

Bella Yongok Kim

Awards & Honors

- 2026 Selected Artist, Public Art Commission, Deschutes Public Library Central Library, Bend, OR
Finalist, Emerging Artist Projects Public Art Opportunity, City of Bellevue Arts & Culture Program, WA
Arts WA Public Artist Roster 2025-2029
City of Seattle Public Art Artist Roster 2026
- 2025 The Community Foundation of South Puget Sound – Project Connect Grant, Olympia, WA
2nd Place Award, 2025 National juried exhibit, The Sarah Spurgeon Gallery, Ellensburg, WA
Honorable Mention, The 14th Cheongju Craft Biennale, Cheongju, South Korea
Storefronts Program Artist Grant, Shunpike, Seattle, WA
- 2024 Juror's top pick Award, Center of Contemporary Art (COCA), Seattle, WA
Artistic Achievement Award of 2024, Korean American Coalition, Seattle, WA
Juror's Choice Award, 22nd Annual Juried Local Artist Exhibition, The Gallery TCC, Tacoma, WA
Best of Show Award of Peninsula Art League Juried Show, Harbor History Museum, Gig Harbor, WA
- 2023 Artist Trust GAP Award 2023, Seattle, WA
Merit Award, Southwest Regional Juried Art Exhibition, SPSCC, Olympia, WA
Juror's Choice Award, 21st Annual Juried Local Artist Exhibition, The Gallery TCC, Tacoma, WA
Arts WA Public Artist Roster 2023-2025
- 2022 Honorable mention, 20th Annual Juried Local Art Exhibition, TCC, Tacoma, WA
Spaceworks Tacoma Residency, Collaborating Artist, Tacoma, WA
- 2021 People's Choice & Honorable Mention, Fresh Talent, Bainbridge Arts & Crafts, WA
Honorable Mention, 22nd Juried Show, Schack Art Center, Everett, WA
- 2011 17th 'RAGS' Juried Wearable Art Show- Gallery division, Tacoma, WA
- 2010 2nd Place Award 'Korean Art Show', Pierce College, Lakewood, WA
- 1990 National Special Art Award: The Korean Craft and Art Competition, Seoul, Korea
- 1988 National Art Award: The Korean Craft and Art Competition, Seoul, Korea

Experiences

- 2026 Lead Artist, Collaborative Art Project, Arbutus Folk School, Olympia, WA
Workshop: Exploring Jogakbo – Framed Mini Jogakbo, Gallery B612, Seattle, WA
- 2025 ReFashion Sewdown Judge, Bainbridge Island, WA
- 2024 Public Art Panelist, Federal Way Light Rail Project, WA
- 2023 A project of Korean collection at the Burke Museum of Natural History & Culture, Seattle, WA
- 2011; 2021-2022 President of KAAW (Korean American Artist Association of WA)
- 2002-2005 Painter, McHugh's Restorations, Richmond, VA
- 1994-1998 Instructor, Myungji Junior College, Seoul, Korea
- 1995 Instructor, Daejeon University, Daejeon, Korea
- 1994 Instructor, Kunsan University, Kunsan, Korea
- 1986-1987 Teaching Assistant, Ewha Womans University, Seoul, Korea

Juried and Invitational Exhibitions

2026

(Kin)etic: Contemporary Contemplations, the Shelton McMurphey Johnson House, Eugene, OR
From Hwagae Market to Pike Place, Leonor R. Fuller Gallery SPSCC, Olympia, WA
Handwork 2026: Northwest Designer Craftartists, Postmark Art Center, Auburn, WA
The Coliseum of Art, Historic Coliseum Theatre, Seattle, WA
The BIMA Bash, Bainbridge Island museum of Art, WA
Art of Soccer, Gallery B612: Pioneer Square, Seattle, WA
MoNA's 2026 Art Auction, Museum of Northwest Art, La Conner, WA
Love Letter to Planet Earth, Gallery B612, Seattle, WA
NWDC's Handwork 2026: Shaped in the Northwest, Gallery at the Park, Richland, WA
Reimagining Korean Jogakbo: From Tradition to Sustainability, Tateuchi East Asia Library, UW, Seattle, WA
Tossed and Found, Bainbridge Arts & Crafts, Bainbridge Island, WA
ORDINARY OBJECTS, Fathom Gallery, Fathom Architecture LLC, Seattle, WA

2025

Storefronts: South Lake Union, Shunpike's Program, Seattle, WA
Unfinished Business, Parallax Arts Collective, Postmark Center, Auburn, WA
Pacific Northwest Perspectives: Creations by NWDC, Lynnwood Event Center, Lynnwood, WA
When Science Meets Korea, Pierce College, Steilacoom, WA
INTERSTATE: Where I-90 meets I-82, national juried exhibit, The Sarah Spurgeon Gallery, Ellensburg, WA
KAAW Annual Member Exhibition, Seattle Convention Center, Seattle, WA
The 14th Cheongju Craft Biennale, '세상 짓기(se-sang jisgi): Re_Crafting Tomorrow', Cheongju, South Korea
Women Artists, The Gallery TCC, Tacoma, WA
Unprecedented: The Inaugural Postmark Biennial, Postmark Center for the Arts, Auburn, WA
The BIMA Bash, Bainbridge Island Museum of Art, WA
Shunpike Storefronts Program, Public Art Selection (Exhibition scheduled), Seattle, WA
MoNA's 2025 Art Auction, Museum of Northwest Art, La Conner, WA
Fiber Between the Lines Exhibition, The Pacific Northwest Quilt & Fiber Arts Museum, La Conner, WA
Journey to Homeland, Yunan Ru Art Center, Bellevue, WA

2024

On the Natural, 2024 CoCA Northwest Annual, Center on Contemporary Art, Seattle, WA
Peninsula Art League, Juried Show, Harbor History Museum, Gig Harbor, WA
Juror's Invitational, The Leonor R. Fuller Gallery, Merit Award Invitational Exhibition, Olympia, WA
Uncommon Threads: A Fiber Arts Experience, Lynnwood Event Center, Lynnwood, WA
Exquisite Ornament Exhibition, Bainbridge Arts & Crafts, Bainbridge Island, WA
Artist Trust's 2024 Benefit Art Auction, AXIS Pioneer Square, Seattle, WA
Sunday Kitchen 'From Else, Within here: Women of tomorrow', Mixed Pantry, Seattle, WA
The 14th Annual International Juried Exhibition, Gallery 110, Seattle, WA

2023

Act of Healing and Repair, Bellingham National Juried Art Exhibition, Whatcom Museum, Bellingham, WA
Vessels Speak Volumes, Gallery Mack, Seattle, WA
The INTERSTATE, A national juried exhibit, Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA
Construct, NSC Art Gallery, North Seattle College, Seattle, WA
Restructured, Childhood's End Gallery, Olympia, WA
International Bojagi Journey 2023, The Pacific Northwest Quilt and Fiber Arts Museum, La Conner, WA
Southwest Regional Juried Art Exhibition, SPSCC, Olympia, WA
BIMA Spotlight Juried Show, Bainbridge Island Museum of Art, Bainbridge Island, WA
21st Annual Juried Local Artist Exhibition, The Gallery, Tacoma Community College, Tacoma, WA
23rd Juried Exhibition, Schack Art Center, Everett, WA
Arts Explosion, Performing Arts & Event Center, Federal Way, WA
Collectors' cabinet, The Gallery, Tacoma Community College, WA
Felt and Fiber, University House Wallingford, Era Living, Seattle, WA
Art on Main, Auburn, WA

2022

Fantasy Footwear, Clarke & Clarke Art + Artifact, Mercer Island, WA
20th Annual Juried Local Art Exhibition, Tacoma Community College, Tacoma, WA
KAAW Member's Show, University House Wallingford, Era Living, Seattle, WA
Itty Bitty Show, Gallery Row, Gig Harbor, WA
REFASHION, Bainbridge Arts & Crafts, Bainbridge Island, WA
Experimental Exploration, Columbia City gallery, Seattle, WA
The Spaceworks Tacoma Residency, Spaceworks Tacoma, Tacoma, WA
Pacific Northwest Landscape, The Gallery, Tacoma Community College, Tacoma, WA

2021

Fresh Talent, Bainbridge Arts & Crafts, Bainbridge Island, WA
Interdependence, Kirkland Art Center, Kirkland, WA
22nd Juried Show, Schack Art Center, Everett, WA
Shifting Tides, Columbia City Gallery, Seattle, WA

Solo & Featured Exhibitions

2026 Bella Kim Exhibition, Gallery One, Ellensburg, WA
Bella Kim: Jogakbo Journeys, Gallery B612, Seattle, WA
2025 Transformations In Green, Harbor History Museum, Gig harbor, WA
2024 Bella Kim: Transformations, Bainbridge Island Museum of Art, Beacon Gallery, Bainbridge Island, WA
2023 Bella Kim Exhibition, Tacoma Community College, Gig Harbor, WA

Group Exhibitions

2026 KAAW Exhibition, Consulate General of the Republic of Korea, Seattle, WA
KAAW Exhibition, The Colors of Korea, Asia Pacific Cultural Center, Tacoma, WA

2025 KAAW Annual Member Exhibition, Seattle Convention Center, Seattle, WA
2025 Pacific Northwest Perspectives: Creations by NWDC, Lynnwood Event Center, Lynnwood, WA
2024 KAAW Member's Exhibition, Lynnwood Event Center, WA
KAAW Special Exhibition, Yuan Ru Gallery, Bellevue, WA
2023 KAAW Member's Exhibition, Schack Art Center, Everett, WA
2022 KAAW Member's Exhibition, Tacoma Community College Gallery, Tacoma, WA
2021-2009 KAAW Member's Exhibitions, Kaaw.net
2012-11 'RAGS' Juried Wearable Art Show, Tacoma, WA
2010-12 Gallery 3 member Exhibition, Puyallup, WA
2010 KAAW Member's Exhibition, Mercer View Gallery, Mercer Island, WA
2010 Featured Artist, BKB & Company, Tacoma, WA
2007 Artist Review Today Showcase at Galleria, Cleveland, OH
1995 Celebrating The 50th Anniversary of Art and Design, Ewha Womans University, Seoul, Korea
1992, 1996 Seoul Fiber Art Festival, Seoul Metropolitan Museum of Art, Seoul, Korea
1990 The 30th Ewha Alumni of Fine Arts Exhibition, Museum of Ewha Womans University, Seoul, Korea
1991-1997 Korea Crafts Council Exhibitions, Seoul, Korea
1986-2000 Cheyeom Fiber Artist Group Annual Exhibitions, Seoul, Korea

Collections

Arbutus Folk School, Olympia, WA
Tateuchi East Asia Library, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
The Burke Museum of Natural History & Culture, Seattle, WA
Tahoma Place, Tacoma, WA
Private Collections

Education

1986-1988 M.F.A. Fiber Art, Ewha Womans University, Seoul, South Korea
1982-1986 B.F.A. Design & Fabric Dyeing, Ewha Womans University, Seoul, South Korea

Links

KAAW (Korean American Artist Association of WA) www.kaaw.net
NWDC (Northwest Designer Craftartists) www.nwdesignercraftartists.org
BAC (Bainbridge Arts & Crafts) www.bacart.org
Refashion www.refashionbainbridge.org