

HELENA PARADA KIM

(b. 1982, GERMANY)

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ABOUT THE ARTIST

Born to a Korean nurse and a Spanish immigrant worker, Parada Kim was brought up in Cologne, Germany. Deeply touched by photographs featuring Korean nurses dispatched to Germany in her mother's photo album, she began tackling subject matters such as Korean nurses, ancestral rites, and especially 'hanbok,' exploring the personal stories pertaining to this traditional dress. The hanbok in her paintings ushers viewers to a specific era and moment, extending the arena of exploration to collective history.

The artist's interest in plants and gardening went hand in hand with her desire to paint them. The water lilies as well as the dandelion, rhododendron and hollyhocks which are depicted in her paintings are almost banal plants in their ubiquity. But it is precisely their supposed mundanity that provides the particular stimulus for the painter to extract the mysterious and almost inscrutable qualities from these plants.

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Veronica

2024

Oil on linen

180 x 140 cm

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Mother's Hands

2024

Oil on linen

135 x 100 cm

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Hostas and Ferns

2024

Oil on linen

80 x 60 cm

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Wedding Duck

2024

Oil on linen

30 x 40 cm

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EDUCATION

- 2002 – 2009 Kunstakademie Düsseldorf
2005 – 2009 Student of Prof. Peter Doig
2009 Masterstudent of Prof. Peter Doig

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 Zwischenräume, Museum for East Asian Art, Cologne
2022 Helena Parada Kim, Galleria Patricia Armocida, Milano
2021 'CACHEÉ', Choi & Lager Gallery, Cologne
'AQUILEGIA', Villa Angeli Pegognaga, Italy
2019 'Wasser, Portraits, Schatten' Neue Galerie Galdbeck, Gladbeck
2018 'Ausencias', Centro Cultural Coreano, Madrid, Spain
2018 HELENA PARADA KIM & ANDREAS BLANK, CHOI&LAGER Gallery, Seoul, Korea
2016 Helena Parada-Kim with Gorka Mohamed, Choi&Lager Gallery, Cologne, Germany
2015 'In Mother's Hanbok', Galerie Tristan Lorenz, Frankfurt a.M., Germany
2010 'Helena Parada', Galerie Bugdahn und Kaimer, Düsseldorf, Germany
2009 'Die Gesandten', Kunstverein Recklinghausen, Recklinghausen, Germany

GROUP EXHIBITIONS (since 2010)

- 2023 HUMAN, CHOI&CHOI Gallery, 2023
From Berlin to Seoul: Crossing Horizons, CHOI&CHOI Gallery, HORI Artspace, AIF Lounge, Seoul and
Bermel von Luxburg Gallery, Berlin
2022 FLOWER, CHOI&CHOI Gallery, Seoul
Girl Meets Girl, Vestfossen Museum, Norway
2020 Korean Eye 2020, Seoul, Korea
2018 NON SENSE MUSIC # 2 - BORDERS, Kunstraum Kreuzberg/Bethanien, Berlin
2017 The king of table, entretempo Kitchen Gallery, Berlin
The room of desires, raumwerk, Munich, Germany Weinosten, Hilbert Raum, Berlin
2016 'Please return to Busan Port', Vestfossen Kunstlaboratorium, Vestfossen, Norway (collaboration
curated by Choi&Lager Gallery)
Participation at Art Busan with Choi& Lager Gallery, Busan, Korea
Participation at 'Cofa(Cologne Fine Art)' Art Fair with Choi& Lager Gallery, Cologne, Germany
Works in the Penz Collection, Sammlung Penz, Berlin, Germany
'Bab-Sang Story', Entretempo Kitchen Gallery, Berlin, Germany
2015 ASIA NOW PARIS Asian Contemporary Platform, with Choi&Lager Gallery, Paris, France
'Neujahrspunsch', Galerie Tristan Lorenz, Frankfurt a.M., Germany Participation at Art Karlsruhe with
Galerie Tristan Lorenz, Karlsruhe, Germany
2014 'Hängengeblieben', Kunsthalle Recklinghausen, Recklinghausen, Germany Private and public
Portrait-commissions
2012 'NO.1' Kunstakademie Düsseldorf at Sky Office, curated by Julia Ritterskamp, Düsseldorf, Germany
2010 Participation at Art Cologne with Galerie Bugdahn und Kaimer, Cologne, Germany
'Self-Consciousness' curated by Peter Doig and Hilton Als, Veneklasen and Werner, Berlin, Germany
'Berlin Summer Interval', Bugdahn und Kaimer, Düsseldorf, Germany 'SHARED.DIVIDED.UNITED',
Kunstverein Hildesheim, Hildesheim, Germany
2009 SHARED.DIVIDED.UNITED Neue Gesellschaft für Bildende Kunst, Berlin, Germany
'Selected...continued', Galerie Bugdahn und Kaimer, Düsseldorf, Germany 'Werke', Städtische Galerie
Kaarst (group show), Germany

- 2008 Klasse Peter Doig in der Zeche Zollverein-Mischanlage, Essen, Germany 'Woher kommen? Was sind wir? Wohin gehen wir?', Galerie Arteversum, Düsseldorf, Germany
- 2007 Junge Düsseldorfer Maler, Kunsthalle Koblenz, Koblenz, Germany
- 2005 'Eine Woche junge Kunst' im Mediapark 5, Cologne, Germany
Maxims Art Award, Cologne, Germany
- 2004 1. Art Award of Kö-Galerie, Düsseldorf Lovells Art Award, Düsseldorf, Germany
- 2002 'Passion'- vierzehn Kreuzwegstationen", Basilika St. Aposteln, Cologne, Germany

COLLECTIONS

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