

Han Youngsoo Biography

A successful commercial image-maker in his later years, Han Youngsoo (1933-1999) began his work in photography after he returned to Seoul from the frontlines of the Korean War (1950-1953). The city, like the rest of the country, was devastated and impoverished. "After the war, still covered with the soot of tragedy, I found myself in the middle of civic confusion," Han later observed. "I was startled to find, however, the great determination of the human spirit to carry on with life—in a sense something simple and natural, but also ... very profound." In the ensuing years, Han captured the city and its surroundings with a passionate eye for form and narrative detail, documenting both its ancient ways of life and its dramatic transformation from war-torn metropolis to a prosperous modern society.

Hanyoungsu 韓榮洙 Han, Youngsoo

- 1958 Hyeon-Seong (first photo research meeting in Korea)
- 1958 Join the Korean Photographer Association
- 1958 Appointed general manager of Korea Photographer Association
 - Japanese "World Photography Yearbook", "Revelation"
- 1959 Appointed Vice President of the Korean Photographer Association
 - Central Committee member of Korea Federation of Cultural Organizations
 - Member of Korean Artists Association Photography Department
- 1960 Japanese "World Photography Yearbook" on <Girl>
- 1961 "Alien Girl" in "International Photography Yearbook" in UK
- 1962 Representative, Korea Creative Photographers Association
 - Korean Commercial Photographer Association
- 1966 Advertising photo studio "Han Youngsoo Photo Research Institute" established
- 1968 Chosun Daily Advertising Grand Prize
- 1968 Joongang Ilbo Advertisement Grand Prize (Youngjin Pharmaceutical Advertisement)
- 1970 Graduated from Yonsei University Graduate School of Business Administration
- 1973 Electronic advertisement in Swiss "Photography Yearbook" (Samsung Electronics planning advertisement)
- 1975 "Cosmetics advertising poster" in Swiss "Grasshopper yearbook" (Pacifico chemistry)
- 1977 Dong-A Ilbo Advertisement Grand Prize (Green Cross Corporation PR Advertisement)
 - Contains poster for cosmetics advertising in Swiss "Grafis Poster Yearbook" (Pacifico Chemical)
- 1985 Photo library "Photo Bank" established
- 1990 Chairman of International Jury of Photo Exhibition hosted by Dong-A Ilbo
- 1991 Chairman of the Jury
 - Advisor to the Korean Photographer Association
 - Advisor, Korea Advertising Photographer Association
- 1999 Awarded the Cultural Impression of the Year
- 1999 Announcement



Solo Exhibitions

1986 'Beautiful Wangsan' Design and Packaging Center / Seoul, Korea
1988 LA Korean Cultural Center Invited Exhibition 'Woori Gangsan' / Los Angeles USA
1999 "MESTER" (Maestro) Photo Exhibition of Hungarian Photography Museum / Budapest, Hungary
MAI MANO. Hungarian House of Photography Group Exhibition 2006 'Korean New Days' Slovakia Photography Festival / Bratislava, Slovakia 2008 Donggang Photography Festival, Donggang Photography Museum, Jeonju / Donggang, Gangwon Province
2008 Korean Contemporary Art Museum "60 Years of Contemporary Photography" / Seoul, Korea
2008 Hangang Citizen Business Division, 'Han River Renaissance Exhibition' / Seoul, Korea
2008 Daegu Photography Biennale 'Hidden Four Artists' / Daegu, Korea
2009 'Gwanghwamun' Exhibition Seoul Museum of History / Seoul, Korea
2009 Hangang Citizen Business Division, Han River Renaissance Exhibition / Seoul, Korea

Works

1986 Publications "Woori Jiagsan" published (Deterioration)
1987 Publications "Life" Publications (Sung Tae Yang)
1990 Book "I grew up in Seoul"
Written by Suh Hyun-sun / Han Youngsoo (Daewon company) Reprinted in 2003

Hungary Photography Museum
Seoul Museum of Art
Korea Photographic Institute
Donggang Photo Museum
Korea Foundation for Cultural Promotion
Seoul History Museum

1958 Joins Shinsunwhue (The New Line Group), Korea's first ever photographic forum
Joins the Photo Artist Society of Korea
Appointed Director of the Photo Artist Society of Korea
<Prophecy> published in Japan's World Photo Almanac

1959 Elected Vice Chairman of the Photo Artist Society of Korea
Committee member of The Federation of Art & Cultural Organizations of Korea
Joins the Korean Artists Association

1960 <The Maiden> published in Japan's World Photo Almanac

1961 <Girl in the Alley> published in the World Photo Yearbook

1962 Chief Representative to the Creative Photo Artist Society of Korea
Founding member of the Commercial Photographer's Association of Korea

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- 1966 Founds Han Youngsoo Photo Forum (Advertising Photo Studio)
- 1968 Awarded grand prize on the 5th Chosunilbo Advertising Photo Contest
- 1970 Master's Degree in Business Administration, Yonsei University
- 1973 Commissioned by Samsung Electronics published in Photographis
- 1975 Advertisement commissioned by Amorepacific Corporation published in Graphis Poster Annual
- 1977 Advertisement for the Green Cross Corporation wins the Donga Grand Prize
Advertisement commissioned by Amorepacific Corporation published in Graphis
- 1985 Launches <Photo Bank>, a photography library
- 1986 Photography book, "Our Rivers & Mountains"
- 1987 Photography book, "Life"
- 1990 Chairman of the awards committee, 25th Dongailbo International Photo Contest
- 1991 Chairman of the awards committee, 10th Korea Photo Contest
Adviser to the Photo Artist Society of Korea
Adviser to Korea
- 1999 Voted Cultural Figure of the Year
- 1999 Dies in Seoul on 9. January
August - MAI MANO (Hungarian House of Photography) features
the invitational <MESTER>

Collections

- 1999 MAI MANO (Hungarian Museum of Photography)
- 2005 Seoul Metropolitan Museum
- 2007 Photo-Museum of Dongang
- 2012 Seoul Museum of History