

# LA ART SHOW 2015

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### EXTENSIVE CONTEMPORARY KOREAN ART SHOWCASE AT LA ART SHOW

#### CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED EXHIBITS FEATURING *TANSAEKHWA* MOVEMENT AND KOREAN-AMERICAN ARTIST OLGA LAH ACCOMPANY THE LARGEST GROUPING OF KOREAN GALLERIES OUTSIDE OF ASIA

(December 15, 2014—Los Angeles) The LA Art Show, taking place January 15 - 18, 2015 at the Los Angeles Convention Center, South Hall, will feature an thought-provoking program of Contemporary Korean art and artists. The program, which features curated exhibits, lectures, and the largest grouping of Korean galleries outside of Asia, will offer insight into one of the most active art cultures today. Recognized on the international art circuit as the who's who in Korean art, participating artists and galleries offer collectors a unique opportunity to experience what's happening now in Contemporary Asian art.

The program will feature two curated exhibits. *Tansaekhwa* (monochrome painting) will showcase seminal artists Chung Sang-Hwa, Yun HyongKeun, Kim KiLin, Hur Hwang, Choi Myoung Young and Suh Seung Won. Easily one of the most famous and globally influential Korean art movements of the twentieth century, *Tansaekhwa* features pushed paint, soaked canvas, dragged pencils, ripped paper, and otherwise manipulated materials in ways that productively troubled the distinctions separating ink painting from oil, painting from sculpture, and object from viewer. A lecture discussion on the movement's history, cultural significance, and international influence will take place on **Friday, January 16 at 5pm** and features artists, galleries and art critics. Several of the exhibiting artists will be onsite throughout the course of the show.

The Korean Arts Foundation of America will present an installation by winner of the 2014 KAFA Award. Korean-American artist Olga Lah, will showcase her critically acclaimed installation *Array*. Composed of thousands of sponges to create enormous and enveloping wall segments, *Array* has been described by critics as "provoking several simultaneous reactions. From a distance, its multicolored components unite to form a playful, bouncy surface that resembles English Licorice Allsorts; up close, it's hard to resist the urge to touch the fluffy, disarmingly familiar surface, which seems to want to touch back."

The 2015 show will feature Seoul's top galleries, including: **Galerie Bhak, Gallery Artlink, The Columns Gallery, Gallery Now, Gallery Form, Hyun Contemporary NY, Young Art Gallery, GaGa Gallery, PYO Gallery, Sang Sang Gallery**, and **Gallery Tableau**, among others.

Established in 2002 by Dong Jo Chang, **The Columns Gallery** has fixed its reputation as one of the most powerful galleries in Korea. With numerous international exhibitions and gallery talks, The Columns has introduced emerging and established artists from the Korean art scene to the international stage. The gallery has participated in art fairs and biennials worldwide and connects the Korean art scene with the global market. The Columns Gallery will feature works by artist Suh, Seung-Won at the LA Art Show.

**Galerie Bhak** is one of the leading galleries in Seoul. Established in 1993, the gallery specializes in contemporary Korean and international art including painting, sculpture, photography, mixed media and installations. Known for organizing ambitious and innovative exhibitions, Galerie Bhak represents an international collection of artists including Nam June Paik, Young-Sung Hwang, Sup Ham, Tschang-Yeul Kim, Soo-Ryong Park, Seo-Bo Park, Chang-Young Kim, Yun-Hee Toh, Ufan Lee, Beyong-Seok Ahn, Lore Bert, Mike & Doug Starn, and Francois Morellet. Galerie Bhak will present special exhibitions by Han, Young-Wook at the LA Art Show. Additional works on view include a collection by artist Lee Fi presented by **Gallery Artlink** and cutting-edge photography presented by **Gallery Now**.

The LA Art Show takes place from January 15 – 18, 2015 concurrently with the Los Angeles Jewelry, Antique & Design Show at the Los Angeles Convention Center, South Hall 1201 Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, CA 90015. For additional information about the Los Angeles Art Show or to purchase online tickets, please visit [www.laartshow.com](http://www.laartshow.com). For media inquiries or to request images, please contact Agnes Gomes-Koizumi or Treanne Gomes at [agnes@agkmedia.com](mailto:agnes@agkmedia.com) or [treanne@agkmedia.com](mailto:treanne@agkmedia.com), or call 323-937-5488.