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Sarah Lee (b.1990) is a Los Angeles-based artist. She was born in 1990 in Korea, grew up in New York and studied Fine Art at the Pratt Institute of Fine Arts. She received her BFA from Art Center College of Design in 2016, and MBA from Seoul National University in Seoul, Korea in 2021. Her art dwells in the contentious realms of politics and philosophy. Raising important questions on the tenuous boundaries of social constructs through her practice, Lee redefines contemporary notions of intuition and logic.

She held her first solo exhibition, *I Am Not Unconscious*, in February 2016, followed immediately by *Ignis Fatuus*, in July 2016. She had a solo show: *Episteme, A Free Man's Yoke* in March 2021, which took place in Punto Blu gallery in Seoul, Korea.

"I work with colors and movements. The physicality of the gestural brushstrokes and the interplay between the colors represents the complexity and the inconsistency of the mind. Paintings are the gateway to one's mind: They are sensual and playful, yet immersed in abstraction. Without exiting the traditional settings of a painting, I question the boundaries within the system. The gray-areas between representation and abstraction, primitiveness and sophistication, intuition and logic, and attraction and repulsion are proposed to the audience to encounter the subjective nature of the mind. I push the paint around, accompanying the paint to search for its place. As an artist, I hide and reveal on behalf of the painting. Frequently, I also lose control, allowing it to change its mind. The human mind has no boundaries - it is inconsistent, child-like, logical and indefinite. I work to represent this within the four corners of a canvas."

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EDUCATION

- 2021 MBA, Seoul National University, Seoul, South Korea
- 2017 Gunmyungwon, Seoul, South Korea
- 2016 BFA, Art Center College of Design, Pasadena, CA, USA
- 2014 Seoul National University, Seoul, South Korea
- 2013 Fine Art, Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY, USA

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2021 *Episteme, A Free Man's Yoke*, Gallery Punto Blu, Seoul, South Korea
- 2016 *I Am Not Unconscious*, Art Center College of Design, Pasadena, CA, USA
Ignis Fatuus: a room of my own, Art Center College of Design, Pasadena, CA, USA

DUO EXHIBITIONS

- 2021 *[Framed Superiority]*, Gallery Punto Blu, Seoul, South Korea
- 2018 *Poetic Disharmony*, Gallery Pont des Arts, Seoul, South Korea

ART FAIRS

- 2019 *Palm Springs Art Fair*, California, USA
- 2018 *Seoul Art Show*, Seoul, South Korea
- 2017 *Imperial Palace Hotel Air Fair*, Seoul, South Korea

CURATORIAL PROJECTS

- 2016 *Leveled*, Art Center College of Design, Pasadena, CA, USA *Fearless Moves*, Art Center College of Design, Pasadena, CA, USA

AWARDS, GRANTS & ARTIST RESIDENCY

- 2016 AC Departmental Scholarship, Art Center College of Design, Pasadena, CA, USA Provost's List (GPA above 3.8), Art Center College of Design, Pasadena, CA, USA
- 2015 Pasadena Art Alliance, Art Center College of Design, Pasadena, CA, USA Provost's List (GPA above 3.8), Art Center College of Design, Pasadena, CA, USA
- 2014 San Marino Art League, Art Center College of Design, Pasadena, CA, USA Provost's List (GPA above 3.8), Art Center College of Design, Pasadena, CA, USA

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- 2013 Art Center 100 Annual, Art Center College of Design, Pasadena, CA, USA Provost's List (GPA above 3.8), Art Center College of Design, Pasadena, CA, USA
- 2010 Scholarship, Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY, USA
- 2008 Korea, Japan, China Joint Art Contest 1st Place Winner (Painting) in Spain Zaragoza Expo, Zaragoza, Spain

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- 2016 Club Art Korean Association President, Art Center College of Design, Pasadena, CA, USA
- 2015 Club Art Korean Association President, Art Center College of Design, Pasadena, CA, USA
- 2014 Club Art Korean Association President, Art Center College of Design, Pasadena, CA, USA
San Marina League Luncheon Scholarship Recipient Exhibition, Art Center College of Design, Pasadena, CA, USA
Grapes vs. Grains, Art Center 100 Scholarship Recipient Exhibition, The California Club, Los Angeles, CA, USA

39+ ART SPACE

39+ Art Space is a Singapore-based art gallery that focuses on showcasing internationally established and emerging contemporary artworks and collections.

“We see 39+ Art Space as a nouveau platform to introduce and promote international artists across Asia, and to springboard Asian artists to the global stage - as well as to be a player in the secondary art market. We are delighted to collaborate with these artists to feature contemporary art pieces, as part of the opening premiere to new possibilities and engagement in art in Singapore from 39+Art Space.”

- Liu Ying Mei, Founder and Director of 39+ Art Space

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