

Duri Park

The Forest

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345 East 104th Street, New York

For the first solo exhibition in New York, abstract painter Duri Park will present the forest series, which has been her subject from the beginning of her artistic career. Forest is part of Earth, the universe and foundation of life. As a part of nature that has life, it shares similar traits to humans – to live in harmony with others. Her thoughts on the forest motivate many imaginative and pictorial expressions. Thus her works reflect the image of forest and Earth which include the beginning and end of life through layers of color.

Recognized for her early paintings of forest, the works in this exhibition continue her recent experimentations with a profound structure. Her early paintings depict the idea of nature's providence by portraying earth forms. More recently, she has become focused on the "invisible world" of the forest. The things that are merely visible to us are not all there is. As an artist, she is attracted to those things which disappear within a moment, and some of the images in her paintings are responses to the gestures of loneliness or despair of the small and insignificant.

By building layers of color, she shows nature's intention through its peculiar perceptual depth. She wishes that her work is to have the viewer achieve a state of attainment, through a process of meditating on the mysteries of living things.

Duri Park (b. 1954 in South Korea) lives and works in New York. She studied at the Art Students League of New York in 2015. She received her MFA from Kyungnam University in 2000 and BFA from Sejong University in 1981. For the past two decades, she had more than 29 solo exhibitions of painting, including 9 international exhibitions in Paris, Taiwan, Osaka, Tokyo, Rome, San Francisco, and New York. Also, she participated more than 300 group exhibitions worldwide, including in Russia, Sweden, Austria, China, Japan, and Thailand. Important mural commissions include Changwon MBC, Lotte Department Store, and the Muhak Company in South Korea.

Duri Park (b.1958)

Born in Masan, South Korea

EDUCATION

2015- 2017 Art Student League of New York, NY, USA.

2000 Kyungnam University Graduate School of Education(MFA), Korea

1981 Sejong University, College of Fine Arts(BFA), Korea

ARTISTIC CAREER

2016-2018 Dongseo Art Prize steering committee

2012-200 Executive Committee and Jury of Sung san Art Contest

2012-2008 Lecturing art at Masan University School of Continuing Education

2010-2002 Lecturing art at Changshin College, Masan

2010-2009 Commentary Panel for of Art Corner at Good Morning MBC

2008-2007 Architectural Committee of Masan City

2008-2003 Head of Contemporary Art Branch of Masan Art Association

2006-2001 Lecturing art at Kyungnam University

1981-1995 Teaching at Masan Women's Senior Secondary School

RESIDENCY

2016 Selected for The Art League Residency VYT in New York, USA.

SOLO EXHIBITION

29 Solo Shows, over 300 Group Shows in Korea and Japan, USA, Italia, France, Taiwan etc.)

INTERNATIONAL SOLO EXHIBITION

2016 Gallery Labyrinth Annex Art Spheres International Center of CCCS in New York, USA

2015 Gallery Riverside, Riverside Square, Hactensack in NJ,USA

2007 Embassy of Korea in Italy, Art

2006 Tinan City Culture Center Museumper , Tiwa

2005 The Joongang news paper co, Art Hall, San Francisco, USA

2005 Biz Gallery San Francisco, USA

2005 Fuji Gallery, Osaka, Japan

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2001 Gallery Etienne de cojang, Paris, France