

# YU JINYOUNG

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Born in 1977, Korea

Lives and works in Seoul



## ABOUT ARTIST

유진영(b. 1977)은 반투명 조각 캐릭터들을 통해 인간의 외면과 내면의 차이를 탐구한다. 그녀의 작품은 오랜 기간 마음의 상처를 숨기며 침묵을 지켜온 주부들부터 기득권층의 변덕에 의해 불안감에 시달리는 직장인들에 이르기까지 광범위한 관점의 서사를 보여주지만, '사회적 관계들로 인해 파생되는 불안감을 드러내고 사회 속 관습에 영합하여 다른 이들의 고통을 방관하고 숨기는 인류의 모습을 조명하는' 일관적인 메시지를 전달한다. 이러한 작가의 작품의도는 부담스럽게 활기찬 것모습을 대변하는 밝은 채색의 석고와 존재를 드러내기를 거부하는 내면을 묘사하는 투명한 PVC, 두 가지 상반된 재료를 통해서도 나타난다.

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.

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the LIFE #12  
2020 - 2021  
FRP, PVC  
135 x 93 x 48.7 cm

Detail



Detail



## Exhibition View



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the LIFE #10  
2020  
FRP, PVC  
164 x 73 x 28 cm

Detail



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**the LIFE #14**  
2021  
FRP, PVC  
176 x 66 x 43 cm

Detail



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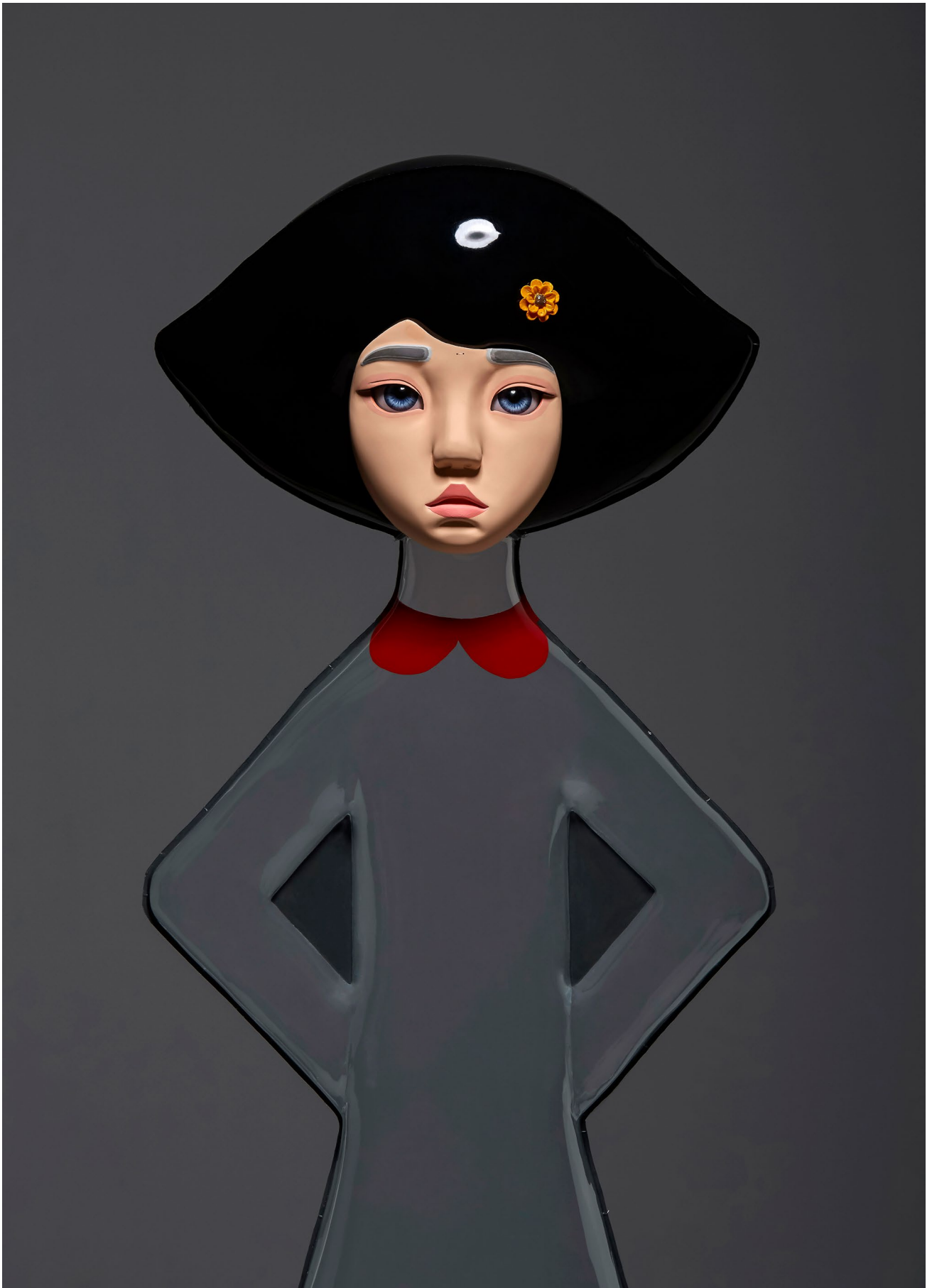
the LIFE #16

2022

FRP, PVC

138.5 x 41.5 x 23 cm (L), 40.5 x 22 x 24 cm (R)

Detail



## Detail



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**the LIFE #18**

2023

FRP, PVC

140 x 49.5 x 17 cm

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the LIFE #19

2024

FRP, PVC

125 x 49 x 21 cm (person), 20 x 21 x 9 cm (dog)

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the LIFE #20

2024

FRP, PVC

133 × 44 × 25 cm (person), 30 × 33 × 12.5 cm (dog)

## Detail



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the LIFE #9

2020

FRP, PVC

131 x 34 x 26 cm (person), 28 x 24 x 11 cm (dog)

## Detail



## Exhibition View

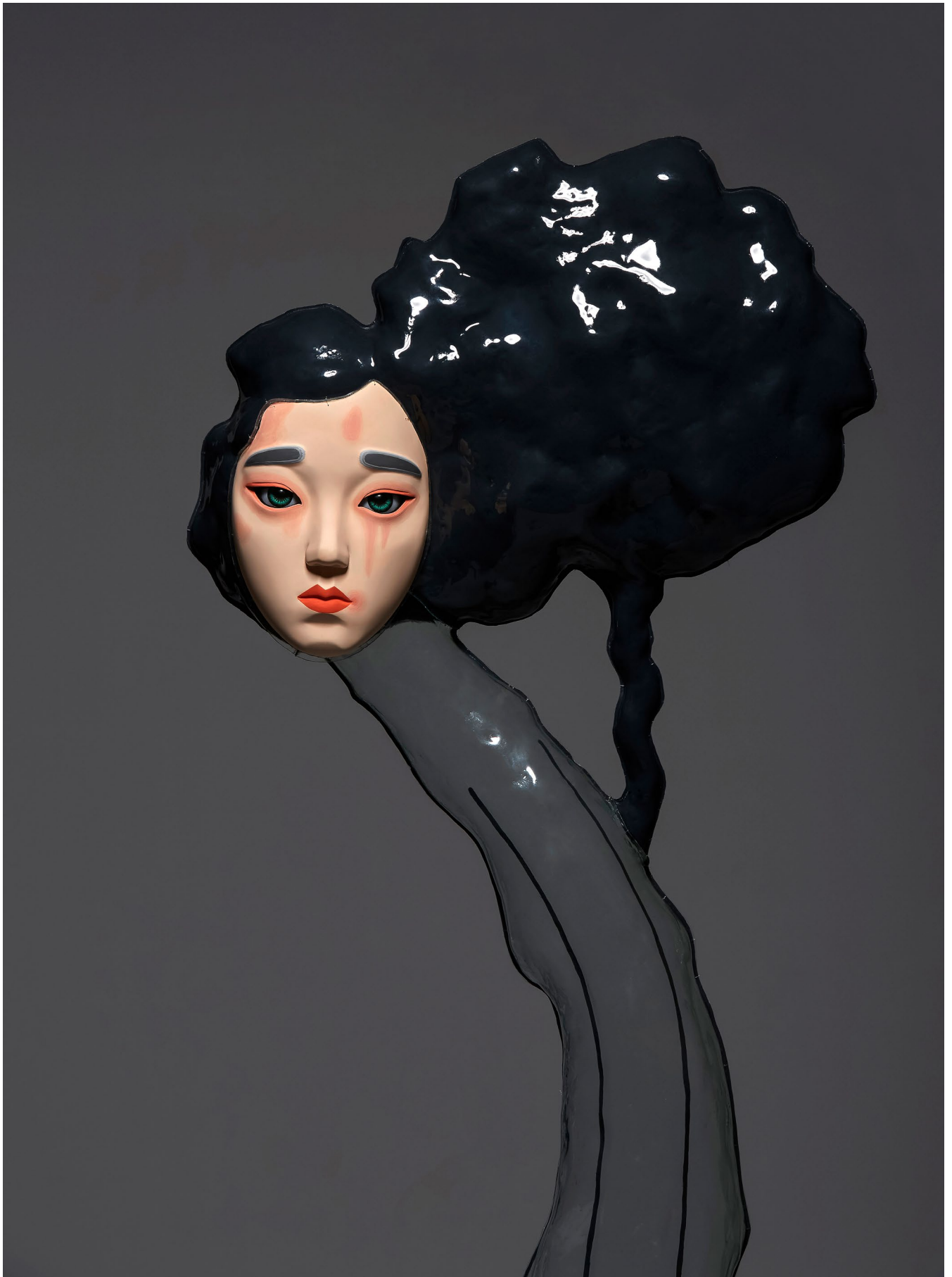


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the LIFE #3  
2017  
FRP, PVC  
160 x 39 x 19 cm

Detail



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I'M OK #5

2010

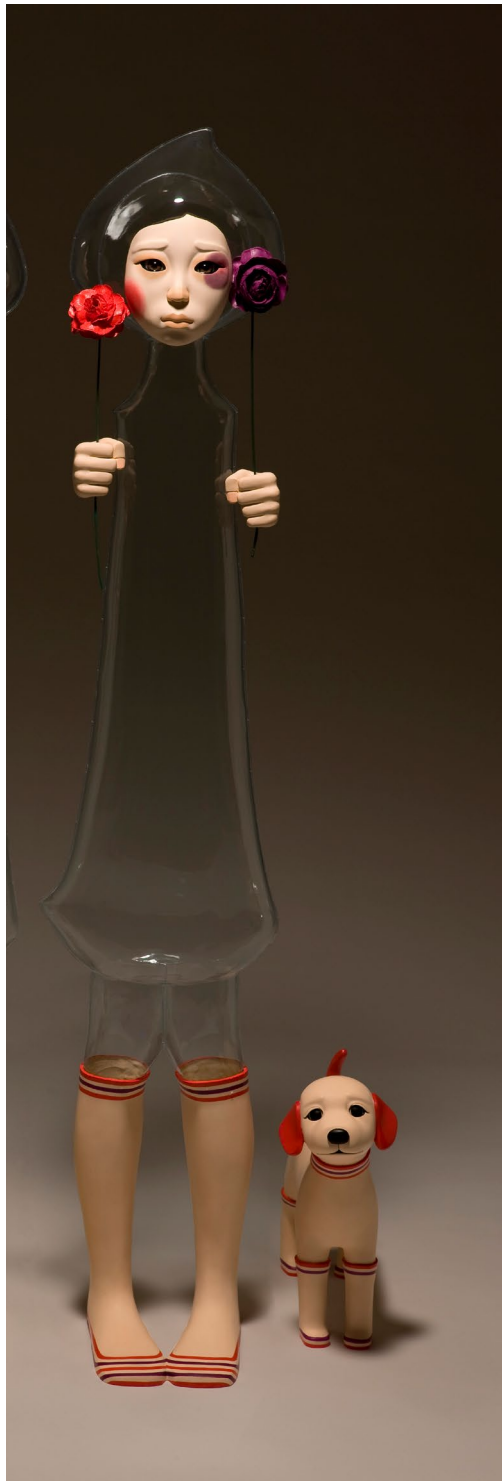
FRP, PVC

125 x 30 x 25 cm (person), 31 x 32.5 x 10.5cm (dog)

Detail



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I'M OK #6

2011

FRP, PVC

129 x 25.5 x 26.5 cm (person), 30.5 x 33 x 13 cm (dog)

## Detail



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the LIFE #21

2025

FRP.

72.5 x 89.5 x 11.5 cm

## Exhibition View



## 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

- 2025 the LIFE III, CHOI&CHOI Gallery, Seoul  
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, Seoul  
2022 GIRL MEETS GIRL, Vestfossen Kunstlaboratorium, Vestfossen  
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 Kunstallation, 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