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Korea Art Forum Presents:
2023 SHARED DIALOGUE, SHARED SPACE (SDSS)

At Bowne Playground, Flushing
(Corner of Union St. & Sanford Ave, Flushing, NY 11355)
on Saturday, April 22, 2023, 12pm – 5pm

New York, , March 22, 2023 — Korea Art Forum (KAF) is excited to announce the first iteration of the 2023 Shared Dialogue, Shared Space (SDSS), an outdoor participatory art event that will take place on April 22 from 12–5 pm in Bowne Playground, Flushing. This event promises to be a day of immersive art experiences that connect immigrant communities and underserved ethnic enclaves in New York City to visual arts and culture.

The SDSS event in Flushing is part of a series of Saturday participatory art initiatives presented for free in NYC Parks and Public Places. Since 2020, SDSS programs have connected immigrant communities to art and culture through language access and participatory art activities. This year, KAF has invited five artists and teams to create new collaborative work with local communities.

Minshik Shin addresses specific ways of visualizing the abstract form of democracy and creates opportunities for people to integrate art into their daily life. Moses Ros will invite participants to make Repróllage that combines printmaking and collage of recycled materials. Stephanie Alvarado and Nancy Paredes will take and preserve portraits of LGBTQ+ elders and community members for future memories, elevating the significance of history writing, particularly in BIPOC communities. The Square Theater will invite community members to be part of a participatory performance that uses collected questions to connect immigrant experiences. Yeon Jin Kim continues advancing collective Jogakbo and narrative fabric collages, two powerful and expressive art and craft forms practiced by women that deserve more widespread attention.

SDSS is a project that fosters dialogues between the audience and artists, exploring a wide range of subject matters and the multidimensional role of art in the processes of cultural production and social change, particularly to disrupt rising anti-Asian sentiments and racial divides that are entrenched in all sectors of American life. KAF has offered artist-run workshops, performances, and participatory activities to populations with limited English proficiency free of charge, with translation services in English, Chinese, Korean, and Spanish at local parks embedded in the community.

For the past 3 years, Shared Dialogue, Shared Space has broadened channels of communication between the contemporary art world and immigrant communities in New York City, advancing the artists' creative endeavors of engaging the public. This year's event promises to be an engaging experience that showcases the diverse talents and perspectives of the artists and the community. Join us on April 22 from 12–5 pm in Bowne Playground, Flushing,

for a day of immersive art experiences that celebrate the power of art in shaping our communities. Admission is free, and all are welcome to attend.

Upcoming Program Summary:

SDSS at Bowne Playground in Flushing on Saturday, April 23, 2023 from 12pm to 5 pm

Join artists **Minshik Shin, Moses Ros, Stephanie Alvarado and Nancy Paredes, The Square Theater, and Yeon Jin Kim.** Engage with their artwork and participate in their unique creative processes. Experience a day of immersive art experiences that showcase the diverse talents and perspectives of the artists and the community.

About Korea Art Forum (KAF)

Founded in New York 2013, Korea Art Forum (KAF) is led by artists, scholars, and peacemakers committed to bridging the world through art, serving to advance indispensable values of art's connectivity, relevance, and equity to create a peaceful world and enhance people's quality of life and well-being. KAF's goals are to stem root causes of inequality found in the contemporary art field and promote an eco-human-centric framework of art as a social product of public engagement that enables the creation of a peaceful world of coexistence, cooperation, and shared prosperity. Operating at the intersection of the visual arts and humanities, KAF annually produces interrelated projects—Commissions, Exhibitions, Forums, and Publications—to bring together all people from the art world and beyond to share dialogues, serving to build an interconnected peaceful world and support inclusion, diversity, equity, and accessibility.

THANK YOU!

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