NamDoo Kim



NamDoo Kim is a South Korean sculptor working in the United State, known for his construction of figures from ceramic and glass. The artist's subjects are often portrayed as immature or infantile, restrained by oversized clothing and uncomfortable accessories. Accented with signature golden oculars for eyes, these characters nod to the promises and goals placed on individuals along with the realities of power, surveillance, consumerism, and economic pressures in achieving them.

"Through my work, I seek to expose the tension between individuality and conformity, examining how systems of mass production, commodification, and social hierarchy impact our lived experiences. My sculptures function as metaphors, making visible the intangible pressures of competition, status, and societal expectations. By employing materials such as glass and ceramic, I emphasize contrasts—transparency and opacity, fragility and permanence—mirroring the complexities of the human condition in modern consumer-driven societies." -Artist Statement

Education

2023 Ph.D., Glass, The Australian National university, Canberra, Australia
2015 Master of Fine Art, Glass, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester NY
2011 Bachelor of Fine Art, Glass & Ceramic, Hong-ik University, Seoul, South Korea

Selected Exhibitions

2026 Duane Reed Gallery, St. Louis, MO
44th Korea Galleries Art Fair, Gallery SKLO at COEX, Seoul
2025 Gallery SKLO, Seoul, South Korea
24th Korea International Art Fair, Gallery SKLO, Seoul
College of East Asian Studies Gallery, Middletown, CT
2024 Gallery SKLO, Seoul, South Korea
24th Korea International Art Fair, Gallery SKLO, Seoul
The Clay Studio, Philadelphia, PA
2023 Gallery SKLO, Seoul, South Korea
Alexander Tutsek-Stiftung Museum, Munich, Germany
Kastamonu University, Kastamonu, Turkey
2022 Gallery SKLO, Seoul, South Korea
BWA Wrocław Główny, Wrocław, Poland
Traver Gallery, Seattle, WA
The Hyundai Department Store, Seoul, South Korea
2021 Gallery SKLO, Seoul, South Korea
Korea Galleries Art Fair, Gallery SKLO at COEX, Seoul
Vergette Gallery, Carbondale, IL

