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Artist Statement

Living as an immigrant and existing on the margins of society has shaped my interest in the relationship between being and environment. This connection has become a central theme in my work. In recent years, my focus has expanded from personal experiences to a more universal perspective. By recognizing my own existence as small and accidental, I have moved away from nihilism and toward an attention to moments of coexistence. I often find myself drawn to the quiet beauty of the cosmos, where different lives share the same space and time, as if we are part of a larger landscape. I am drawn to the simple truth that we coexist, and that this alone has meaning.

I collect inspirations not only from my own dreams and memories but also from the archetypes, something universal and primal. My process is a journey to navigate between forms and lines; the organics and the universe; representation and abstraction; certainty and improvisation.

Automatism is the main technique that I follow. I begin painting with simple compositions and colours without planning the whole work. The next step will be accompanied with intuitive decisions or with a calculated manner. My goal is to compose each of the layers in harmony. I believe that not knowing the outcome is a key to make the process more fun. I enjoy my process of looking for the best harmony among the absurdities.

CV

EDUCATION

- 2020 **B.F.A., Drawing and Painting**
OCAD University, Toronto, ON, Canada
- 2011 **B.A., Educational Psychology**
Sookmyung Women's University, Seoul, Korea
- 2011 **B.A., English Language and Literature**
Sookmyung Women's University, Seoul, Korea

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2026 **Artist Project**, Toronto, Canada (Upcoming)
- 2025 **Visionary Projects Benefit Exhibition**, New York, USA
- 2025 **Echoes**, Living Arts Centre, Mississauga, Canada
- 2025 **Artist Project**, Better Living Centre, Toronto, Canada
- 2025 **The Power of She**, Summer & Grace Gallery, Oakville, Canada
- 2025 **Art Gems Auction**, Toronto, Canada
- 2024 **Ephemera**, Small Arms Inspection Building, Mississauga, Canada
- 2024 **Art Gems Auction**, Toronto, Canada
- 2023 **TOAF62: Toronto Outdoor Art Fair**, Toronto, Canada
- 2022 **Get Noticed 2022**, The Red Head Gallery, Toronto, Canada
- 2022 **Art Comp**, 100 Kellogg Lane, London, Canada
- 2022 **Creative Resilience/Resilient Creativity**, First Canadian Place, Toronto, Canada
- 2022 **TOAF61: Toronto Outdoor Art Fair**, Toronto, Canada
- 2022 **Overzealous 2022, Perception**, Art Space Connect Gallery, Toronto, Canada
- 2021 **Collective Experience**, Propeller Art Gallery, Toronto, Canada

- 2021 **VAM43 Juried Show**, Visual Arts Mississauga at Riverwood, Mississauga, Canada
- 2021 **Sanitized Activity**, Propeller Art Gallery, Toronto, Canada
- 2020 **Fresh Paint / New Construction**, Art Mûr, Montreal, Canada
- 2016 **Why the @#&! Do You Paint?: Go Figure**, Gladstone Hotel, Toronto, Canada

SOLO/DUO EXHIBITION

- 2023 **Radiant Resilience** (Duo show), Cedar Ridge Gallery, Toronto, Canada
- 2022 **Immersed In Bliss** (Duo show), The Red Head Gallery, Toronto, Canada
- 2021 **Unsettler's Chair** (Solo show), Selected Marong, Seoul, Korea

RESIDENCY

- 2023~2025 City of Mississauga Resident Artist, Living Arts Centre, Canada

AWARDS

- 2020 Fred Hagan, Passion in Painting Award, Canada
- 2020 Drawing & Painting Class of 2020 GRADEx 105, Emerging Artist Award, Canada