

## Press Release

Kukje Gallery

### MeeNa Park

MeeNa Park (born in Korea, 1973- )

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Kukje Gallery K1

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Kukje Gallery is pleased to announce MeeNa Park's solo exhibition *Grey & 12*. This will be Park's second solo exhibition at Kukje Gallery following her previous show in 2010. MeeNa Park has established her practice around color and popular iconography through a systematic examination how both are classified in collections and catalogues. In this exhibition the artist presents new color study drawings in addition to a series of new oil paintings.

As extensions of the artist's series of drawings that begun in 1998, her new color study drawings use the pages collected from children's "coloring" books to each a regular cross hatching pattern applied. Pondering the relationship between subject, form and chroma, these exquisite color studies focus primarily on

the black-grey spectrum and twelve other basic colors. In her new abstract oil paintings, Park is moving away from acrylic by using commercially manufactured oil paint and the 22 different pre-made canvas formats designated for portrait use. Working without preparatory drawings, the artist seeks a form of pure art in a set space through spontaneous brushstrokes. The artist's study of primary colors continues in her 12 colors drawings and here, she comments on the physicality of readymade-colors through the act of laying on colors straight from the tube onto the canvas.

MeeNa Park's continued interest in the dynamic that exists between the commercialization, circulation and consumption of color and iconography is based on both the mass-production that became possible through industrialization and image-color that has expanded its purview to accommodate the ever expanding consumer demand. Through the artist's unique combination of forms and interest in aesthetic systems, *Grey & 12* reveals the autonomy of paint, pencil and colored pencils, and canvases that can

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be easily and equally purchased by anyone through standardization process of mass-produced objects.



Artist: MeeNa Park  
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Based in Seoul, Korea, MeeNa Park(b.1973) studied painting at Rhode Island School of Design, Providence (BFA) and Hunter College, New York (MFA). She has had solo shows at Doosan Gallery, New York (2012), Gallery em, Seoul (2011) and Kukje Gallery, Seoul (2010). She also participated in group exhibitions at Gyeonggi Museum of Modern Art (2013, 2010), Culture Station Seoul 284 (2012, 2011), Gwangju Design Biennale (2011), Plateau, Samsung Museum of Art (2011) and Atelier Hermès (2009). Her works are in the permanent collections of many renowned museums and collections including Daelim Museum, Leeum, Samsung Museum of Art, Ilmin Museum of Art and Deutsche Bank in Hong Kong.

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*12 Colors Drawings II*

2013

Colored pencil on coloring page

[Jikuguahak Colored Pencil]

34.5 x 26.5 cm each (framed)

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*Figure 20*

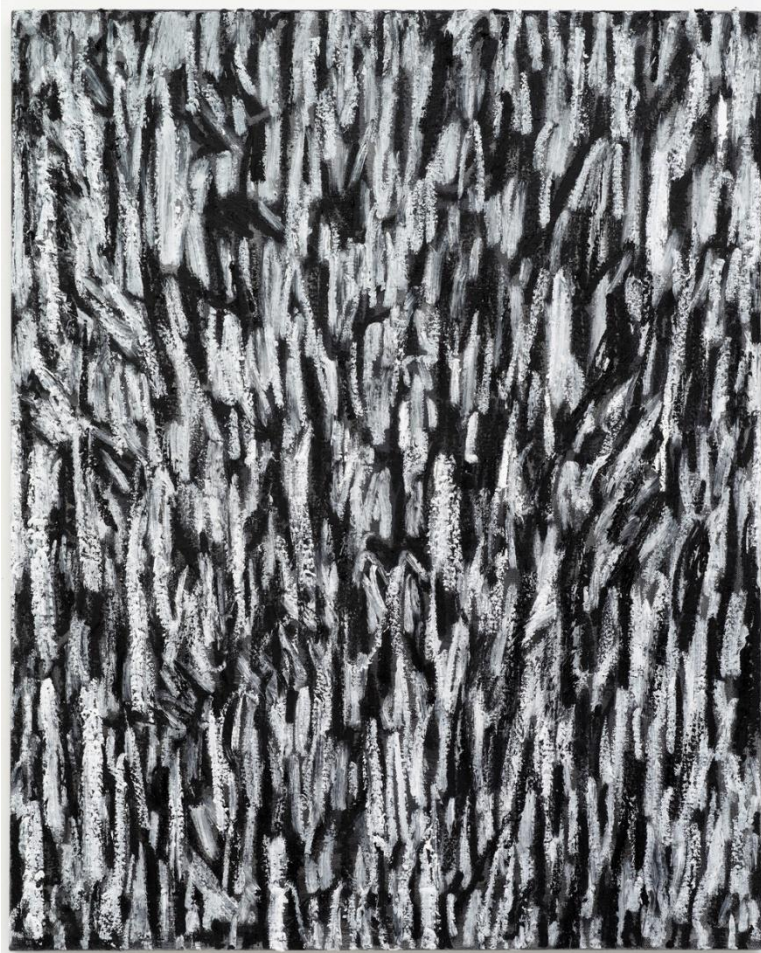
2013

oil on linen

72.7 x 60.6 cm

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*Figure 30*

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90.9 x 72.7 cm

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