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Ken Gun Min

Born 1976 in Seoul, Korea
Lives in Los Angeles, CA

Education

- 2006 MFA, Academy of Art University, San Francisco, CA
2000 BFA Hongik University, Seoul, Korea

Solo Exhibitions

- 2025 *The vastness is bearable only through love*, Savannah College Museum of Art and Design, Savannah, GA
- 2024 Art Basel Miami Beach, presented by Nazarian / Curcio, Miami, FL
Tomorrow Field, Kyoto, Japan
The Lost Paradise, Museum of Contemporary Art Denver, Denver, CO
- 2023 *Sweet Discipline from Koreatown*, Shulamit Nazarian, Los Angeles, CA
Profile, Shulamit Nazarian, EXPO Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 2022 *Silverlake Dog Park*, Shulamit Nazarian, Los Angeles, CA
Wounded man, Hard-boiled Wonderland and The End of the World, K Contemporary, Denver, CO
- 2020 "G.B.T.Y.C" *go back to your country/goodbye to your compulsion*, K Contemporary, Denver, CO
- 2018 *Becoming palm tree*, Gae po dong 1227-3, Seoul, Korea
- 2017 *Go west*, westmoreland project space, Los Angeles, CA

Group Exhibitions

- 2025 *Lunar Phases: Korean Moon Jars*, Denver Art Museum, Denver, CO
- 2024 *7th Annual BOZO Family Hoedown*, Bozo Mag, Pasadena, CA
Notes on Masculinity, Lyles & King, New York, NY
Wonderland, Lehmann Maupin, Seoul, South Korea
- 2023 *People of the Otherworld: Ken Kiff in Dialogue*, curated by Kathy Battista, Albertz Benda, New York, NY
Who is Your Master?, curated by Wolf Hill, 1969 Gallery, New York, NY
Strings of Desire, Craft Contemporary, Los Angeles, CA
- 2022 *i know you are, but what am i? (De)Framing Identity and the Body*, Utah Museum of Contemporary Art, Salt Lake City, UT
Storm Before the Calm, curated by Michael Slenske, Praz-Delvallade, Los Angeles, CA
TEN YEARS, Shulamit Nazarian, Los Angeles, CA
Bozomag: Bozo Family Hoedown, M+B gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2020 *Sparkle in, Fade out*, Torrance Art Museum, Torrance, CA
Tailgate, Monte Vista Project, Los Angeles, CA
36 Paintings, Harper's, East Hampton, NY
As of Now, K contemporary, Denver, CO
Color theory: a contemporary art intervention, The Colorado Governor's Mansion, Denver, CO

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2018 *What If Utopia- Queer Biennale*, Navel, Los Angeles, CA
Stepping into Radiant Future, Last Project, Los Angeles, CA
Identity and Desire, Advocate and Gochis Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
In this together, Castelli Artspace, Los Angeles, CA

2015 *Young Artist award*, Johansson Gallery, Berlin, Germany

Public Collections

Institute of Contemporary Art Miami, Miami, FL
Los Angeles County Art Museum, CA
Speed Museum of Art, Louisville, KY
CCS Bard, Hessel Museum of Art, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY
JP Morgan Chase Art Collection
X Museum, Beijing, China

Awards & Fellowships

2019 Hopper Prize Finalist
2015 Young Artist Award, Direktorenhaus, Berlin, Germany
2004 Super Hero Artist Award, Kellogg Foundation, New York, NY

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2021 Gómez-Upegui, Salomé. *The 10 Best Booths at Untitled Art Miami Beach 2021*, Artsy. November 30

2019 Leiman, Layla. *A Meeting of Two Worlds: Ken Gun Min*, ArtMaze Mag. August 14