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Ken Gun Min

Born 1976 in Seoul, Korea
Lives in Los Angeles, CA

Education

- 2006 MFA Picture and Film Production Design, Academy of Art University, San Francisco, CA
2000 BFA Hongik University, Seoul, Korea

Solo Exhibitions

- 2025 Denver Art Museum, Denver, CO (*forthcoming*)
2024 Tomorrow Field, Kyoto, Japan (*forthcoming*)
The Lost Paradise, MCA Denver, Denver, CO
2023 *Sweet Discipline from Koreatown*, Shulamit Nazarian, Los Angeles, CA
Profile, Shulamit Nazarian, EXPO Chicago, Chicago, IL
2022 *Silverlake Dog Park*, Shulamit Nazarian, Los Angeles, CA
Wounded man, Hard-boiled Wonderland and The End of the World, K Contemporary, Denver, CO
2020 *"G.B.T.Y.C" go back to your country/goodbye to your compulsion*, K Contemporary, Denver, CO
2018 *Becoming palm tree*, Gae po dong 1227-3, Seoul, Korea
2017 *Go west*, westmoreland project space, Los Angeles, CA

Group Exhibitions

- 2024 *7th Annual BOZO Family Hoedown*, Bozo Mag, Pasadena, CA
Notes on Masculinity, Lyles & King, New York, NY
Wonderland, Lehmann Maupin, Seoul, South Korea
2023 *People of the Otherworld: Ken Kiff in Dialogue*, curated by Kathy Battista, Albertz Benda, New York, NY
Who is Your Master?, curated by Wolf Hill, 1969 Gallery, New York, NY
Strings of Desire, Craft Contemporary, Los Angeles, CA
2022 *i know you are, but what am i? (De)Framing Identity and the Body*, Utah Museum of Contemporary Art, Salt Lake City, UT
Storm Before the Calm, curated by Michael Slenske, Praz-Delvallade, Los Angeles, CA
TEN YEARS, Shulamit Nazarian, Los Angeles, CA
Bozomag: Bozo Family Hoedown, M+B gallery, Los Angeles, CA
2020 *Sparkle in, Fade out*, Torrance Art Museum, Torrance, CA
Tailgate, Monte Vista Project, Los Angeles, CA
36 Paintings, Harper's, East Hampton, NY
As of Now, K contemporary, Denver, CO
Color theory: a contemporary art intervention, The Colorado Governor's Mansion, Denver, CO
2018 *What If Utopia- Queer Biennale*, Navel, Los Angeles, CA
Stepping into Radiant Future, Last Project, Los Angeles, CA
Identity and Desire, Advocate and Gochis Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
In this together, Castelli Artspace, Los Angeles, CA

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2015 *Young Artist award*, Johansson Gallery, Berlin, Germany

Public Collections

Institute of Contemporary Art Miami, Miami, FL
Los Angeles Contemporary Art Museum, Los Angeles, CA
JP Morgan Chase Art Collection
X Museum, Beijing, China

Awards & Fellowships

2019 Hopper Prize Finalist
2015 Young Artist Award, Direktorenhaus, Berlin, Germany
2004 Super Hero Artist Award, Kellogg Foundation, New York, NY

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Boone, Lisa. *His dreamy art is like nothing you've seen before — and explores identity in L.A.*, The Los Angeles Times. November 11
Keh, Pei-Ru. *Ken Gun Min's Mixed-Media Montages Reframe Cultural Influences And Queer Identity*, Wallpaper* Magazine. September 18
Garabedian, Maya. *Pride and Ethnicity: Color, Figuration, and Culture*, MutualArt. June 27
Scheer, Liz. *Ken Kiff Group Show: People of the Otherworld at Albertz Benda, NYC*, ArteFuse, August
Cohen, Alina. *Emotional Landscapes and Eco-Surrealism: L.A. Art Insiders Ponder What Comes Next After the End of the Figuration*, Artnet. February 14
Akers, Torey, Benjamin Sutton and Claire Voon. *Eight must-see exhibitions to see during Frieze Los Angeles*, The Art Newspaper. February 13
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Mcintosh, Monique ; photographed by Dickerson, Amy. *Cultural Crossroads*, Luxe Magazine. January
- 2022 Liou, Caroline Ellen, *Your Concise Los Angeles Art Guide for June 2022*, Hyperallergic. May 31
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- 2021 Gómez-Upegui, Salomé. *The 10 Best Booths at Untitled Art Miami Beach 2021*, Artsy. November 30
- 2019 Leiman, Layla. *A Meeting of Two Worlds: Ken Gun Min*, ArtMaze Mag. August 14