

INMAN GALLERY

JOOYOUNG CHOI

Born 1982, Seoul, South Korea
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Lives and works in Houston, TX

EDUCATION

2012 MFA, Lesley University College of Art and Design, Boston, MA
2010 BFA, Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Boston, MA
2009 Korea National University of the Arts, Exchange Program, Seoul, South Korea

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2026 *Adventures of the Quantum Soup Surfer*, Mead Art Museum, Amherst, MA
- 2025 *An Infinite Constellation of Love*, Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, Kalamazoo, MI
- 2024 *Children Need Love Like Flowers Need Rain*, Fort Worth Contemporary Arts Gallery at Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, TX
- 2023 *Discovering Truth Will Make Me Free*, Inman Gallery, Houston, TX
Love and Wondervision, The Moody Center for the Arts, Rice University, Houston, TX
- 2022 *Songs of Resilience from the Tapestry of Faith*, Crow Museum of Asian Art, University of Texas at Dallas, Dallas, TX; traveled to Contemporary at Blue Star, San Antonio, TX
Have Faith for You Have Always Been Loved, solo installation in conjunction with *Round 45: Local Impact*, Project Row Houses, Houston, TX
- 2021 *Spectra Force Vive: Infinite Pie Delivery Service*, Film Project Premiere, Aurora Picture Show, Houston, TX
- 2019 *Big Time Dreaming in the Age of Uncertainty*, Art Museum of Southeast Texas, Beaumont, TX
- 2018 *Journey to the Cosmic Womb*, Anya Tish Gallery, Houston, TX
Perennial Favorites, Big Time Believer and the Garden of Courage and Love, Harvester Arts, Wichita, KS
- 2017 *Somnioplexic Resonance*, solo installation in conjunction with *A Better Yesterday*, Contemporary Arts Museum Houston, Houston, TX
- 2016 *Paracosmic Alchemy*, Anya Tish Gallery, Houston, TX
- 2015 *A Strange Paradise*, Front Gallery, Houston, TX
C.S. Watson and the Cosmic Womb, Brazos Gallery, Richland College, Dallas, TX
- 2011 *(Choi Show)*, International Korean Adoptee Art and Film Festival, Seoul, South Korea
- 2010 *Speaking the Unspoken*, East Meets West, Cambridge, MA
Parker Hill Library Exhibition, Roxbury, MA
- 2009 *For Ae Ran Won*, Ko-Root, Seoul, South Korea
Vive L'Amour, Jamaica Plain, MA

2008 *Artdoctype*, Somerville Library, Somerville, MA

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2026 *This is so Contemporary*, Weisman Art Museum, Minneapolis, MN
- 2024 *Space City: Art in the Age of Artemis*, Asia Society, Houston, TX
It Takes 2: Unexpected Pairings, Hudson River Museum, Yonkers, NY
- 2023 *Six Scenes From Our Future*, Contemporary Arts Museum Houston, Houston, TX
Brown Symposium XLI: *Irresistible Revolutions*, Alma Thomas Fine Arts Center,
Southwestern University, Georgetown, TX
- 2022 *State of the Art 2020: Locate*, Currier Museum of Art, Manchester, NH, a continuation of *State of the Art 2020*, Crystal Bridges, Bentonville, AR
- 2021 *Texas Biennial: A New Landscape, A Possible Horizon*, McNay Art Museum, San Antonio, TX
- 2020 *State of the Art 2020*, Crystal Bridges, Bentonville, AR
Telling Stories: Reframing the Narratives, online exhibition at the Parrish Art Museum, Water Mill, NY
- 2019 *Open World: Video Games & Contemporary Art*, Akron Art Museum, Akron, OH
Kith + Kin: Friends and Mentors of Lesley MFA in Visual Arts, Lunder Arts Center, Cambridge, MA
- 2018 *A Time Before We Were Born: Visions of Arcadia in Contemporary Painting*, Sylvia Wald & Po Kim Art Gallery, New York, NY
From Pangs to Pangolins, Shulamit Nazarian, Los Angeles, CA
- 2017 *Picture Show of the Mind: A Tribute to the Teachings of Lee Baxter Davis*, Meadows Museum of Art, Shreveport, LA
- 2016 *Reverberations*, Stella Elkins Gallery, Tyler University, Philadelphia, PA
XX Part Two: 20th Anniversary Exhibition, Anya Tish Gallery, Houston, TX
Double Digits: Lawndale's Artist Studio Program, Lawndale Art Center, Houston, TX
- 2015 *ABCD, Lawndale Artist Studio Program Exhibition*, Lawndale Art Center, Houston, TX
The House on Mango Street, National Museum of Mexican Art, Chicago, IL
Parliament of Owls, DiverseWorks, Houston, TX
Significant Details, Curating Contemporary, Online Exhibition Curated by John Fields
Time Travelers Redux, LAST Projects Space, West Hollywood, CA
- 2014 *Eco Myths*, LAST Project Space, West Hollywood, CA
Urban Art: Expressions of an Environment, FCA Council Gallery, Fayetteville, NC
Raw Paw: Keeping Dreamtime, Museum of Human Achievement, Austin, TX
The Big Show, Lawndale Art Center, Houston, TX
- 2013 *Third Coast National*, K Space Contemporary, Corpus Christi, TX
The Big Show, Lawndale Art Center, Houston, TX
- 2012 AIB MFA in Visual Arts Graduate Exhibition, Boston, MA
- 2011 *BORN INTO IDENTITY: The Asian Pacific American Adoptees Experience*, Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience, Seattle, WA
Asian/Pacific Islander American Heritage Month, TJX Head Quarters, Framingham, MA
- 2010 *TJX Asian/Pacific Islander American Heritage Month*, Framingham, MA

- 2008 *Calvin Burnett Exhibit*, Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Boston, MA
- 2006 *Speaking Truth to Power*, Edna Stebbins Art Gallery, Cambridge, MA
International Women's Day Celebration, La Rivolta at CCB, Boston, MA
- 2004 Bunker Hill Community College, Boston, MA

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- 2020 Urist Green, Sarah. *You Are an Artist: Assignments to Spark Creation*. New York: Penguin Random House.
- 2017 Arning, Bill. *A Better Yesterday: JooYoung Choi, Jack Early, Lily van der Stokker*. Exhibition Catalogue. Houston: Contemporary Arts Museum
- 2016 Carter, Claire C. *New American Paintings, West #126*. Wellesley: Open Studios Press.
- 2015 Boyd, Robert. *EXU*, Vol. 1. Houston: R. Boyd.
- 2013 Kim, Jae Ran. "Fearing the Adult Adoptee," *The Adoption Constellation*, Fall 2013.
- 2012 Trenka, Jane Jeong. *Outsiders Within: Writing on Transracial Adoption*. Cambridge: South End Press.
Zilka, Christine Lee. *Kartika Review*, No. 14.
- 2009 Herrick, Lee. *New Truths: Writing in the 21st Century by Korean Adoptees*. Los Angeles: Asian American Poetry and Writing
Takahasi, Leslie. *The Arc of the Universe is Long*. Boston: Skinner House Books.

SELECTED PRESS

- 2026 "Untitled Art, Houston Reveals Vibrant Local Art Scene Ahead of Sophomore Edition," *Artnet*, September 2.
Anson, Catherine D. "Houston's Buzzy Art Fair Returns With a Bigger Lineup — Your Early Preview Of Untitled Art, Houston," *PaperCity*, July 6.
- 2025 Nudo, Meredith. "Asia Society Travels the Stars with Art in the Age of Artemis," *Houstonia Magazine*, March 3.
- 2023 Allen, Ashley. "The Whimsical World of JooYoung Choi," *Glasstire*, April 25.
- 2022 Glentzer, Molly. "JooYoung Choi and the Multiverse of Gladness," *TexasMonthly*, August.
Wu, Jane. "Houston Artist JooYoung Choi Takes Audiences on a Fantastical Trip to the Cosmic Womb at the Crow Museum of Asian Art in Dallas," *Texas Highways*, February 24.
- 2020 Davis, Ben. "Arkansas's Crystal Bridges Museum Just Opened a Sprawling Show About the State of American Art Today. Here's What It Looks Like," *Artnet*, February 24.
Angeleti, Gabriella. "Crystal Bridges launches satellite for living artists," *The Art Newspaper*, February 24.
- 2017 Middendorf, Paul. "A World of Her Own: An Interview with JooYoung Choi," *Free Press Houston*, August 11.
Urist Green, Sarah. "Create an Imaginary Friend: The Art Assignment with JooYoung Choi," *PBS Online Media*. February 2.

- Robinson, Dana. "JooYoung Choi and Her World at Project Row Houses," *Just Vibe Houston*.
- Becker, Chris. "Cosmic Calling," *Houston Citybook*, April 16.
- Mednicov, Melissa. "'A Better Yesterday' at the Contemporary Arts Museum Houston", *Glasstire*, June 12.
- Glentzer, Molly. "Art Daybook: How to make a dinosaur smile," *Houston Chronicle*, June 22.
- 2015 Lavin, Talia. "JooYoung Choi's 'Cosmic Womb' Explores Issues of Adoptions and Race in America," *Huffington Post*, April 27.
- Glentzer, Molly. "Art Leads to Many Discoveries for JooYoung Choi," *Houston Chronicle*, May 29.
- McFadden, Michael. "The Intoxicating Artistic Vision of JooYoung Choi," *Arts+Culture Texas*. June 15.
- Kim, Mina. "그림은 나를 찾아가는 긴 여행입니다," *Korea News Weekly*.
- 2014 Ansporn, Catherine. "Welcome to Wonderland," *PaperCity Magazine*, November.
- Sever, Axel. "Pleasure Vision," *Nat. Brut*.
- 2013 Osborne, Altamese. "Lawndale Art Center's 'The Big Show' Drips with Figurative Art, Sculpture," *Houston Press*, July 13.
- Liscum, Dean. "Five Pieces from the Big Show," *The Great God Pan is Dead*, July 20.
- Vickery, Martha. "The Extraordinary in the Mundane," *Korean Quarterly*, Fall.
- 2012 Deliso, Meredith. "Capsule Art Reviews: 'The Big Show,'" *Houston Press*, August 1.
- 2011 "The Power of Art: Adoptee Artists," *The Adoption Constellation*, July 25.

SELECTED AWARDS & RESIDENCIES

- 2019 National Endowment for the Arts, Challenge America Grant Recipient
The Mayor's Office of Cultural Affairs and Houston Art Alliance Support for Artist and Creative Individuals Grant
The Idea Fund Stimulus Grant, endowed by the Andy Warhol Foundation
- 2018 Wichita Riverfest Artist in Residency, Wichita, Kansas
San Francisco Day School Artist in Residency, San Francisco, California
- 2015 Artadia Fund for Art and Dialogue
The Idea Fund Grant, endowed by the Andy Warhol Foundation
Lawndale Studio Artist Program, Lawndale Art Center, Houston, TX
- 2009 UUFP Stanfield Artist Award
Ae Ran Won Portrait Project, Seoul, South Korea
- 2008 UUFP Stanfield Artist Award
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Somerville Arts Council LCC Cultural Heritage Grant

SELECTED VISITING ARTIST/LECTURER

- 2025 Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, Kalamazoo, MI
- 2024 Center for Arts in Society at Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA
Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston, TX (with Frank Oz)

- 2023 Inman Gallery, Houston, TX (with Gary K. Wolf)
Moody Center for the Arts, Rice University, Houston, TX
- 2022 Crow Museum of Asian Art at the University of Texas, Dallas, TX
Art Museum of South Texas, Corpus Christi, TX
- 2021 Texas Art Talks, Houston, TX (with Alison de Lima Greene)
- 2020 Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, Bentonville, AR
Aurora Picture Show, Houston, TX
- 2019 Art Museum of Southeast Texas, Beaumont, TX
Lesley University, Cambridge, MA (with Trenton Doyle Hancock)
- 2017 Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston, TX
- 2009 Ko-Root Visiting Artist, Seoul, South Korea

SELECTED PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Art Bridges Foundation, Bentonville, AR
Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, Bentonville, AR
Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas, TX
Crow Museum of Asian Art of The University of Texas at Dallas, Dallas, TX
City of Houston, Houston, TX
Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, Kalamazoo, MI
Museum of Fine Arts Houston, Houston, TX
Samek Art Museum, Lewisburg, PA