

Gigisue

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Born and raised in Seoul, Gigisue is an emerging Korean artist who utilizes various media such as painting, drawing, installation, and video to visualize the emotional conflicts she encountered during adolescence and ultimately seek reconciliation through her works. By merging figurative and abstract painting styles, she connects personal narratives with political contexts, particularly exploring her relationship with her father to examine the impact of patriarchy and capitalism on modern familial relations.

One of Gigisue's representative series, Father Still Life, features still-life paintings faintly drawn in the background with scribbled drawings overlaid on top. This series captures the artist's struggles in confronting her father's love, which once seemed eternal but ultimately changed and disappeared. The still-life in the background signifies her father's legacy, suspended between spiritual immortality and physical annihilation, while the overlaid scribbled drawings represent the cherished memories of her father. As Gigisue explores the disparity between ideal and reality, she discovers an existential truth through the interplay between signifier and signified.

Gigisue held her solo exhibition, The Miracle Rose From Heaven, at 313 Art Project Seoul in 2023, following her previous solo exhibitions, The Broken Flower (2020) and Father Still Life (2018) at the same venue.

She has also participated in numerous group exhibitions, including Decision to Discuss (2022) and Gate (2020) at 313 Art Project Seoul, De l'air (2021) at 313 Art Project Paris, as well as group exhibitions at Gyeonggi Museum of Art, Gyeonggi-do (2017), Sunggok Museum, Seoul (2016), and Kansong Art and Culture Foundation, Seoul (2016).

Additionally, she gained international recognition through her participation in the 6th edition of the Dior Lady Art Project in 2021.

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EDUCATION

2014 M.F.A. Graduate School of Visual Art, Sookmyung Women's University, Seoul, Korea

2013 B.F.A. College of Fine Arts, Art & Craft Major, Sookmyung Women's University, Seoul, Korea

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2024	Miracle Rose from Heaven, 313 Art Project, Seoul
2020	The Broken Flower, 313 Art Project, Seoul
2018	Father Still Life, 313 ART PROJECT, Seoul
2016	Pictorial impulse, PiaLux ART SPHERE, Seoul
2015	Flower Field I Fake Flower Origami, Alternative Space LOOP, Seoul
2014	Daddy & Biddy, Space CAN, Seoul, Korea
2013	Patriarchy and Capitalism: A history of Family Power, Space of Art, ETC, Seoul

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2022	Decision to discuss, 313 Art Project, Seoul
2021	De l'air, 313 ART PROJECT, Paris
2020	Gate, 313 ART PROJECT, Seoul
2018	SBD Project – A View Part 2, 313 ART PROJECT, Seoul
	SBD Project – A View, 313 ART PROJECT, Seoul
2017	Family Report, Gyeonggi Museum of Modern Art, Ansan, Korea
2016	KOREA Tomorrow 2016: OUT+STANDING, Sungkok Art Museum, Seoul
	OLD & NEW, Kansong Art & Culture Foundation, Seoul
	Out of Worldly TRIANGLE Artist Group, WESTWERK, Hamburg, Germany
	Cocoon 2016 Exhibition, Space K, Gwacheon, Korea
2014	VICE VERSA 1, Gaheodong 60, Seoul
	Slow Slow Quick Quick!, Kunst Doc, Seoul
	Can Can KOREA!, Space CAN, Seoul
	Can Can CHINA!, Space CAN, Beijing, China
	The 4 th Art Factory Project, Culture Station Seoul 284, Seoul
	9.5.9 Be empty Exhibition, TOKA ART FACTORY, Seoul
2013	House vision 2013, Seoul Citizen Hall Gallery, Seoul
2012	KOREA CHINA diplomatic relations 20th anniversary, Galaxy Gallery, China

AWARDS & RESIDENCY

2021	Dior Lady Art Project	
2015	Selected Emerging Artist, Alternative Space LOOP	
2014-2013	Seoul Art Space_Sindang	
2011	Award of Gyeonggi International Ceramix Biennale 2011	
2002	Grand Prize, Pansipap Brand Competition	
	Award, The 37 th Korean Sanmi-Artist Competition	

PUBLIC COLLECTION

Fondation Louis Vuitton, Paris