

## *Studio Now*



In May, I will be working on new artwork and participating in wall painting project.

## *The explanation of my works*



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When I first started on this piece, I would often watch video lectures on quantum mechanics. All of my work's interests would eventually be questions about my existence and presence, but I am looking for the answers through other people and other objects. The object in the piece is also recognizable in the eyes, but the question is, 'is the recognized image the real image of the object?' The question of 'the nature of things' posted by quantum mechanics makes me more sensitive and makes me think about what I want to express as a visual artist. In this piece, the colored parts show the characteristics of the object. It is like when one looks at the silhouette of an object, the image of the object comes up in one's head. So the main purpose of this piece is this.

'What is this?' 'Does it really exist?' 'If so, how does it exist?'

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## *Kim's Essay*

### **Living, Being Alive, and Happiness**

Around lunchtime, I went on a walk to see the sun. I have not been able to sleep well at night and I heard that the sun helps with sleep, so I usually go on a walk during daytime. Despite the effect of COVID-19, various groups of people could be seen strolling with masks on. After some time, I noticed myself walking fast towards a set destination. Then I slowed down and saw the blue sky and green leaves on the tree. Seeing myself walking unconsciously despite my pledge to feel the world as much as possible, I thought, 'habits are not easy to be fixed!'

Short after walking unconsciously the news about the confirmed cases and the deads of COVID-19 filled my mind. New York, Italy, Spain etc. Who would have known? That their lives would end that way? Amongst them must have been people who made resolutions about 2020. Even at this very moment COVID-19 is taking the lives of people, regardless of their region, race and social statues. Although modern times have it that human-made spacecraft can go beyond the solar system and identify the quantum world to reveal the fundamental substance of the world, humans feel threatened by one of the numerous species of virus that exists – but can't even see with human eyes – in the wild.

While the COVID-19 is spreading throughout the world, the spread rate in Korea is decreasing. With the spread decreasing, the news has already begun to focus on the news suffering from paralysis of economic activity and the government's economic support policy. Since the COVID-19 is not completely over in the country yet, there are mix of people trying not to get infected by the virus and people who have lost their homes because of it and can't just wait and see. Everyone's situation may be different but I can't help to wonder for those who faced unexpected situations 'what is reality like?'

'Is it happiness to be alive in such situation or is it happiness to live despite this situation?'

Then I stopped again and looked around. Bright sunlight, trees swaying in the wind, and plants with buds shrinking. As I listen carefully, I could hear the gentle sound of water. All my senses were making me feel alive. I walked again with a calm mind. Come to think of it, happiness wasn't all that far away for me either.