

Woosun Cheon

Curriculum Vitae



Born 1967, Republic of South Korea

2004 Kyonggi University, South Korea, MFA Major Metal Craft
2002 Kyonggi University, South Korea, BFA Major Metal Craft

Working in Seoul, South Korea

Since 2015, Woosun has been experimenting with vessel forms, specifically jars inspired by traditional Korean ceramics. He has developed a method of dividing space into small units, working with metal wire to fill these areas almost as if he is sketching lines with a pencil. Each length of wire is a marking and all meet within a framework to create a whole.

Depending on the intended effect, the wires are arranged in various directions. Thus, the temperament and aesthetic of the piece reflects the artist's state of mind, an essential aspect to the process and result.

For Woosun, linear experimentation is at the core of his work, however, to achieve this, his technical skills must match the perfection he pursues. Each wire is painstakingly welded with extreme precision, demonstrating Woosun's mastery of welding.

Solo Exhibitions

- 2018 *Metalwork & Jewelry Award Exhibition*, TOPOHAUS, Seoul, South Korea
- 2017 *Open Vase*, Space Duru, Seoul, South Korea
- 2015 *Put and Empty*, Korean Craft Promotion Foundation, Seoul, South Korea
- 2011 *The 38th Korea Crafts Council – Young Artist Award Invitation Exhibition*, Cheongju Cultural Industry, Cheong-ju, South Korea
- 2007 *Bowl with Cracks*, Gana Art Space, Seoul, South Korea

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2025 *Adrian Sassoon*, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London
Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF Maastricht, The Netherlands
- 2024 *Adrian Sassoon*, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London
Adrian Sassoon, The Treasure House Fair, London
Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF Maastricht, The Netherlands
- 2023 *Adrian Sassoon*, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London
Light of Weaving; Labour-Hand-Hours, Korean Cultural Centre, London
LOEWE Foundation Craft Prize 2023 - Finalist Exhibition, Noguchi Museum, New York, USA
- 2022 *K-CRAFT: The Essence of Korean Craft in Paris*, Gallery Collection, Paris, France
Révélations International Fine Craft & Creation Biennale, Grand Palais, Paris, France
Artist Table in the Garden Mok-dong, Glass House, Hyundai Department Store, Seoul, South Korea
Seoul Living Design Fair 2022, COEX Convention Center, Seoul, South Korea
- 2021 *Unfamiliar Familiar*, Space-be Gallery, Seoul, South Korea
Jeju Art & Design Festa, Comphortree Hotel & Resort, Jeju, South Korea
Sunragil Craft Fair, Contemporary Craft Exhibition, Jewelry Industry Support Center, Seoul, South Korea
Art Mining Seoul – Into The Forest, Nodeul Island Space445, Seoul, South Korea
- 2020 *Sulla-gil Craft Fair, Sunragil becomes Art*, Jewelry Industry Support Center, Seoul, South Korea
0器 GONG-GI, Korean Craft Promotion Foundation, Seoul, South Korea
PLAS2020 Contemporary Art Show, COEX Hall B, Seoul, South Korea
- 2019 *Collect*, Saatchi Gallery, London
The 3rd Group of Metalsmiths Exhibition, Korean Craft Promotion Foundation, Seoul, South Korea
- 2018 *Grassi Messe Leipzig*, Grassimuseum, Leipzig, Germany
Fine Art Asia, Hong Kong Convention Centre, Hong Kong
Collect, Saatchi Gallery, London
- 2017 *The 41st Annual PMA Contemporary Craft Show*, Pennsylvania Convention Center, Philadelphia, USA
TRESOR Contemporary Craft, Messe Halle, Basel, Switzerland
Révélations, International Fine Craft & Creation Biennale, Grand Palais, Paris, France
Collect, Saatchi Gallery, London
- 2016 *The 3rd Group of Metalsmiths Exhibition*, Korean Craft Promotion Foundation, South Korea
KOREA NOW!, Korean Craft & Design Foundation, Bayerisches National Museum, Munich, Germany

Selected Group Exhibitions (continued)

- 2016 *Design Art Fair*, Seoul Art Center Design Museum, Seoul, South Korea
- 2015 *Oreutica Metal Craft Exhibition*, The Chae: Gallery, Seoul, South Korea
Design Art Fair, Seoul Art Center Design Museum, South Korea
- 2014 *The 3rd Group of Metalsmiths Exhibition*, Korean Craft Promotion Foundation, South Korea
The 4th Chinese-Japanese-South Korean Arts Exhibition, Shanghai Art Collection Museum, Shanghai, China
- 2013 *The Lighting of Metal Craftsman, Luminous Objects*, Gallery Royal, South Korea
The 1st Korea Craft Exhibition Elite 10 Artists, Insa Art Center, South Korea
- 2012 *The 39th Korea Crafts Council Exhibition*, KEPCO Art Center, South Korea
La Prima Exhibition, Kyonggi University Museum, South Korea
The 3rd Group of Metalsmiths Exhibition, Dongduk Art Gallery, South Korea
- 2011 *Light Repay - The Light Exhibition*, Space Duru, South Korea
Iksan Korea Craft Competition Winner Exhibition, Sori Cultural Art Center, Jeonju, South Korea
Crafts, Alchemy of Soul, Jeonbuk Province Art Museum, South Korea
The 38th Korea Crafts Council Exhibition, Cheongju Cultural Industry, South Korea
- 2010 *The 37th Korea Crafts Council Exhibition*, KEPCO Art Center, South Korea
The 9th Empathy Exhibition, Gallery I, Korea
Void of Everyday, Gallery Ewoo, Seoul, South Korea

Awards

- 2023 Finalist, LOEWE Foundation Craft Prize, New York, USA
- 2019 11 Winners, Cheongju International Craft Competition
- 2017 Metal Craftsman of the Year Award, Craft Rep Metalwork & Jewelry Award
- 2013 Special Citation, The 8th Cheongju International Craft Biennale
- 2012 Special Citation, The 31st Grand Art Exhibition of Korea
Excellence Prize, The 9th Haengju Craft & Design Grand Exhibition
- 2011 Honourable Mention, The 12th Korean Craft Exhibition of Iksan
- 2010 Special Prize, The 11th Korean Craft Exhibition of Iksan
Young Craftsman Prize, Korean Crafts Council

Public Collections

Cheongju Craft Biennale, Cheongju, South Korea
Korea Craft Culture Association, Iksan, South Korea
National Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art Bank, Seoul, South Korea
National Museum of Modern and Contemporary Government Art Bank, Seoul, South Korea
Seoul Metropolitan Government Culture Headquarters Museum Division, Seoul, South Korea
Philadelphia Museum of Art, Pennsylvania, USA