, who paints the book, Gallery Jinsun, Seoul ,Korea
- 2008 on the way -Meldorfer Culturpreis, Neue Hollenderei, Meldorf, Germany
Kunstaustellung, Kulturtag-Schleswig-Hlstein, gallery 66, Eckernförde, Germany
11th Gwangju Shinsegae Art Competition, Shinsegae Gallery, Gwangju ,Korea
Permanent presentation - International contemporary art - Gallery's Artists, white8 gallery,
Villach, Austria
Things Dancing, Dr. Park gallery, Yang Pyeong, Korea
- 2007 Drauing-black on white, frühstücksbühne, Eckernförde, Germany
- 2006 The future as pictorial vision-artprice Sparkasse, Haus der Sparkasse, Karlsruhe, Germany
Water, in Künstlerverein Walkmühle e.V., Wiesbaden, Germany
- 2005 Young Arts, Schlossgartensalon, Merseburg, Germany
Kunstpreis 2005-Bildhauer als Maler und Zeichner, Haus der Sparkasse, Karlsruhe, Germany
Young Forever - Löwenhof-Förderpreis, Löwenhof, Kunstforum Löwenhof e.V., Frankfurt/M,
Germany
Glassarts, Opelvillen, Rüsselsheim, Germany

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Equations, the library of TU, Berlin, Germany

2004 NEUE KUNST IN ALTEN GÄRTEN, Ober- und Untergut von Lenthe, Hannover, Germany

Glasklasse von Burg Giebichenstein, Glass museum Alter Hof Herding, Coesfeld-Lette, Germany

In the forest, an Institut for Elementares Formen der TU Braunschweig, Braunschweig, Germany

2003 The other generation- -5 Pictures over the age, Frankesche Stiftungen, Halle, Germany

2002 Identity - place, relations, memory, body, DGB-Haus and Löwen-Palais, Berlin, Germany

2001 Exhibition of foreign students of Burg Giebichenstein, in the ministry for education
and cultural of Saxonia-Anhalt, Magdeburg, Germany