

MINYOUNG KIM

Born 1989 Seoul, Korea

Lives and works in London, UK

ARTIST BIOGRAPHY

Minyoung Kim (b. 1989) is a Korean artist based in London, UK, who works with different media, which includes drawing, painting, collage, video, and ceramics. Kim graduated from Sungshin Women's University with a bachelor's degree in painting in 2012 and a master's degree in printmaking in 2014. She also earned a second master's degree in painting at the Slade School of Fine Arts in 2021 after graduating from there. She has had numerous solo shows and group exhibitions in different corners of the world.

Minyoung Kim explores feelings of both anxiety and regret in dreamlike compositions, channeling personal experiences into her painting practice. Kim's paintings appear both eerie and lighthearted, featuring recurring motifs of moons, flowers, knives, and anthropomorphic characters. Kim transforms scenes from everyday life into sinister moments by applying cartoon-like expressions to inanimate objects. There are elements of mystery in Kim's narratives, conveyed through shadows, muted colors, and an almost blurred finish. Her unsettling paintings echo her own personal cynicism, calling attention to the complexities of modern society. By using unstretched raw canvas, she portrays, in a soft manner, ironic scenes that combine what she refers to as strange but cute elements. It's in this light and serious ambivalence that she explores and reveals her inner self.

EDUCATION

2021 Slade School of Fine Art, MFA Painting (Distinction)

2014 Sungshin Women's University, MFA Printmaking

2012 Sungshin Women's University, BA Painting

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2023 Taymour Grahne Projects, London, UK, "*Mischievous Dreamer*"

2021 Taymour Grahne Projects, London, UK, "*Night Fever*"
Aoutgallery, Beirut, Lebanon, "*Moon Garden*"

2018 Selected Artist in Seoul Foundation for Arts and Culture, Place Mak, Laser, Seoul, Korea, "*The Night was Young*"

2016 Selected Artist in Beginners Project 2016, Seoul Art Space Seogyo, Seoul, Korea, "*The Wrecked Spaceship*"
Selected Artist in Doll Gallery 2016, Doll Gallery, Seoul, Korea, "*The Floating Utopia*"

2014 Selected Artist in BELT 2014, Lee Hwaik Gallery, Seoul, Korea, "*Selected Artist in BELT 2014*"

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 Enari Gallery, Amsterdam, Netherlands, *"Moons"*
Wilder Gallery, London, UK, *"Secret Gardens"*
Hashimoto Contemporary, New York, USA, *"Room With A View"*
Andrea Festa, Rome, Italy, *"Level Unlocked"*
Gallery2, Tel Aviv, Israel, *"Hopecoming"*
- 2022 Taymour Grahne Projects, London, UK, *"Landscape"*
Woaw Gallery, Hong Kong, *"Landscape"*
Taymour Grahne Projects, London, UK, *"Intimacy"*
Ojiri Gallery, London, UK, *"Colour, Culture, Feelings"*
V.O Curations, London, UK, *"Assemble"*
Crypt Gallery, London, UK, *"Skin of Your Teeth"*
Aoutgallery, Beirut, Lebanon, *"Gentle Distraction"*
- 2021 Fortnight Institute, New York, USA, *"Nine Lives"*
Arttime Art Centre, Kunming, *"Strange Fairy Tales"*
National Taiwan Arts Education Centre, Taipei, Taiwan, *"Green : Save the abandoned animals"*
Saatchi Gallery, London, UK, *"London Grads Now. 21"*
- 2020 ASC Gallery, London, UK, *"Slade Runner"*
- 2018 Space Can, Seoul, Korea, *"Seamless"*
- 2016 Yanju City Chang Uc Chin Museum of Art, Gyeonggi-Do, Korea, *"New Drawing Project"*
- 2015 Ara Art Center, Seoul, Korea, *"Seoul 2014 '50th anniversary of Sungshin Women's University"*
Fine Gallery Artshow Busan, Bexco, Busan, *"Origin of reproduction age"*
- 2014 Jean Gallery, Seoul, Korea, *"YOU! WHO?"*
- 2013 Art Soop Gallery, Busan, *"The Ugly Duckling"*
Si:jac Gallery, Seoul, Korea, *"The 31st Sungshin Prints"*
Moonhwa Station, Seoul284, Seoul, Korea, *"ASYAAF"*
Seoul Museum of Kyung-Hee-Geung Palace Annex, Seoul, Korea, *"Korean Contemporary Prints Exhibition"*

AWARDS & RESIDENCIES

- 2021 Slade Print Fair Scholarship prize
- 2020 Terence Cuneo Award
Max Werner Drawing Prize (nomination)
- 2018 Residency 2018 Marymod House with Can Foundation, Seoul

PUBLICATIONS

2022 ArtMaze Magazine Issue 26 - Artist Interview

2021 ArtMaze Magazine Issue 23
ArtMaze Magazine Issue 22