

YU JINYOUNG

(b. 1977, KOREAN)

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Born in 1977, Korea
Lives and works in Seoul

ABOUT ARTIST

Working with a cast of semi-transparent sculpted characters, Yu Jinyoung explores the disparity between the outward and inward self. While her work has delved into a wide range of perspectives from that of long-suffering housewives to anxiety ridden workers catering to the whims of the uber-rich, Yu's conceptual impetus is consistently clear: to acknowledge the anxiety of social situations, and to expose the implicit acts of cover-up one engages in as they adhere to social conventions. This implied critique of social mores is further developed through the use of two opposing materials, and the tropes they represent, as the disguises and clothing rendered in vibrantly painted plaster are juxtaposed with a yearning for invisibility embodied in the weightless and transparent PVC.



Me & Them #3

2014

PVC, Fibre-reinforced plastic

Female figure: 153 (H) x 22 (W) x 21 (D) cm

Dog: 34 (H) cm

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Me & Them #5

2014

PVC, Fibre-reinforced plastic

Female Figure: 147 (H) x 47 (W) x 25 (D) cm Dog: 33 (H) cm

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EDUCATION

- 2001 B. F. A., in Sculpture, Sungshin Women's University, Seoul
2005 M. F. A., in Sculpture, Sungshin Women's University, Graduate School, Seoul

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2022 the LIFE II, Shoshana Wayne Gallery, Los Angeles
2018 the LIFE, CHOI&LAGER Gallery, Cologne
2017 Discerning Reflection, META4ART SPACE, Los Angeles
2015 MYSELF / THEM, POPUP GALLERY, Los Angeles
2013 I'M OK, Galleria patricia armocida, Milano
I'M OK, CHOI&LAGER Gallery, Cologne
2008 A family in disguise, UNION Gallery, London
2007 WELCOME, KIMI ART Gallery, Seoul
ABUNDANT EMPTINESS, Ami&kanoko Gallery, Osaka
2006 ABUNDANT EMPTINESS, Chang Gallery, Seoul
2004 LEAF, LIFE, Noam Gallery, Seoul

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 HUMAN, CHOI&CHOI Gallery, 2023
2022 GIRL MEETS GIRL, Vestfossen Kunstlaboratorium, Vestfossen (curated by Paul Carey-Kent, Jinhee Choi, Sunhee Choi and Jari Lager)
FLOWER, CHOI&CHOI Gallery, Seoul
Berlin Meets Seoul, Bermel von Luxburg Gallery, Berlin (curated by CHOI&CHOI Gallery, Bermel von Luxburg Gallery, KUNSTLEBEN BERLIN Art Guide UG)
2016 Please Return to Busan Port, Vestfossen Museum, Vestfossen
2015 Have a Good Day, Mr.Kim, Michael Horbach Foundation, Cologne
Dismantle a puddle!!, Busan
Aus dem Dunkel, Galerie Supper, Baden-Baden
2014 "82-33-44", Paris
Face to Face, Wall to Wall, yellowstone art museum, Montana
2013 Kunstellation, Mallorca
2011 Hello, LeBASSE projects, U.S.A
An eye on korean contemporary, Paris
The Solo Project Art Fair Basel
Hey!, musée de la halle st pierre, Paris
2010 Wow~! Funny Pop, Gyeongnam art museum, Gyeongnam, Korea
Lack of being, in ter alia art company, Seoul
Alice's Art Cube, Ansan arts center, Ansan
Star Wars-Episode III, UNC Gallery, Seoul
2009 The Cold Cell, do-it-yourself art centre, London
Transformation in art, Savina Museum, Seoul
Hong Kong Art Fair, HKCEC, Hongkong
Museum in a Look, Woljeon museum, Icheon
2008 Merry Colorful Abstraction, Gallery Artside, Seoul

- I Wanna Be a Contemporary Artist, The Arts House, Singapore
The Battle of Taste, Sangsangmadang, Seoul
- 2007 I Design, Kumho museum, Seoul
BATON TOUCH, art space hyun, Seoul
A complex, sungkok museum, Seoul
- 2006 Wall_a story behind That, Gallery Zandari, Seoul
Museum Festival, Seoul Museum of Art, Seoul
Whey protein, KIMI ART Gallery, Seoul
- 2005 Funny Funny 4, Gallery Sejul, Seoul
- 2004 Objet painting, Gallery Chosun, Seoul
21C shamanism, Gallery Choheung, Seoul
- 2004 Rapture Party, The alternative space Hap, Club COD, Seoul