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Boomoon

Boomoon was born in Daegu, South Korea, in 1955. He lives and works in Toseong (Gangwon province). His interest for photography was sparked in the 1970s and he decided to abandon painting, enrolling in the photography department of the Chung-Ang University in Seoul. At the beginning of his career, he mainly photographed the urban and rural landscape, documenting the rapid transformation of Korean society. In the 1980, he started to create photography of landscapes without any human presence. More than just a naturalist, he associates his reflections on perception and on the human condition with the experience of a natural site. That is when he started the On the Clouds series, followed by Naksan, Sansu, Northscape and Skogar. His work often represents vast expanses of sea, sky and earth, placing the accent on experiencing of the infinite scale of nature.

Boomoon has exhibited his work in South Korea, Japan and major cities such as Paris, London and New York. His works feature in collections of the Yokohama Museum of Art in Yokohama, Japan, and the Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art (MMCA) in Seoul, South Korea, among others. From October 2013 to January 2014, a retrospective with large series of landscapes by Boomoon was organised at the Daegu Art Museum in South Korea.

Exhibitions

Solo shows

2019

Bosphorus by Boomoon, Borusan Contemporary Art Museum, Istanbul, Turkey

Sainte-Victoire, Galerie Lelong & Co., Paris, France

2018

Falling Water, Flowers Gallery, New York City, United States

2017

Photography as Attitude, MOA Museum, Gwangju Gonjiam, Republic of Korea

2016

Skogar & Sansu, Flowers Gallery, London, United Kingdom

Boomoon, Forum Für Fotografie, Cologne, Germany

2015

Naksan, Flowers Gallery, New York City, United States

2014

Boomoon, Flowers Gallery, London, United Kingdom

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- 2013
Constellation, Daegu Art Museum, Daegu, Republic of Korea
Soldiers 1978, Bongsan Cultural Center, Daegu, Republic of Korea
- 2012
In the Woods, Leeahn Gallery, Daegu, Republic of Korea
- 2011
Sansu & Naksan, Hakgojae Gallery, Seoul, Republic of Korea
Sansu, Yokohama Civic Art Gallery-Azamino, Yokohama, Japan
- 2009
Northscape, Johyun Gallery, Busan, Republic of Korea
Presence, Johyun Gallery, Seoul, Republic of Korea
- 2008
Northscape, Parkryusook Gallery, Seoul, Republic of Korea
On the Clouds, Gallery Bhak, Seoul, Republic of Korea
Close & Wide, Gallery Shilla, Daegu, Republic of Korea
- 2007
Photographs 2000-2007, Arko Art Center of Arts Council Korea, Seoul, Republic of Korea
To the Stones, C-Fine Art, Seoul, Republic of Korea
- 2006
Boomoon, Johyun Gallery, Busan, Republic of Korea
On the Clouds, Gallery Shilla, Daegu, Republic of Korea
- 2002
Stargazing, Ci-Gong Gallery, Daegu, Republic of Korea
- 2000
Boomoon, Gallery Shilla, Daegu, Republic of Korea
- 1999
Boomoon, Gallery Side2, Tokyo, Japan
Boomoon Kwon : Hahoe Village of Andong, Photographs 1976-90, Artinus Gallery, Seoul, Republic of Korea
- 1997
Boomoon Kwon: Attitudes, Chapelle St. Louis de la Salpêtrière, Paris, France
Recent Works, Chun Gallery, Seoul, Republic of Korea

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1996

Boomoon Kwon, Chun Gallery, Seoul, Republic of Korea

1994

Boomoon Kwon, Inkong Gallery, Seoul, Republic of Korea

1993

Kwon Boomoon, Soo Gallery, Seoul, Republic of Korea

1989

Kwon Boomoon, Inkong Gallery, Seoul, Republic of Korea

1983

Countryside, Gallery Maek-Hyang, Daegu, Republic of Korea

1975

Photo Poems, Gallery Dae-Baek, Daegu, Republic of Korea

Photo Poems, Press Center, Seoul, Republic of Korea

Group shows

2020

Water Reverie, Borusan Contemporary, Istanbul, Turkey

2019

Permafrost, Fox Jensen Gallery, Sydney, Australia

They are Uttered and Left Unfinished, All the Loves in the World, Borusan Contemporary, Istanbul, Turkey

2018

Wilderness, The New Art Gallery, Walsall, United Kingdom

s.m.a.r.t. Paths to sustainability, PhotoEspaña, Madrid, Spain

Vertical Impulse, Horizontal Impulse, Daegu Art Museum, Daegu, Republic of Korea

Gangwon The Story, Gangneung Art Center, Gangneung, Republic of Korea

2017

Remains of the Days, Borusan Contemporary, Istanbul, Turkey

Tree, Simulacrum, Sea, Moon, Borusan Contemporary, Istanbul, Turkey

Expression of Landscape, Daegu Art Museum, Daegu, Republic of Korea

Stars of stars, Gyeongnam Art Museum, Changwon, Republic of Korea

Photographic Visions, WAP Art Space, Seoul, Republic of Korea

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- 2016
Deck Voyage, Borusan Contemporary, Istanbul, Turkey
Out of Obscurity, Flowers Gallery, London, United Kingdom
- 2015
Human Nature, Flowers Gallery, London, United Kingdom
- 2014
National Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Seoul, Republic of Korea
Korean Beauty-Two Kinds of Nature, out of Obscurity, Flowers Gallery, London, United Kingdom
- 2013
Asia Code-Zero, Seoul Olympic Museum of Art, Seoul, Republic of Korea
- 2012
Photography from the Museum Collection: Images in Silence, National Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Gwacheon, Republic of Korea
- 2007
Views of Water - From Monet & Taikan to the Present, Yokohama Museum of Art, Yokohama, Japan
Void in Korean Art, Samsung Museum Leeum, Seoul, Republic of Korea
- 2004
Officina Asia, Galleria d'Arte Moderna, Bologna, Italy
- 2001
The Horizon: Sea & Sky, Gallery Berini, Barcelona, Spain
- 2000
Natural Blues, Arte Contemporanea Zero Gallery, Piacenza, Italy
Anti-Memory: Contemporary Photography II, Yokohama Museum of Art, Yokohama, Japan
- 1998
Personal Visions, Focus on Photography: Dream Collection IV, Miami Museum, Miami, United States

Public collections

JGS Foundation, New York City, United States

Yokohama Museum of Art, Yokohama, Japan

Art Bank of the National Museum of Contemporary Art, Gwacheon, Republic of Korea

National Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Seoul, Republic of Korea

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Hana Bank Collection, Seoul, Republic of Korea

Leeum Samsung Museum of Art, Seoul, Republic of Korea

Borusan Contemporary Collection, Istanbul, Turkey

Daegu Art Collection, Daegu, Republic of Korea

IBM Art Collection, New York, United States

Swiss RE, Zürich, Switzerland