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1990-2017 Professor, College of Fine Arts, Hongik University, Seoul, South Korea

2009-2011 Director, Hongik Museum of Art, Hongik University, Seoul, South Korea

2008-2010 Dean, College of Fine Arts, Hongik University, Seoul, South Korea

2007-2008 Director, Hongik University Museum, Seoul, South Korea
Specialist of the Cultural Heritage Committee, South Korea

2005-2007 President, Korea Furniture Society

2000-2002 Director, Institute of Art & Design, Hongik University, Seoul, South Korea

1989 Visiting Professor, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI

1988 Research Professor, Aalto University, School of Art and Design,
Helsinki, Finland

1979 M.F.A, Hongik University, Seoul, South Korea

1974 B.F.A, Hongik University, Seoul, South Korea

1952 Born in Kangwondo, South Korea

Awards

2016 The Okgwan Order of Cultural Merit, South Korea

2008 Korean Society of Furniture Technology Award

2007 Grand Prize, Seoul Living Design Fair Award

1996 '96 This Year's Design Award

1996 Korean Society of Furniture Technology Award

1989 Korean Craft Council Award

1987 The 2nd Korean Craft Competition, Grand Prize

1973-1981 Special Prize and Accepted, The 22nd – 30th National Art Exhibition

Public Collections

Busan Museum of Art, Busan, South Korea
Cascada Resort, Hongcheon, South Korea
Centropolis, Seoul, South Korea
CHA Medical Center, Ilsan, South Korea
Chung Wa Dae, Office of the President, Republic of Korea
Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum, New York, NY
Daegu University Museum, Daegu, South Korea
Deoksugung Stone Wall Path, Seoul, South Korea
Fondation Musee Barbier-Mueller, Genève, Switzerland
Haesley Nine Bridge, Yangju, South Korea
Hannam THE HILL, Seoul, South Korea
Hoam Museum of Art, Gyeonggi, South Korea
Hoam Museum of Art, Yongin, South Korea
Hongik University Museum, Seoul, South Korea
Hwadam Botanic Garden, Gyeonggi, South Korea
Korean Culture and Art Foundation, Seoul, South Korea
Leeum, Samsung Museum of Art, Seoul, Korea
Lotte Castle Klasse, Seoul, South Korea
Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY
Musée des Arts Décoratifs, Paris, France
Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX
Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY
M+ Museum, Hong Kong
National Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Seoul, South Korea
National Museum of Qatar, Doha, Qatar
NHN Entertainment Play Museum, Pankyo, South Korea
Seoul Art Center-Design Museum, Seoul, South Korea
Seoul Metropolitan Museum of Art, Seoul, South Korea
Seoul Museum of Craft Art, Seoul, South Korea
Shinbanpo XI, Seoul, South Korea
Shinsegae Art & Science, Daejeon, South Korea
Shinsegae, Seoul, South Korea
Total Museum, Seoul, South Korea
UN Secretariat International Organization, Geneva, Switzerland
Vitra Design Museum, Weil am Rhein, Germany

Select Solo Exhibitions

2025 *Voice of Silence*, Friedman Benda, New York, NY

2022 *Flowing Moon, Embracing Land*, Jeju Museum of Art, Jeju Biennale, Jeju, South Korea

2021 *A Silent Message*, Gana Art Center, Seoul, South Korea
Seat of Silence, Johyun Gallery, Busan, South Korea
Objects 9: Craft Arts Installation, Seoul Museum of Craft Art, Seoul, South Korea
Craft, Moving Beyond. Time and Boundaries, Seoul Museum of Craft Art, Seoul, South

Korea

- 2017 *Matter and Mass*, Gana Art Center, Seoul, Korea
- 2016 *Eternite & Instant*, galerie DOWNTOWN françois laffanour, Paris, France
Water Meditation, Friedman Benda, New York, NY
- 2014 *In One Stroke*, Friedman Benda, New York, NY
Korean Beauty, National Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Seoul, South Korea
- 2013 Gwangju Design Biennale, Gwangju, South Korea
- 2012 Yido Gallery, Seoul, Korea
- 2011 *Choi, byuung hoon*, Johyun Gallery, Pusan, Korea
- 2010 gallery DOWNTOWN françois laffanour, Paris, France
- 2008 Hangil Gallery, Heyri Art Valley, South Korea
gallery DOWNTOWN françois laffanour, Paris, France
- 2007 *Seoul Living Design Fair*, COEX, Seoul, South Korea
- 2006 gallery DOWNTOWN françois laffanour, Paris, France
- 2002 Johyun Gallery, Pusan, South Korea
- 2001 gallery DOWNTOWN françois laffanour, Paris, France
- 2000 *Choi, byung hoon*, Johyun Gallery, Pusan, South Korea
- 1999 Ellen Kim Murphy Gallery, Seoul, South Korea
- 1997 gallery DOWNTOWN françois laffanour, Paris, France
- 1996 gallery DOWNTOWN françois laffanour, Paris, France
- 1995 Gallery Pusan, Pusan, South Korea
- 1994 *Seoul Art Fair*, Sun Gallery, Seoul, South Korea
- 1993 Sun Gallery, Seoul, South Korea

Select Group Exhibitions

- 2024 *80 Canes from The Ashes*, JEVI hanok, Seoul, South Korea

- 2023 *KIAF*, Gana Art Center, Seoul, South Korea
Honglim, Woong Gallery, Seoul, South Korea
- 2022 A Chair and You, MUDAC, Lausanne, Switzerland
All about Attitude: Culture Station Seoul 284, Seoul, South Korea
ART-IST: Ways of seeing, Huue Contemporary/Boon The Shop Chungdam, Seoul, South Korea
Flowing Moon, Embracing Land, Jeju Museum of Art: Jeju Biennale, Jeju, South Korea
KIAF_ Gana Art Center, Seoul, South Korea
LongHouse Reserve, East Hampton, NY
PAD, Laffanour galerie DOWNTOWN, Paris, France
The Art of Living Design, Gana Art Center, Seoul, South Korea
- 2021 Art Busan, Busan, South Korea
Gwangju Design Biennale, Gwangju, South Korea
KIAF_ Korea Craft and Design Foundation, Seoul, South Korea
Seoul Craft Art Museum, Seoul, South Korea
- 2018 Art Mining-Seoul THANK YOU, DDP, Seoul, South Korea
Art Vacance, Gana Insa Art Center, Seoul, South Korea
Korean Crafts_The Art of Workmanship, Pyungchang, Beijing, Hong Kong, Osaka
- 2017 *DNA10*, Friedman Benda, New York, NY
- 2016 *DOWNTOWN@MC II*, Galerie 11 Columbia, Monaco, France
Korea Now! Korean Crafts & Design in Munich 2016, Bayerische

Making is Thinking is Making, La Triennale di Milano, Milan, Italy
Nationalmuseum, Munich, Germany
- 2015 *Korea now! Design, Craft, Fashion and Graphic Design in Korea exhibition*, Musée des Arts décoratifs, Paris, France
- 2014 *National Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art*, Seoul, South Korea
Vanities: Art of the Dressing Table, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY
- 2013 The Page Gallery, Seoul, South Korea
Gwangju Design Biennale, Gwangju, South Korea
- 2012 *Design Miami Basel*, Basel, Switzerland
Hand of Dreaming, Gallery Wooduk, Seoul, South Korea
Design Days Dubai, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Flow, Hongik Museum of Art, Seoul, South Korea
- 2011 *Curator Project*, Hongik Museum of Art, South Korea
TABLE+booktopia, Heyri, South Korea
KIAF, Seoul, South Korea
Design Miami Basel, Basel, Switzerland
Chung-A Art Center Grand Opening, Chung-A Art Center, Seoul, South Korea

- Pavillon des Arts et du Design*, Grand Palais, Paris, France
- 2010 *Design Miami*, Miami, FL
Seoul Design Fair, Seoul, South Korea
ART GWANGJU, Gwangju, South Korea
Design Miami Basel, Basel, Switzerland
Contemporary Korean Design, R20th Century Gallery, New York, NY
Moments in Between, Museum of Vancouver, Canada
- 2009 *Design Miami*, FL
FIAC, Paris, France
Design Art London, London, UK
The Seoul Art Exhibition, Seoul Museum of Art, Seoul, South Korea
OUTDOOR FURNITURE, Lio Gallery, Heyri Art Valley, South Korea
GaNa Art Center, Seoul, South Korea
Le Salon du Collectionneur, Grand Palais, Paris, France
DESIGN High, Gallery Seomi, Seoul, South Korea
Design Miami, Basel, Switzerland
Pavillon des Arts et du Design, Grand Palais, Paris, France
TEFAF Maastricht, The Netherlands
- 2008 *Seoul Design Olympiad*, Seoul, South Korea
Design Miami, Basel, Switzerland
GyeongGi International Ceramic Fair, Kintex, Seoul, South Korea
Wood Scent of Daily Life, Gallery Wooduk, Seoul, South Korea
Busan Museum of Art, Busan, South Korea
- 2007 *Korea Best Design Culture Selection*, Seoul Art Center-Design Museum, Seoul, South Korea
Korea International Art Fair, COEX, Seoul, South Korea
Living Object, Lio Gallery, Heyri Art Valley, South Korea
- 2006 National Museum of Contemporary Art, Seoul, South Korea
Design Miami, Miami, FL
Modernism: A Century of Style and Design, New York, NY
S.O.F.A, New York, NY
Busan Biennale, Busan, South Korea
Re-birth of Artist's Hand, Sun Gallery, Seoul, South Korea
Korean Art College, Ansan, South Korea
- 2005 *Chongju International Craft Biennale*, Chongju, South Korea
- 2004 *Korean Art College Professor's Work*, Ansan, South Korea
- 2003 *Korea International Art Fair*, COEX, Seoul, South Korea
DURU Art space, Seoul, South Korea
Art Bench Marking, A Korean-Swiss Cultural Project, Seoul, South Korea
- 2002 *Seoul Design Festival*, Art Center, Seoul, South Korea

- 2001 *Art Chicago*, Park Ryu Sook Gallery, Chicago, IL
The Good Design Festival, COEX, Seoul, South Korea
Mannam, Korean Craft Promotion Foundation, Seoul, South Korea
- 2000 *Melbourne Art Fair*, Melbourne, Australia
San Francisco International Art Exposition, San Francisco, CA
Art London, Buschlen Mowatt, London, U.K.
Art Palm Beach, Buschlen Mowatt, Palm Beach, FL
Art Miami, Park Ryu Sook Gallery, Miami, FL
Seoul Craft Exhibition, Seoul Metropolitan Museum of Art, Seoul, South Korea
Craft+Furniture Exhibition, Gallery Doll, Seoul, South Korea
New Millennium, Gallery Mok Kum To, Seoul, South Korea
- 1999 *Art Cologne*, Cologne, Germany
Chongju International Craft Biennale, Chongju, South Korea
Decoration & Design, Verona, Italy
Korean Contemporary Art: Trends in the 90's, Ellen Kim Murphy Gallery, Seoul, South Korea
Nature and Dialog, Park Ryu Sook Gallery, Seoul, South Korea
21st Pre-Vision Furniture Design Best 13, Seoul, Korea
 Gallery Mok Kum To, Seoul, South Korea
99 Contemporary Craft, Gong Pyung Art Center, Seoul, South Korea
Seoul Craft, Seoul Metropolitan Museum of Art, Seoul, South Korea
Korean Contemporary Art, Museum of Hongik University, Seoul, South Korea
Eco – Craft, Mok Kum To Gallery, Seoul, South Korea
Good Design, Gallery Mok Kum To, Seoul, South Korea
Seoul Living Design Fair, COEX, Seoul, South Korea
- 1998 *Basel International Art Fair*, Basel, Switzerland
Melbourne International Art Fair, Melbourne, Australia
Decoration & Design, Verona, Italy
Seoul Crafts, Seoul Metropolitan Museum of Art, Seoul, South Korea
International Furniture Fair, COEX, Seoul, South Korea
Contemporary Woodworking Exhibition, Seoho Gallery, Seoul, South Korea
- 1997 *Decoration & Design*, Verona, Italy
Seoul Crafts, Seoul Metropolitan Museum of Art, Seoul, South Korea
Objects for Commemorative Days, Craft House, Seoul, South Korea
Korea - Japanese Art Furniture, Batanggol Museum, Seoul, South Korea
Today's Korean Fine Art, Winter Universiade, Chonju, South Korea
- 1996 *Decoration & Design*, Verona, Italy
The 1st Asian Exhibition of Arts and Crafts, Fukuoka, Japan
The Exhibition of The Present and Future of Contemporary Korean Art, Museum of Hongik University, Seoul, South Korea
Korean - Japanese Contemporary Artists, Itami, Japan
Seoul Crafts, Seoul Metropolitan Museum of Art
Objects for Commemorative Days, Craft House, Seoul, South Korea

- 1995 *Seoul Crafts*, Seoul Metropolitan Museum of Art, Seoul, South Korea
- 1994 *Seoul Crafts*, Seoul Metropolitan Museum of Art, Seoul, South Korea
Korean-Japanese Contemporary Artists, Osaka, Kyoto, Japan
- 1993 *Seoul Crafts*, Seoul Metropolitan Museum of Art, Seoul, South Korea
Korean Contemporary Art, Museum of Seoul Art Center, Seoul, South Korea
- 1992 *Seoul Crafts*, Seoul Metropolitan Museum of Art, Seoul, South Korea
- 1991 *The Contemporary Arts*, National Museum of Contemporary Art, Seoul, South Korea
Seoul Crafts, Seoul Metropolitan Museum of Art, Seoul, South Korea
- 1990 *Contemporary Korean Arts-An Exhibition of Artists in 1990*, Metropolitan Museum of Art, Seoul, South Korea
The 3rd International Asian-European Art Biennale, Ankara, Turkey
Museum of Seoul Art Center, Seoul, South Korea
- 1989 *The Contemporary Arts*, National Museum of Contemporary Art, Seoul, South Korea
- 1984 *Hongik Contemporary Arts*, Museum of Hongik University, Seoul, South Korea
- 1983 *Korean Wood Crafts*, Korean Cultural Center, Tokyo Japan

Select Press

2025

Kat Barandy, "Byung Hoon Choi discusses ancient influences and Korean craft at Friedman Benda," *designboom*, April 4, 2025.

Ryan Waddoups, "10 Collectible Design Shows to See in April," *Galerie*, April 1, 2025.

2024

Fiona Bae, "Choi Byung Hoon," *Kinfolk*, issue 53, 2024.

Park Yuna, "Choi Byung-hoon's 'art furniture' carved with past, present," *The Korea Herald*, April 15, 2024.

Heo Yun-hee, Kim Seo-young, Woo Ji-won, "Exclusive: S. Korean artist's unique 'art bench' transforms National Museum of Qatar," *The Chosun Daily*, March 6, 2024.

2022

Ji-Un Nah, "Choi Byung Hoon," *apartamento* magazine issue #29. Spring/Summer 2022.

2019

Lauren Messman, "Museum of Fine Arts, Houston Announces 7 Site-Specific Installations," *The New York Times*, November 6, 2019.

"Eight World Top Collectible Design Galleries," *Design magazine*, no. 496, October 2019.

2016

"First came carbon Fiber, then basalt...", *Interior Design: a new twist*, October 2016.

"The Imaginary and The Mystical," *Asian Art News*, October 2016.

"The Imaginary and The Mystical," *World Sculpture News*, Summer 2016.

Williams, Maxwell. "Natural Instinct," *Cultured*, Spring 2016.

2015

Marianne Serra, "Paris Calling," *Morning Calm*, November 2015.

"3 Novices: Byung Hoon Choi to exhibit sculptural basalt benches at Design Miami/Basel," *Threenovices*, June 13, 2015.

"Byung Hoon Choi to Exhibit Sculptural Basalt Benches at Design Miami/Basel," *Dezeen*, June 13, 2015.

"basalt benches by byung hoon choi for design Miami/basel," *designboom*, June 12, 2015.

"basalt benches by byung hoon choi for design miami/basel 2015," *Stealmag*, June 12, 2015.

Jana Perkovic, "Preview: 10 Stunning Sculptural Designs at Design Miami/Basel 2015," *Blouinartinfo*, June 3, 2015

Daniella Ohad, "Byung Hoon Choi." *Daniella on Design*, May 27, 2015.

Kolesnikov-Jessop. "Sneak Peek: Design Miami/Basel 2015," *Blouin Artinfo*, April 29, 2015.

2014

Lola Kramer, "Eye On: Byung Hoon Choi," *Avant/Garde Diaries*. March 18, 2014.

Nina Azzarello, "Byung Hoon Choi Exhibits 11 Basalt Benches at Friedman Benda," *Designboom*. February 14, 2014.

Kim Min-Jung, "Between Art and Furniture," *Beyond*. February 2014.

Annie Block, Mark McMenamin, and Matthew Powel. "Designwire; A Fine Balance," *Interior Design*. January 2014.

Matthew Powell, Matthew. "Onward and Upward." *Interior Design*, December 2014.

2013

Anne-Marie Conway, Anne-Marie. "Eclectic Avenue," *Wall Street Journal*. October 11, 2013.

Sophie Finney, "Forging a New Craft Aesthetic: Ten Inspiring South Korean Designers," *MSN Lifestyle*. August 1, 2013.

Deyan Sudjic, Deyan. "Kengo Kuma in 5th Gwanju Design Biennale," *ARTINFO*. May 8, 2013.

2012

Brooke Hodge, "East Meets West", *Cultured*. Winter 2012.

2010

Kavite Daswani, "Beyond the kimchi jar," *South China Morning Post*. July 23, 2010.

Elaine Louie, "Pushing Korean Design Into the Future," *The New York Times*. February 24, 2010.

2007

"Choi, Byung Hoon," *Designboom*. December 17, 2007.

2005

Simone Micheli, "The idyllic worlds of Byung Hoon Choi", *Ottagono: Design Architettura Idee*. November 2005.

2001

Michèle Champenois, "Design d'époque," *Le Monde*. December 23, 2001.