

Heesoo Kim

B.1984

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Introduction

Based on his careful observations of individuals living mundane lives, Kim explores and conveys various aspects of human existence using bold colours and uninhibited lines. Under the key theme of “Normal Life,” his works continue to raise questions about what constitutes an ordinary life. The images of people with their eyes closed or fixed somewhere else evoke diverse senses, memories, emotions and imagination. As a result, Kim’s works urge us to recognise our own reflections in them, and thus strike a chord with a wider audience. Foregrounded against abstract backgrounds, each character reveals their own condensed narrative.

Education

2011 BFA, Advertising and Design, KONKUK University, Seoul, South Korea

Solo Exhibitions

- 2022 *Normal Life*, Unit London, London, UK
Artbusan, Gallery Afternoon, Seoul, South Korea
Normal Life - Lovers, Gallery Kabinett, Seoul, South Korea
Can Art Ibiza, Gallery Afternoon, Ibiza, Spain
- 2021 *Normal Life - Be Normal & People*, Gallery Afternoon, Seoul, South Korea
Heesoo Kim, Platform (online), Unit London, London, UK
- 2020 *The Other Side of My Mind*, Everyday Mooonday, Seoul, South Korea
Normal Life - Drawing, Herald Artday, Seoul, South Korea
Normal Life - Memo, Gallery Kabinett, Seoul, South Korea
- 2019 *Normal Life - Day*, Holocoin Studio, Seoul, South Korea
Live drawing performance with Seokcheol Yun, Seoul, South Korea
- 2017 *Normal Life - People*, Holocoin Studio, Seoul, South Korea
Normal Life, Everyday Mooonday, Seoul, South Korea
- 2016 *Normal Life*, Bang Studio, Seoul, South Korea
- 2014 *Sketch Exhibition*, Opium Studio, Seoul, South Korea

Group Exhibitions

- 2022 *Nassima Landau*, Tel Aviv, Israel
- 2018 *Art Supermarket*, Insa Art Center, South Korea
- 2015 *Colour on Canvas*, Mimesis Art Museum, Paju, South Korea

Press (selected)

- 2022 August
'Heenang heesoo Kim's Neo-Modernist Portraits Reflect the Anxieties of Daily Life', Artsy
'Heesoo Kim's Nameless Portraits Reflect Universal Human Experiences', Ocula
- June
'Heesoo Kim: A Retreat in South Korea', Juxtapoz

2021 September
'Heesoo Kim: Normal Life', Korean Kulture

2020 November
'HeeSoo Kim Explores "The Other Side of My Mind" in Latest Seoul Exhibition', Hypebeast

Collections

Sagol Family Collection, Tel Aviv, Israel