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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

**Public Collections**

Busan Museum of Art, Busan, South Korea  
Centropolis, Seoul, South Korea  
CHA Bio Complex, Pankyo, 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  
Four Seasons Hotel, Seoul, South Korea  
Haesley Nine Bridge, Yangju, South Korea  
Hannam THE HILL, Seoul, South Korea  
Hoam Museum of Art, Gyeonggi, South Korea  
Hongik University Museum, Seoul, South Korea  
Korean Crafts Council, Seoul, South Korea

Korean Culture and Art Foundation, Seoul, South Korea  
Leeum, Samsung Museum of Art, Seoul, Korea  
Lotte Castle Klaees, 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  
Sun Jae Museum, Kyungju, Korea  
Total Museum, Seoul, South Korea  
UN Secretariat International Organization, Geneva, Switzerland  
Vitra Design Museum, Weil am Rhein, Germany

### **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 22<sup>nd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> National Art Exhibition

### **Select Solo Exhibitions**

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**

- 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  
*21<sup>st</sup> 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**

#### **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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.