

For Immediate Release**Chronic Circumstance: Youngseok Cha**
8 March – 21 April 2013**Opening Reception: 8 March 2013, 7pm – 9pm**

Space Cottonseed is pleased to announce the first solo exhibition by Youngseok Cha in Singapore.

The series of *Chronic Circumstance* reveals a world, which is unconsciously created in everyday life through collections of various objects. Landscapes of various objects such as plants and pots, porcelains, Matryoshka dolls, insects and birds have appeared often in Youngseok Cha's series of drawings where he depicts collections of diverse items that people gather for many reasons, their health, decoration, souvenirs and memoirs from travels and so on.

There is a certain awkwardness, peculiarity, and ridiculousness caused by the congregation of mutually unrelated objects. There is almost no intention to connect the objects with one another; there is to say, emphasis was placed upon the peculiarity of the scene of diverse, unrelated objects scattered in a single venue.

Youngseok Cha explores a habitual world, unrecognized but repetitive, that also belongs to the artist as an art practice which never be specially perceived however continued.

Ultimately the more he draws *Chronic Circumstance*, the more he erases the specific tastes of individuals concerning the objects being exposed, and the taste of society or the era that influences them, leaving only the artist's habitual tastes, which pursue patterns and minuteness.

Youngseok Cha was born in 1976 and currently works and lives in Seoul, South Korea. As one of the most prospected emerging artists in Korea, Cha's work has been exhibited numerous galleries as well as museums such as Keumho Museum of Art, SOMA museum of Art and National Museum of Contemporary Art. He also has received awards and grants for emerging artists by the Arts Council in Korea.

Cha Youngseok

Lives and works in Seoul, Korea

Education

2011 MFA in Fine Art, School of Visual Arts, Korean National University of Arts, Seoul
2007 BFA in Fine Art, School of Visual Arts, Korean National University of Arts, Seoul

Solo Exhibition

2012 Chronic Circumstance, Art+Lounge Dibang, Seoul, Korea
2010 The Montages of the Fragments, New Gallery on Old Bailey, Hong Kong, China
Well Still Life, Gallery Hyundai Window Gallery, Seoul, Korea
2009 Well Still Life: Kumho Young Artist, Kumho Museum of Art, Seoul, Korea

Selected Group Exhibition

2012 Muse in Art, ARTSIDE Gallery, Seoul, Korea
Unfinished Journey, CAIS Gallery, Seoul, Korea
An Omniscient View Point, Gallery Zandari, Seoul, Korea
2011 No.45 Kumho Young Artist, Kumho Museum of Art, Seoul, Korea
Tomorrow 2011, Seoul center for arts Hangaram Gallery, Seoul, Korea
PROPOSE 7 (Vol.6), Kumho Museum of Art, Seoul, Korea
Do Window Volume 3, Gallery Hyundai Gangnam Space, Seoul, Korea
The Moment of Immersion, Fnart Space, Seoul, Korea
Room Project (Vol.1), Interalia art company, Seoul, Korea
Hatch out, KIC Art Center, Shanghai, China

- 2010 Tomorrow-Open Archive, SOMA Museum of Art, Seoul, Korea
 Symbolon: Everything is never as it seems, Hwa's Gallery, Shanghai, China
 40x40x40x40, Cottonseed, Seoul, Korea
 Threshold, Art+Lounge Dibang, Seoul, Korea
 Meet the artists, Kumsan gallery, Heyri, Korea
- 2009 Ordinary Days, Pkm Trinity Gallery, Seoul, Korea
 Cue!, Changdong Open Studio, Changdong Art Studio National Museum of Contemporary Art, Seoul, Korea
 The Soul Travels at the Pace of a Carmel, IM ART Gallery, Seoul, Korea
 IYAP2009: Against Interpretation, Interalia art company, Seoul, Korea
- 2008 The chART, Gana Art Center, Seoul, Korea
 Everyday Is Not the Same, BizArt, Shanghai, China; Gallery 175, Seoul, Korea
 Privacy, Alternative Space Loop, Seoul, Korea
 Privacy, Gallery Eighty at Space two, Singapore
 Privacy, Canvas International Art, Netherlands
 30th Joongang Fine Arts Prize Exhibition, Seoul center for arts Hangaram Art Museum, Seoul, Korea
- 2007 Blue Ocean: The Blossom of Youth, Gallery Velvet, Seoul, Korea
 Drawing Open-Ends, Gallery at Korean National University of Arts, Seoul, Korea
 Walking in the City, Moran Gallery, Seoul, Korea
 Drawing Variation, Gallery 175, Seoul, Korea
 Seoul Auction Young Artist, Insa Art Center, Seoul, Korea
- 2006 School-Exchange Show, Virginia Commonwealth University, Virginia, USA
- 2005 Serial Killers: In Praise of Madness, Gallery at Spanish Embassy Gallery, Seoul, Korea
 Ready Made, Gallery Indeco, Seoul, Korea
- 2004 Premier, Network Space Team Preview, Seoul, Korea

Award, Grant & Fellowship

- 2012 Grant for Arts Creation, Seoul Foundation for Arts and Culture, Seoul, Korea
- 2008 The 30th Joongang Fine Arts Prize, Joongang Culture Media Company, Seoul, Korea
- 2007 Grant for Emerging Artist, Arts Council Korea, Seoul, Korea
 The 6th Kumho Young Artist, Kumho Museum of Art, Seoul, Korea
 Archive Registration: Selected Artists for Into Drawing, SOMA Drawing Center, Seoul

Program & Residency

- 2011-2013 Studio Pakyoung, Paju, Korea
- 2008-2009 Changdong Art Studio, National Museum of Contemporary Art, Seoul, Korea
- 2007 Saturday Talk: Mentoring, Alternative Space Pool, Seoul, Korea

Public Collections

- National Museum of Contemporary Art, Art Bank, Gwacheon, Korea
 Kumho Museum of Art, Seoul, Korea
 LG, Seoul, Korea

About Space Cottonseed

Space Cottonseed is a contemporary art gallery located in Gillman Barracks in Singapore, a new art hub for South East Asia. Born in 2010 in Seoul, as a non-profit gallery, Cottonseed has been an incubator and a working site for local artists as well as communities in Mulla Art Village. Having inherited the spirit and experiences of Cottonseed in Seoul, Space Cottonseed is the new and innovative contemporary art gallery, which represents artists from Korea, Asia and beyond. With the support from an international network, created by its gallery director's long time career as a curator, it will present exhibitions and associated events – catalogues, books, talks and accompanying activities – of the highest quality in Singapore.

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