

MOON SHIN (1923-1995)

MoonShin garnered international acclaim in his early years when he created symmetrical pieces that symbolized the organic cosmos emphasizing balance and harmony. He opened a new chapter in Korean contemporary art.

Moonshin was born in Masan, Korea and studied western painting at the Japanese Art School in Tokyo. Moonshin return to Korea in 1945 and worked as a painter for 10 years before he moved to France. It was there in France that he transformed himself into a sculptor concentrating on three-dimensional structures. MoonShin soon gained praise from Europe's elite art circle. Although he could spend his life as a famous sculptor in France, he returned to his hometown, Masan in 1980 and preserved his artistic soul by opening the MoonShin Museum. Following his will, the majority of his work was donated to the city of Masan and are now at display in the Masan City Museum. A few of his work were also donated to SookMyung Women's University. SookMyung MoonShin Museum, the first University museum dedicated to an individual, displays his work.

Biography of MOON SHIN

1923 Born in Masan (Korea)

1939-1945 Studied in Tokyo Art School

1945-1949 Returned to Korea from Japan

Had 10 solo exhibitions (paintings, sculptures)

1961-1965 Immigrated to Paris, Concentrated on abstract painting

1965-1966 Lecturer, Art Department, Hong Ik University

1967 Fixed in Paris, devoted to sculpture, Invited to the many salon exhibitions

1970-1978 Participated in International Sculpture Symposium

(the work of totem-13 meter long wooden pole was shown) in Port-Barcares, France

In addition, participated in many exhibitions in France, Germany, Switzerland, Iran, Seoul, Masan & etc.

1979 Participated in group exhibition <life and form>

Maitre Albert Gallery, Paris

Invited to the solo exhibition, Hyundai Gallery, Seoul

Solo exhibition, Galerie d'Art de l'Aeroport d'Orly-Sud

1980 Returned to Korea and settled in Masan city

Constructed the first sculpture park in Korea

Participated in a numerous exhibitions in Seoul and Busan.

1988 Constructed "The Harmony of Olympic" (25m high, stainless steel)

Invited to the Art Olympiad at Olympic Park

1989 Participated in an exhibition, <Revolution Flash Back> with Soto, Ben, Jacober, Dani Karaven, Dennis Oppenheim, Susumu, Shingu and Staccioli at Paris Art Center Gallery

1990-1992 Retrospective Travelling Exhibition in Europe

France Officier de L'ordre des Arts et des Lettres Award

The Invitation Show, Paris Art Center Gallery, Zagreb, Prostor Museum, Yugoslavia(1990), History Museum, Budapest, Hungary(1991), Seoul, Salle Saint-Jean, City Hall, Paris(1992), The 11th King Sejong Prize, Korea

1993 50 years retrospective exhibition (co-organized by Chosun-Ilbo and Munwha Broadcasting Company)

1994 Opened the Moon Shin Museum (founded in Moon Shin's home town, Masan, and opened to the public)

1995 The honorary doctor of literature, Kyung Nam Univ.

Died May 24, 1995

Geum-Gwan Order of Culture Merit, Korea

1996 Ebony and Autographic Exhibition, Masan Moon Shin Museum

The First Memorial Exhibition in Masan MBC Munwha Broadcasting Company

1997 The invitation show, Carrousel du Louvre, France

1998 Moon Shin-Wooden Symmetry (Gana Art 3 show room)

1999 Open the Institute of Moon Shin Fine Art

2000 An event Millennium sculpture car parade

Origin of the Modern Art, Korea (National modern art museum)

Speech information research data, (Gana Gallery, Seoul)

Hong Kong·America World Jewelry Exhibition, Hong Kong

2001 Permanent Exhibition at Foreign Publicity Hall of the Republic of Korea

2002-2003 Organized the Moon Shin Art Forum

2004 Opened Masan Municipal Moon Shin Museum

Opened Sookmyung Women's University Moon Shin Museum

'A Reflection of Korea', The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the UN

2005 Retrospective exhibition commemorating the 10th anniversary of his passing away, Gana Art Center, Seoul

Invited to the third Valencia Biennale in Centro del Carmen Museum, Spain

The 1st Moon Shin academic symposium (2007 The 2nd), Seoul·Masan

The commemorative exhibition to document the 10th anniversary of Moon Shin's death 'The Greatest Artist Moon Shin', Masan MBC Art Hall, Masan

2006 Invited to the exhibition commemorating World Cup, Leopold Square, Baden-Baden, Germany

2007 Moon Shin Total Art Festival in Masan, Masan

Moon Shin Art Visual concert, Venada jet Chur House well, Baden-Baden, Germany

Concert of 'Ensemble Baden-Baden', Masan MBC Art Hall

The 1st Symposium of Moon Shin International Studies, Symposium in National Assembly

2008 Exhibition of 'Painter Moon Shin', Oulim Museum in Goyang

Concert of Ensemble Symmetry in Korea

2009 Moon Shin Unpublished ceramics special exhibition, Seoul

Sookmyung Women's University Moon Shin 10 years Memorial a grand festival,
Seoul

Concert of Ensemble Symmetry, Seoul·Masan

The 2nd writing award and Symposium, Seoul

Exhibition of 'Painting of Moon Shin, the Sculpture', Masan

The 2nd Symposium of Moon Shin International Studies, Symposium in National
Assembly and Exhibition of Total Arts

2010 Special ExhibitionⅠ: The fate of the maestro(1940-1950s), Symmetry Life

Creation(1960s), European Age of the maestro(1970s), Seoul

Unpublished drawings Exhibition 'Magic Symmetry', Scent of a poet, Seoul

The 1st Symposium of Moon Shin International Sculptures, Changwon

Opening of Moon Shin Original Form Museum of Art, Changwon

Concert of Ensemble Symmetry, Art Center in Changwon

2011 Special ExhibitionⅡ: New Light of Art Korea(1980s), Immortal masters

Moon Shin (1990-1995). Appointment of Moon Shin-State Cultural Value

Creation(1996-2005), Seoul

Wood sculpture of Moon Shin, Masan

Creative Dance for Moon Shin, Masan 315 Art Center

Moon Shin, Lee Ung-no 'Beautiful Companion', Moon Shin Museum (Masan),
Lee Ung-no Museum (Daejeon)

2012 Moon Shin Drawing Exhibition, Changwon

Changwon Sculpture Biennale, Dotseom Island Marine amusement park,
Changwon

2013 Line, Phrase of Moon Shin, Seoul

Moon Shin Ceramic Drawing Exhibition, Changwon

2014 Exhibition Opening 10th Anniversary Sookmyung Women's University

Moon Shin Museum 'Moon Shin Material', Seoul

Art Products Exhibition 'Moon and Stars', Seoul·Masan

2015 MoonShin 20th Commemorative Exhibition GALLERY JHAK, Seoul

2003 Moon Shin Art Award Establish, Total 13 Times awarding,

Changwon Municipal Moon Shin Museum