

Across the Decades

Celebrating the 70th Anniversary of the National Academy of Arts, Republic of Korea
Hosted by the Korean Cultural Centre UK

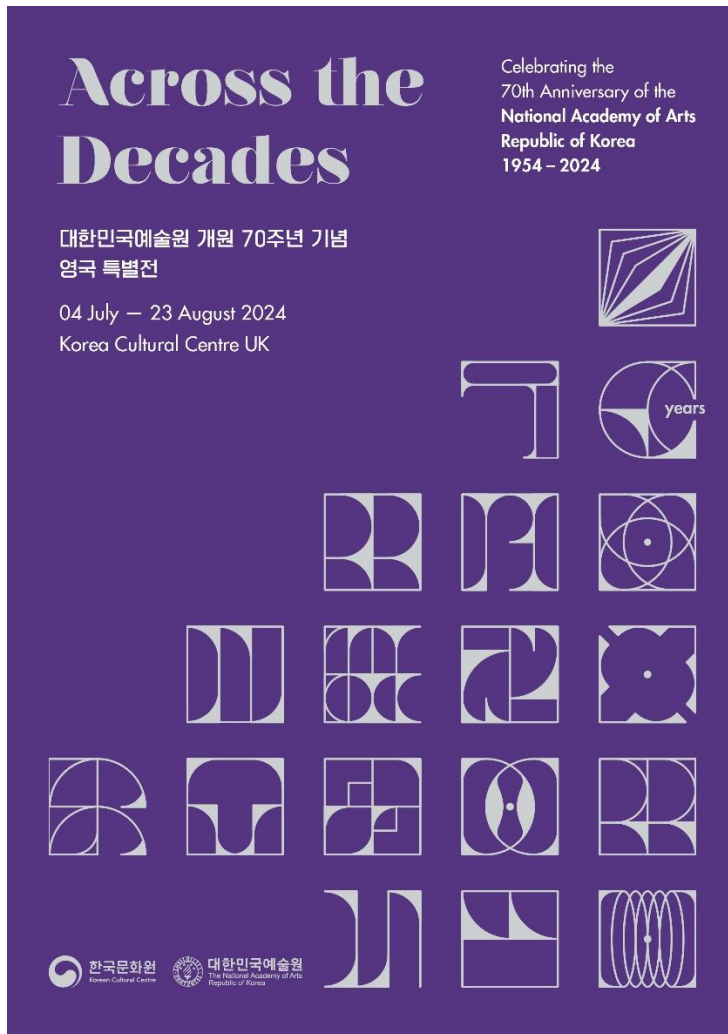
4 July – 23 August 2024, Mon-Fri 10:00-17:30 / Sat 11:00-16:00

Opening Reception: 4 July 18:00-20:00

Free admission

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From 4 July to 23 August 2024, The Korean Cultural Centre UK will present ‘**Across the Decades - Celebrating the 70th Anniversary of the National Academy of Arts, Republic of Korea**’.

For the past 70 years, The National Academy of Arts (NAA), Republic of Korea has celebrated the works and insights of master artists. As the most prestigious art and culture association in Korea the Academy presently boasts seventy-one academicians (with a maximum membership of 100) spanning six divisions: Literature, Fine Art, Music, Theatre, Film, and Dance.

The exhibition 'Across the Decades' retraces the remarkable contributions of renowned masters who have significantly advanced modern and contemporary arts and culture in Korea since the founding of the NAA in 1954.

The exhibition commemorates the 70th anniversary of the opening of the NAA and features 26 works from 17 luminaries from the NAA's Art Division. The showcased artists include: *Jongsang Lee (b.1938)*, *Kyungja Chun (1924-2015)*, *Se-ok Suh (1929-2020)* representing Korean painting;

Myeungro Youn (b.1936), *Heeyoung Yoo (b.1940)*, *Kwangjin Park (b.1935)*, *Souckchin Kim (b.1931)*, *Sanghwa Chung (b.1932)* and *Whanki Kim (1913-1974)* who epitomise Western painting;

Loijin Jeun (b.1929), *Jongtae Choi (b.1932)*, *Taijung Um (b.1938)*, *Euisoon Choi (b.1934)*, masters of sculpture;

Shinja Lee (b.1931) and *Chankyun Kang (b.1938)* masters of crafts;

Seungjoong Yoon (b.1937), an authority on architecture and *Changryun Kwon (1943-2024)* a specialist in calligraphy.

Through 26 pieces of works by 17 renowned artists, this exhibition highlights the essence of modern and contemporary Korean art, capturing the spirit of master artists who endeavoured to overcome the rapidly changing socio-political landscape of Korea in the 20th and 21st centuries. With their unwavering dedication to the creative process, the exhibition celebrates how the NAA's academicians have not only paved unforeseen paths in Korean arts but also contributed significantly to the rapid development of Korean culture.

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About Korean Cultural Centre UK (KCCUK)

The Korean Cultural Centre UK (KCCUK) was opened by the Korean Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism in January 2008 under the aegis of the Embassy of the Republic of Korea. The role of the KCCUK is to further enhance friendship, amity, and understanding between Korea and the UK through cultural and educational activities. From the KCCUK's central London location, near Trafalgar Square, its dedicated cultural team work to further develop cultural projects, introduce new opportunities to expand their Korean events programme in the UK, and encourage cultural exchange.