

SunKoo Yuh



The ceramic sculptures of SunKoo Yuh are composed of tight groupings of various forms including plants, animals, fish, and human figures. While Korean art, Buddhism, and Confucian beliefs inform some aspects of his imagery, implied narratives that often suggest socio-political critiques largely drive his work.

Yuh is currently Associate Professor at the University of Georgia, Athens, GA. The Rubin Center has exhibited two monumental columns that showcase Yuh's mastery of his complex narratives and the ceramic medium. Yuh's work is included in the collections of the Renwick Gallery at the Smithsonian in Washington, DC, The Philadelphia Museum of Art and The Museum of Fine Arts Houston, among others. Honors and awards he has received include the Joan Mitchell Foundation Grant, the Grand Prize at the 2nd World Ceramic Biennale International Competition, Icheon, Korea, The Elizabeth R. Raphael Founder's Prize, and the Virginia A. Groot Foundation Grant.

Education

- 1997 MFA, New York State College of Ceramics, Alfred, NY
- 1988 BFA, Hong Ik University, Seoul, Korea

Selected Exhibitions

- 2021 Duane Reed Gallery, St. Louis, MO
Racine Art Museum, Racine, WI
- 2019 Tempe Center for the Arts, Tempe, AZ
Mesa Contemporary Arts Center, Mesa, AZ
Tansey Contemporary, Denver, CO
- 2018 Saatchi Gallery, London, England
- 2017 Fowler Museum
Racine Art Museum, Racine, WI
Gravers Lane Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
- 2016 SOFA Chicago, Duane Reed Gallery
Texas Contemporary, Duane Reed Gallery
- 2015 Duane Reed Gallery, St. Louis, MO
- 2014 Clayarch Gimhae Museum's Touring Exhibition
SeMA Nam Seoul Living Arts Museum,
Seoul, Korea
- 2013 Clayarch Gimhae Museum Dome House,
Gimhae, Korea
- 2010 Lacoste Gallery, Concord, MA
The Kennedy Museum of Art, Athens, OH
Stanlee and Gerald Rubin Center for Visual
Art, University of Texas, El Paso, El Paso, TX

Selected Public Collections

- Renwick Gallery of the National Museum of American Art
Smithsonian Institution, Washington D.C.
- Icheon World Ceramic Center, Icheon, Korea
- The State Hermitage Museum, St. Petersburg, Russia
- Seoul Museum of Art, Seoul, Korea
- International Museum of Ceramic Art, Alfred, NY
- The Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, PA
- The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Houston, TX
- Oakland Museum of Art, Oakland, CA
- State Foundation on Culture & the Arts, Honolulu, HI
- Pacific Asian Museum, Pasadena, CA
- Honolulu Contemporary Museum, Honolulu, HI
- Long Beach Museum of Art, Long Beach, CA
- Wright State University, Dayton, OH
- Kennedy Museum, Athens, OH
- Fuller Crafts Museum, Brockton, MA
- Museum of Art & Archeology, Columbia, MO
- Society for Contemporary Crafts, Pittsburgh, PA
- Macon Museum of Art & Science, Macon, GA
- Clayarch Gimhae Museum, Gimhae, Korea