

WONKUN JUN

(b. 1970, KOREAN)

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ABOUT THE ARTIST

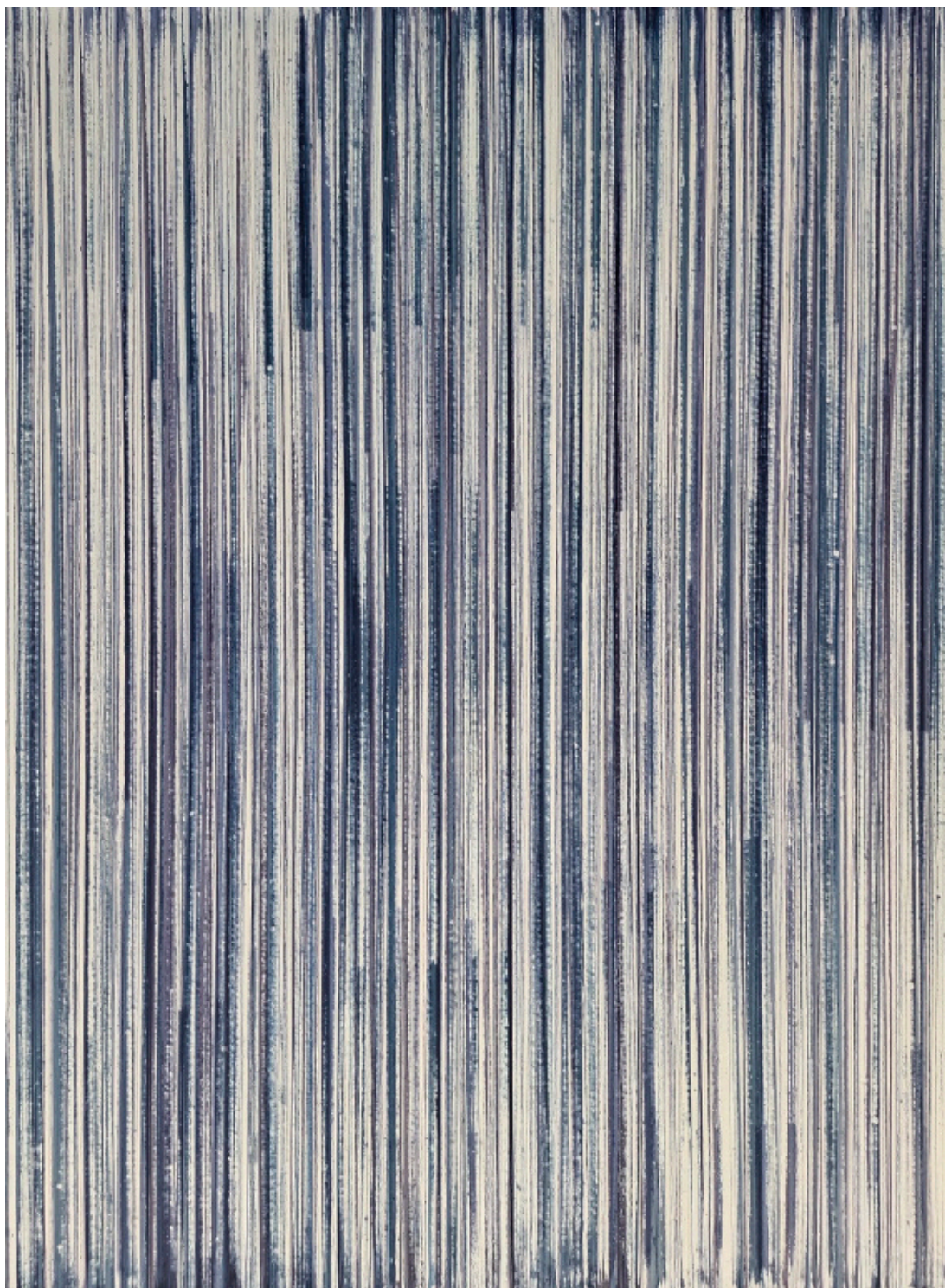
1990년대부터 독일에 거주하며 활동하는 전원근 작가는 '색'이라는 회화의 근본적인 물성을 이용해 단색의 추상적인 영역과 색의 관계를 탐구하며 절제된 단색화를 작가만의 새로운 시각으로 확장해왔다. 색은 전원근의 회화의 기본 요소이며 핵심 주제다. 작가는 시간을 두고 색을 수 없이 중첩 시킴으로써 회화에 시각적 공간을 창조하고 색의 음영이 창조하는 무한한 빛과 색의 깊이를 담아왔다.

전원근 작가는 캔버스에 묽은 아크릴 물감을 스무 번 이상 얇게 덧칠하여 색상을 고르게 분포한 뒤 물과 붓으로 닦아 낸다. 다시 빨강, 노랑 초록, 파랑, 이 네 가지 색을 50 겹 정도 쌓아 올리고 지우는 작업을 반복하는데 이 작업은 길게는 1년 이상이 걸리는 수행의 과정이다. 물감이 벗겨진 자국들과 수 겹의 색의 레이어가 서로 겹쳐져 은은하게 발색 되어 자연스러운 빛깔이 캔버스 밑에서부터 우러나온다

Color is the “fundamental element” of Wonkun Jun’s art, as the artist explained in an exhibition in 2006. He describes his painting as a manifestation of his sensitivity and the reflection of his emotions with the help of the “physical properties of paint and brush.” For Jun, “paint” and “brush” are humanistic elements and not industrial materials. For him, color is this independent element that allows him to reveal the emotions emanating from a situation.

By repeatedly applying light acrylic paints to a canvas primed in several layers, he manages to bring out this harmony that, for the artist, emanates from the colors. Jun’s paintings are for him like “a handwritten letter, my desire to fill them with my own colors and symbols, conveying sweet and comforting words.”

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Untitled

2024

Acrylic on canvas

120 x 90 cm

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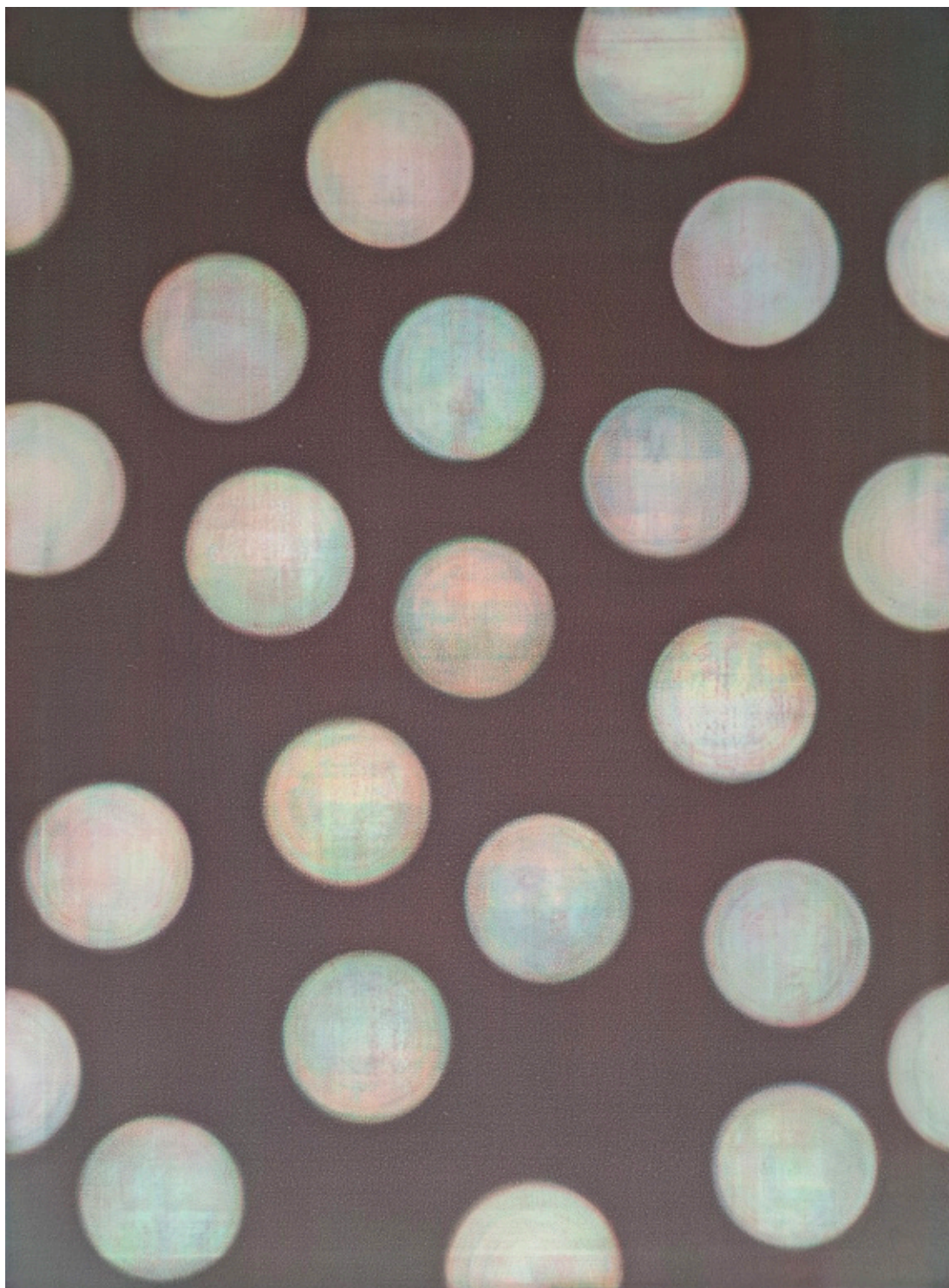
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Acrylic on canvas

100 x 80 cm

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2024

Acrylic on canvas

70 x 55 cm

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EDUCATION

- 1990-1996 Studies of Liberal Arts and Painting, Chugye University of Arts, Seoul
1998-1999 Studies of Liberal Arts and Painting, Kunsthochschule der Bildenden Künste, Brunswick
1999-2003 Studies of Liberal Arts and Painting, Kunstakademie Düsseldorf, Federle Class
2003 Degree as master student with Prof. Helmut Federle

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 Why we need to learn the language of plants, CHOI&CHOI Gallery, Seoul
2022 Die Insel, Galerie The Box, Düsseldorf
Wonkun Jun, Galerie LVS, Seoul, Korea
Dear Lil, Gallery shoobil, Antwerp Belgium
2021 painted Lines, Gallery Werner Klein, Cologne
2020 Farbe, Galerie Grewenig, Heidelberg
Colors by colors, Galerie Klaus Braun, Stuttgart
2019 Colors on colors, Galerie LVS, Seoul, Korea
2018 The Rhythm of Repetition, shoobil GALLERY, Antwerp
Scheinbar monochrom, Galerie artdepot, Innsbruck (with Ronald Kodritsch)
Wonkun Jun & Gabriele Obermaier, Kunstverein Ebersberg e.V.
2017 Wonkun Jun, Galerie Werner Klein, Cologne
Wonkun Jun, Kunstverein Junge Kunst, Trier
Wonkun Jun, Galerie LVS, Seoul, South Korea
Undefinable, Bräuning Contemporary, Hamburg
Wonkun Jun, Galerie Klaus Braun, Stuttgart
2016 Wonkun Jun, Youngen Art Museum, Kyungido, South Korea
2015 Enlightenment, Galerie LVS, Seoul, South Korea
Wonkun Jun, Galerie Cubus-m, Berlin
Wonkun Jun, kunstraumno.10, Mönchengladbach
2014 INSIDE OF INSIDE, Bräuning Contemporary, Hamburg
Farbe und Harmonie, Galerie Werner Klein, Köln
Wonkun Jun, Jun Azumatei, Galerie Katharina Krohn, Basel, Switzerland
2013 Schläft ein Lied in allen Dingen, Galerie m Beck, with Dr. Nicolaus Hipp, Homburg/Saar
It's me that you need, Galerie Cubus-m, Berlin
Speaking in colors, Galerie LVS, Seoul, South Korea
2012 Untitled2, Projektraum The BOX, Düsseldorf
Wonkun, Jun, Galerie Artary, Stuttgart
2011 Wonkun, Jun – Resonance, Galerie LVS, Seoul, South Korea
Painting and Drawing, Galerie Werner Klein, Cologne
2010 Kunstverein Duisburg, Duisburg
Das Eine und das Andere, kunstraumno.10, Mönchengladbach
Untitled, Projektraum The BOX, Düsseldorf
2009 season opening, Galerie Katharina Krohn mit Yeunhi, Kim, Basel, Switzerland
dialogue, Galerie Herold im Künstlerhause Güterabfertigung, Bremen
2008 Painting, Galerie Werner Klein, Cologne
Wonkun, Jun solo exhibition, Galerie S, Seoul, South Korea

- 2 junge Koreaner, Galerie schreier & von metternich fine art, Düsseldorf
- 2007 Blue-vision, Hankeesook Galerie, Daegu, South Korea
Because..., Galerie ON, Seoul, South Korea
Because..., Galerie im National Goyang art studio, South Korea
- 2006 Im Raum, Kunstverein Heinsberg
Basic element, kunstraumno.10, Mönchengladbach
- 2005 Farbfeld, Galerie Konard Moenter KG, Meerbusch
Neue Bilder, Galerie im Alten Schloss Gaildorf
- 2004 Abstraktion, Reduktion, Emotion, Galerie im Kultur Forum, Leverkusen
- 2003 Der stille Klang, kunstraumno.10, Mönchengladbach
- 2001 MALEREI, Galerie Konard Mönter KG, Meerbusch
- 2000 Form, Farben und Facetten mit Andrej Henze, Galerie GRAVÜRE, Essen

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS & ARTFAIRS

- 2023 From Berlin to Seoul: Crossing Horizons, CHOI&CHOI Gallery, HORI Artspace, AIF Lounge, Seoul and
Bermel von Luxburg Gallery, Berlin
- 2022 Berlin Meets Seoul, Bermel von Luxburg Gallery, Berlin, Germany (curated by CHOI&CHOI Gallery,
Bermel von Luxburg Gallery, KUNSTLEBEN BERLIN Art Guide UG)
- 2021 XX - 20 Jahre kunstraumno.10, Mönchengladbach
Farbe auf Papier, Galerie Klaus Braun, Stuttgart
- 2020 Youngeun Museum of Contemporary Art, South Korea
Chang Ucchin Museum of Art Yangju City, South Korea
2000 - 2020, Galerie Werner Klein, Cologne
Vielfalt der Farbe, Galerie Werner Klein, Cologne
- 2018 Museum of ART Collection, Art Museum Osan, South Korea
Art Rotterdam 2018, with Galerie Ron Mandos Amsterdam
Abstract, Galerie Benjamin Ecke, Munich
- 2017 Clayarch Gimhae Museum Cubic House, Korea
Galerie LVS, Seoul, Korea
Clayarch Gimhae Museum Cubic House, Korea
5, Bräuning Contemporary, Hamburg
Europa Konkret II, März Galerie m beck, Homburg/Saar
- 2016 Konkrete Kunst im Spiegel der Zeit, Kunstverein Dahn im Alten Rathaus
Tod & Wagnis, Galerie m beck, Homburg /Saar
Abstract mind, CICA Art Museum, South Korea
Positions Berlin with Bräuning Contemporary, Berlin
Art Central, Hongkong
Art Geneva, Geneva, Switzerland
- 2015 UNUNSEPTIUM, Galerie Artdepot , Innsbruck, Austria
Korean fusion, Galerie Ron Mandos, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- 2014 Die Grosse Kunstausstellung NRW, Museum Kunstpalast, Düsseldorf
Artist, Portrait of the aesthetic soul, Kembosung Artcenter, Seoul, South Korea
The Art House of Kuldoga City, Mark Rothko Art Center, Daugavpils Lettland
Wonkun Jun, Barbara Döffler, Salz Dirk, Verein für aktuelle Kunst / Ruhrgebiet e.V., Oberhausen

- NEO CODE, Osan Kunstmuseum, Osan, South Korea
- 2013 Color, Form, Function, Galerie collectors contemporary, Singapore
Art Busan, Busan, South Korea
My Point of View, Galerie Lexington, Busan, South Korea
Who's afraid of Color, Galerie Kramer Fine Art, Hamburg Artweek
So abstrakt!, Projektraum The Wand, Berlin
KIAF2013 – Korean International Art Fair, Seoul, South Korea
Heartbreaker Kunstauktion, K21, Düsseldorf
- 2013 Alle Jahre wieder, Galerie Katharina Krohn, Basel, Switzerland
- 2012 Art Karlsruhe, Karlsruhe
Power 1, Hankisook Galerie, Daegu, South Korea
Layer Players, Galerie Strzelski, Stuttgart
25. Mainzer Kunstpreis Eigenturm 2012, Mainz
Galerie Katharina Krohn, Basel, Switzerland
- 2011 Art Stage Singapore Kunstmesse, Singapore
Die Grosse Kunstausstellung NRW, Museum Kunstpalast, Düsseldorf
Drawing Festival, Galerie Kunst doc, Seoul, South Korea
Art Kwangju II, Kwangju, South Korea
KIAF2011 – Korean International Art Fair, Seoul, South Korea
Künstler der Galerie, Galerie Katharina Krohn, Basel, Switzerland
WonkunJun, ChunmoNam ,Sengtaik,chang, Toingin Auction Galerie, Seoul, South Korea
- 2010 Toingin Auction Galerie, Seoul, South Korea
Die Grosse Kunstausstellung NRW, Museum Kunstpalast, Düsseldorf
Justaposition, Ateliergemeinschaft Emmastrasse, Düsseldorf
Daegu International Art Fair – Sonderausstellung, Daegu, South Korea
KIAF2010 – Korean International Art Fair, Seoul, South Korea
- 2009 Weiss auf weiss, Galerie schreier & von metternich fine art, Düsseldorf
Wonderful pictures, ILMIN Kunstmuseum Seoul, South Korea
Kunstpreis Sezession, Mathildenhöhe, Darmstadt
Jahresrückblick und Überraschung, Galerie Katharina Krohn, Basel, Switzerland
- 2008 Schwarz – Weiss, Galerie schreier & von metternich fine art, Düsseldorf
Zur Kunst erklärt, kunstraumno.10, Mönchengladbach
Art Amsterdam 2008, Amsterdam, Netherlands
KIAF2008 – Korean International Art Fair, Seoul, South Korea
Gegenstandslos, Gesellschaft für Kunst und Gestaltung e.V., Bonn
- 2007 Die Grosse Kunstausstellung NRW, Museum Kunstpalast, Düsseldorf
Studio open, Galerie in der Goyang national artstudio, South Korea
Galerie Gainro, South Korea, Seoul
- 2006 Ellwanger Kunstausstellung 2006, Kunstverein Ellwangen
Große Ausstellung, Kunsthalle Villa Kobe, Halle (Saale)
- 2005 Galerie am Stadtmuseum Marlies Fischer-Zoeller, Düsseldorf
Die Grosse Kunstausstellung NRW, Museum Kunstpalast, Düsseldorf
- 2004 Galerie am Stadtmuseum Marlies Fischer-Zoeller, Düsseldorf
- 2003 Junge Künstler im Dialog mit Klassikern der Moderne, Galerie am Stadtmuseum, Düsseldorf

- Galerie der Kulturfabrik mit Chun und Katarina, Krefeld
 STANDORT WECHSEL, Stadthalle Detmold, Detmold
 Galerie Katharina Krohn, Basel, Switzerland
- 2002 Der Warteraum Schwarz, Rot und Gold, Atelier am Eck, Düsseldorf
 Nacht der Museen, Galerie am Stadtmuseum, Marlies Fischer-Zöller, Düsseldorf
 Internationale Kunstausstellung NATUR – MENSCH, Nationalpark Harz, Sankt Andreasberg
 Künstler der Galerie mit Werner Pokorney etc., Galerie am Stadtmuseum Düsseldorf
- 2001 Stiftung von BILA DE BANK, Enschede, Netherlands
 EMPRISE ART AWARD 2001, NRW-Forum Kultur und Wirtschaft, Düsseldorf
- 1997 Abschlussausstellung, Chugye University of the Arts Seoul, Dukwon Galerie, Seoul, South Korea

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2016 Residence program Youngen Art Museum, Kyungido, South Korea
 2013 Residence Mark Rothko Artcenter, Daugavpils, Latvia
 2006-2007 living studio scholarship The National Art Studio, Goyang, South Korea
 2004-2005 scholarship city painter Gaildorf
 2000 award for the picture "Alles im Fluß", Plasmaselect, Munich
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 2000 award for the picture "Alles im Fluß", Plasmaselect, Munich

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

- Kunstmuseum Kunstpalast Düsseldorf
 NRW-Kunstsammlung
 Youngen Artmuseum
 Konkuk University Medical Center
 Kyunghee University
 Hansol Hospital
 PlasmaSelect AG Munich
 Mark Rothko Art Center
 Stadthalle Gaildorf