



Lim Ok Sang

b.1950 Buyeo

Summary

Lim Ok Sang, born in 1950 in Buyeo, Chungcheongnam-do, Korea. Following his graduation from Seoul National University with a B.F.A. and M.F.A. in Painting, Lim graduated from École d'art d'Angoulême, Angoulême in France. He then taught at the Jeonju University, Korea for a decade.

Lim has had over nineteen solo exhibitions including Samsung Hoam Museum, Alternative Museum and Gana Art Gallery and has participated in over hundred group exhibitions including Venice Biennale, Asia-Pacific Triennial of Contemporary Art, Gwangju Biennale and Beijing Biennale since 1970. His work is in the collections of the Korea National Museum, Seoul Museum of Art, Samsung Museum, and his work, *Standing in the Square-commemorating candlelight Revolution* is displayed on the wall of the Sejong Room of the Blue House. He works, too, as an art director or coordinator for World Ceramic Biennale in Gyeonggi province, "Nanjang in June" of Korea Democracy Foundation, Hi-Seoul Festival, Korean Federation for Environment Movement, Korea Green Foundation, Beautiful Store, President of the World Script Institute and Performance in Gwanghwamoon square.

The artist is celebrated as one of the leading artists of the Minjung movement in Korea and for work. He was one of the founders of a critical journal, "Reality and Utterance" that coincided with the beginning of the Minjung movement.

Lim is an artist adept at expression in many different mediums. Other than writing, paint, and metal the artist also has used paper and clay to form large scale figures that poignantly express the nature of mortality, the vulnerability and plight of the individual and humanity. The emphasis of his work has not only to speak out against injustice and the forces of destruction, but to make one aware of the value of life and the importance of preserving and caring for the environment in which we live.

Education

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| 1986 | Graduated from École d'art d'Angoulême, Angoulême, France |
| 1974 | MFA, Painting, Seoul National University, Seoul |



1972 BFA, Painting, Seoul National University, Seoul

Solo Exhibitions

- 2019 SA+, Hong Kong
- 2017 CMay Gallery, Los Angeles
Gana Art Center, Seoul
- 2015 May Hall, Gwangju, Korea
- 2013 Nowon Arts Center, Seoul
- 2011 Gana Art Center, Seoul
- 2005 Gallery Hana, Kronberg, Germany
- 2003 Gallery Pyundonamu, Seoul
- 2002 Insa Art Center, Seoul
- 2001 Korea Art Gallery, Busan, Korea
- 2000 Gana Art Center, Seoul
Orchard Gallery, Derry, United Kingdom
- 1997 Alternative Museum, New York
Gana Art Gallery, Seoul
- 1995 Gana Art Gallery, Seoul
Galerie Gana-Beaubourg, Paris
- 1991 Ho-Am Art Gallery, Seoul (Leeum, Samsung Museum of Art, Seoul)
- 1990 Ondara Gallery, Jeonju, Korea
- 1988 Gana Art Gallery, Seoul
- 1984 Seoul Art Gallery, Seoul



1981 Korean Culture and Arts Foundation, KCAF Arts Center, Seoul

Group Exhibitions

- 2018 *Contemporary Arts Reflection on an Ancient Kingdom Silla*, Gyeongju National Museum, Gyeongju, Korea
Changwon Sculpture Biennale 2018, Sungsan Art Hall, Changwon, Korea
SeMA 30th Anniversary Exhibition, Seoul Museum of Art, Seoul
Language sur le toile, Jungnang Art Center, Seoul
April Flower Remembering Culture Festival, Arario Museum, Jeju, Korea
4.3 70th Anniversary East Asian Peace Human Rights Exhibition - From Silence to Cry, Jeju 4.3 Peace Memorial Hall, Jeju, Korea
- 2017 *A Warm Dinner Table*, Artspace Boan1942, Seoul
Korea Tomorrow 2017: Narrative Landscape, Sungkok Art Museum, Seoul
The Portrait of Youth, National Museum of Korea Contemporary History, Seoul
PyeongChang Art Banner: All Connected, Olympic Park, Seoul
Keyword Korean Art 2017 Square Art: From Torch to Candlelight, Jeju Museum of Art, Jeju, Korea
- 2016 *Eye and Mind of Korean Contemporary Art II: Reinstatement of Realism*, Insa Art Center, Seoul
6th Imjin River Cultural Art Festival, Nonbat Gallery, Paju, Korea
- 2015 *Documentary of Trauma*, Goyang Aram Nuri Arts Center, Aram Art Gallery, Goyang, Korea
70th Anniversary of Independence- Korean Modern and Contemporary Art Special Exhibition, Daejeon Museum of Art, Daejeon, Korea
Plastic Myths, Asia Culture Center, Gwangju, Korea
- 2014 *Changwon Sculpture Biennale 2018*, Sungsan Art Hall, Changwon, Korea
Three Eyes I Do Have, National Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Deoksugung, Seoul
Neo-Sansu, Daegu Art Museum, Daegu, Korea
Art Lounge: Collection, Daegu Art Museum, Daegu, Korea
- 2013 *Contemporary Age: 30 Years with Artists*, Gana Art Center, Seoul
Argonautai, Gana Contemporary, Seoul
Haein Art Project 2013: maum, Haeinsa Museum, Hapcheon, Korea
- 2012 *SeMA Gold 2012: Hidden Track*, Seoul Museum of Art, Seoul



- Korean Art from the Museum Collection Grand-Narrative Part I*, National Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Gwacheon, Korea
- Becoming a Flower and Wind*, Seodaemun Prison History Hall, Seoul
- Here are People*, Daejeon Museum of Art, Daejeon, Korea
- 2011** *Abstract It!*, National Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Deoksugung, Seoul
Seoul, Seoul Museum of Art, Seoul
- 2010** *Beijing Biennale*, Beijing
Life, Peace, and Dream, Seoul Art Gallery, Seoul
The 30th Anniversary Exhibition of Reality and Utterance, Insa Art Center, Seoul
- 2009** *Beginning of New Era*, The Old Defense Security Command Site, Organized by National Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Seoul
Collection Highlights, National Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Gwacheon, Korea
- 2008** *Busan Biennale - Sea Art Festival*, Haeundae, Busan, Korea
- 2007** *National Highway No.1*, Gyeonggi Museum of Modern Art, Ansan, Korea
Power and Dreams of the Minjung: Chunggwanje People's Art Collection, Gana Art Center, Seoul
Fragrance of Baekje, Dream of Buyeo, Jeongnimsaji Museum, Buyeo; Bukchon Art Museum, Seoul
- 2006** *Korean Art 100 Years: Part II*, Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Gwacheon, Korea
- 2005** *DMZ 2005 International Contemporary Art Exhibition*, Paju, Korea
Kinetic Art: Re-reading the Fabre's Book of Insects, Gail Art Museum, GaPyeong, Korea
Good Pupil from a Lousy Teacher - Kang Tae Sung and Lim Ok Sang, Jeongdong Kyunghyang Gallery, Seoul
- 2004** *Beijing Biennale*, Beijing
Perspective of Contemporary Art, Sejong Center, Seoul
Peace Declaration 2004. 100 Global Artists, National Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Gwacheon, Korea
- 2003** *Cartoon in Art, Art in Cartoon*, Ewha Womans University Museum, Seoul
History and Awareness: Dokdo, Seoul National University Museum, Seoul
International Ceramic Biennale, Icheon, Korea
- 2002** *2002 Collection*, Seoul Museum of Art, Seoul



- 2001 *The 1980's Realism and the Age*, Gana Art Center, Seoul
Korean Art 2001: The Reinstatement of Painting, National Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Gwacheon, Korea
Spirit of May, 'Missing', Gwangju Museum of Art, Gwangju, Korea
- 2000 *Heyri Art Valley Performance*, Heyri Art Valley, Paju, Korea
History and Awareness – Installation Art of 5 Artists, Seoul National University Museum, Seoul
- 1999 *New Collections 92-98*, National Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Gwacheon, Korea
Northeastern Asia and the 3rd World Art, Seoul Museum of Art, Seoul
Small Prison, Large Prison, Seodaemun Prison History Hall, Seoul
- 1998 *Rebellious Imagination*, 21st Century Gallery, Seoul
Inaugural Exhibition, Gana Art Center, Seoul
The 50th Commemorative Exhibition of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Seoul Arts Center, Hangaram Art Museum, Seoul
- 1997 *Korean Contemporary Art Exhibition*, The Gallery of Lu Xun Academy of Fine Arts, Shenyang, China
The 2nd Gwangju Biennale Special Exhibition, Gwangju, Korea
Belonging to the Motherland, Seoul Museum of Art, Seoul
- 1996 *Contemporary Artists Exhibition*, Arario Gallery, Cheonan
Korean Artists of the 20th Century, Gallery Roh, Seoul
- 1995 *Korean Art, Light and Color*, Ho-Am Art Gallery, Seoul
Korean Contemporary Art, National Art Museum of China, Beijing
Korean Contemporary Art, National Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Gwacheon, Korea
The Tiger Tail – Venice Biennale, Venice
The 50th Anniversary of Independence History, Seoul Arts Center, Seoul
Information and Reality, The Fruitmarket Gallery, Edinburgh, Scotland
The 1st Gwangju Biennale - International Exhibition, Gwangju, Korea
- 1994 *The 100th Anniversary of Donghak Peasant Revolution: Bird, Bird, Blue Bird*, Seoul Arts Center, Seoul
15 Years of Minjung Art: 1980-1994, National Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Gwacheon, Korea
40 Years' History of Korean Contemporary Art, Ho-Am Art Gallery, Seoul
Seoul 600 Years, Seoul Arts Center, Seoul



- 1993 *The 1st Triennale Asia-Pacific Contemporary Art*, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia
10th Anniversary Exhibition, Gana Art Gallery, Seoul
- 1992 *Exhibition of the Travel to the Silk Road*, Donga Gallery, Seoul (1992 - 1993)
10 Years After December Exhibition, Dukwon Gallery, Seoul
Scenery of Our Era: 2nd Anniversary Exhibition, Moran Museum of Art, Namyangju, Korea
Jeju Shilla 2nd Anniversary Exhibition, Jeju Shilla, Jeju, Korea
- 1991 *Anti-Apartheid*, Seoul Arts Center, Seoul
10th Anniversary Exhibition, Seoul Art Gallery, Seoul
Field, Wind, People, Ondara Gallery, Jeonju, Korea
- 1989 *FORUM*, Hamburg, Germany
- 1988 *Minjung Art: A New Cultural Moments from Korea*, Artist Space, New York
Milano Triennale, Milano
- 1983 *Artists of Interest*, Seoul Art Gallery, Seoul (1983 - 1984)
People, Shining Spirits, Seoul Art Gallery, Seoul
Les Gens, Les Espirits, Association du d'Arts di Angoulême (AcApA), Angoulême, France
- 1980 *Reality and Utterance Exhibition* (1980 - 1990)
- 1977 *The 3rd Group Exhibition* (1977 - 1982)
- 1972 *December Exhibition* (1972 - 1982)

Public Art Projects

- 2018 *Farming, Coloring Art: Making Face of Soil*, Heuk Salim, Chungbuk, Korea
Let's Make the Beautiful Country Together, Near Insa Art Center, Seoul
Playground 'Pulmoogolmoo', Changsin-dong, Jongno-gu, Seoul
Everyone: Chun Tae-il Memorial Hall Sculpture, Chun Tae-il Memorial Hall, Seoul
- 2017 *I Love You: Purme Children Rehabilitation Center Sculpture*, Purme Foundation Nexon Children's Rehabilitation Hospital, Seoul
Farming, Embracing Art: Heuk Salim 1st Farming Art Festival, Heuk Salim, Chungbuk, Korea
4th World Script Symposia: Connecting the Character, Seoul YounSeul; Seoulllo 7017; Daewoo Foundation Building, Seoul



- 2016** *Gwanghwamun Square Candlelight Performance*, Gwanghwamun Square; Gyeongbokgung; National Assembly, Seoul (2016 - 2017)
The Comfort Women Memorial, Namsan Park, Seoul
Lee Uh Ryung, Chungnam Buyeo High School, Buyeo, Korea
3rd World Script Symposia: Haengnang, Jongno-gu Nakwon Building, Near Ilsun-dong, Seoul
- 2015** *Changsin Sotong Workshop Center: Changsing-dong Re-Yagi*, ARKO Art Center, Seoul
Everybody's Hope: 1st Year of Memorial Service in Sewol Ferry, City Hall Square, Seoul
A New View of Samgaksan, Gwanghwamun Square, Seoul
Lim Ok Sang's Mureung Mudeong Performance, May Hall, Gwangju, Korea
2nd World Script Symposia, Jongno-gu Tongeui-dong, Seoul
- 2014** *Flowers Fade Before Blooming*, Cheonggye Plaza, Seoul
Drawing Seoul, Seoul City Hall Seosomun Garden, Seoul
Alice's Room (Lim Ok Sang, Seung Hyo Sang), Changwon Sculpture Biennale, Gyeongnam, Korea
The Tree of Peace and Reconciliation, Sejong Center, Seoul
1st World Script Symposia: Scripts of the World-The Future is Wild!, Sejong Center, Seoul
- 2013** *Seoul Energy Tree*, Seoul City Hall, Seoul
- 2012** *Now, It's a Farming*, Sejong Center; Gwanghwamun Square, Seoul
The Flag of Poetry, Shin Dongyeop Literary Museum, Buyeo, Korea
- 2011** *Roh Moo-Hyun, Son of the Earth*, Bongha Village, Gyeongnam, Korea
- 2010** *Prism of Hope*, Eagon Corporation Building, Incheon, Korea
Think and Think Again, Hwacheon, Kangwon, Korea
The Picture Drawn by Wind, High1 Resort, Kangwon, Korea
The Chusa Kim Jeong Hui Bust, Jeju Chusa Hall, Jeju, Korea
A Dictionary for Words of Happiness, Home Plus Sangdong Store, Bucheon, Korea
Climate Crisis Clock, Copenhagen, Denmark
The World Where People Are Living, Bongha Village, Gyeongnam, Korea
- 2009** *Sky in a Bowl*, Worldcup Park, Seoul
Discovery of Daily Life, Gyeomjae Jeongseon Memorial Museum, Seoul
Songpa Tree of Hope, Songpa-gu Office, Seoul
Climate Crisis Clock, Copenhagen, Denmark
385 Doors to Communication, Incheon Foundation for Arts & Culture, Incheon, Korea



- Land of Light*, Pangyo New City Sculpture, Pangyo, Korea
Tears of the Penguin: Please Raise It Up, Seoul Climate Change Expo, Seoul
- 2008** *A Tombstone of Poetry for Moon Ik Hwan's Words*, Hanshin University, Seoul
The Caterpillar's Dream, The National Assembly Barrier-free Playground, Seoul
Dongchun Raemian Playground, Yongin, Korea
Welcome Rain on the Green, Green Hospital, Seoul
Life, Hwacheon, Kangwon, Korea
Huh Huh Buddha 2, Haeinsa, Gyeongnam, Korea
Nolja (Let's Play) Project: Seoul Foundation for Arts and Culture, Dobong Seowon Welfare Center, Seoul
- 2007** *Huh Huh Buddha*, Jeongnimsaji Museum, Buyeo, Korea
Walking Through Clouds, Hwacheon, Kangwon, Korea
The Martyr Lee Jun Bust, Supreme Prosecutors' Office, Seoul
- 2006** *Playground - I Am a Magpie*, Siheung, Korea
Environmental Doomsday Clock, Lotte Department Store Main Branch, Seoul
Imagination, the Land of Giants/the Caterpillar's Dream, Seoul Forest Barrier-Free Playground, Seoul
STOP! Co2!, Seoul City Hall Square, Seoul
100 Years of Bright Candle, Paju, Korea
- 2005** *The Street of Jeon Tae-il*, Cheonggye 6-ga, Seoul
The Navel of the World: BOOK THEME PARK, Seongnam, Korea
- 2004** *Dreaming Garden*, Jamsil Galleria Palace, Seoul
- 2003** *For Labor*, Green Hospital, Seoul
Rising Mountain, Nongseong Station, Gwangju, Korea
- 2000** *Let's Go Catch the Moon*, Woobang Apartment, Seoul Time, Yeongam, Jeonnam, Korea
God of Freedom in Korea, Maehyang-ri, Gyeonggi, Korea
- 1998** *The Song We All Sing Together*, KT&G Office Building, Seoul
- 1996** *History of Gwanghwamun*, Gwanghwamun Station, Seoul



Grants & Awards

2004	DongA play award for Stage Design
1993	Total Art Award
1992	Gana Art Award
1985	Hak Won Art Award

Collections

Gana Foundation for Arts and Culture, Seoul
Gwangju Biennale, Gwangju, Korea
Gwangju Museum of Art, Gwangju, Korea
Gyeonggido Museum of Modern Art, Gyeonggi, Korea
Gyeongnam Art Museum, Changwon, Korea
Jeju Museum of Art, Jeju, Korea
Kumho Asiana Cultural Foundation, Seoul
Leeum, Samsung Museum of Art, Seoul
Museum SAN, Wonju, Korea
National Museum of Contemporary Art, Korea
OCI Museum, Seoul
Seoul Museum of Art, Seoul
Seoul National University Museum, Seoul
Sungkok Art Museum, Seoul
Total Museum of Contemporary Art, Seoul

Publications

2017	<i>Look at, Ok-Sang, Nanda</i> <i>Without Wall Museum, Epiphany</i>
2003	<i>Autumn Story Diary, MyungSang</i>
2000	<i>Without Wall Museum, itreebook</i>



Who Doesn't Dream of a Beautiful World?, itreebook