

Don Ahn Biography

BORN

- 1937 Seoul, Korea

DIED

- 2013 Nazareth, PA

EDUCATION

- 1965-70 A.B.D. PhD., New York Univ., New York, NY, Art History
- 1964-65, 66-67 Art Students League, New York, NY
- 1963-65 MFA, Pratt Institute, New York, NY, Painting & Graphic Arts
- 1962-63 Graduate Course, Miami University, Oxford, OH, Painting & Graphic Arts
- 1955-60 BFA Seoul National University, Korea, Industrial Design (2 years major in aesthetics)
- 1955 Graduated from Kyunggi High School
- 1949 Graduated from Jaedong Elementary School

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 1964 First Prize in Etching, East Coast Printmakers Annual, Juror - Gabor Peterdi, Village Arts Center, NY
- 1964 McDowell Artist Fellowship, NH
- 1963 First prize in painting, Dayton Art Museum, Ohio Regional Art Annual, Juror - Howard Arnason, Vice President, Guggenheim Museum, NY
- 1963 Pratt Graduate Fellowship, NY

SELECTED PUBLIC AND PRIVATE COLLECTIONS

- Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY
- Dayton Art Museum, Dayton, OH
- Evansville Museum, Evansville, IN
- C.W. Post College, Long Island, NY
- Jennifer Small, New York, NY
- Campbell Collection, Cold Spring, NY

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 1964-75 New York Institute of Technology, Long Island, NY: Assistant professor
- 1966-70 Cooper Union, New York, NY
- 1964-68 C.W. Post College, Long Island, NY: Assistant professor
- 1963-65 Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY: Graduate assistant instructor

SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

- 2013 "Coloring Time", Ahl Foundation, Inc.
- 1997 Book: "*Asian traditions, Modern Expressions 1945-1970*" by Jeffrey Wechsler, Published by Harry N. Abrams, Inc. 224pages
- [1997, Apr "Of Asians Amount the Abstractionists", Holland Cotter, New York Times](#)
- [1995 Who's Who in American Art, Bowker Press](#)
- 1981 Community leaders of America
- 1981 Notable Americans
- 1981 Who's Who in The East
- 1980 Dictionary of International Biography
- 1980 Men of Achievement
- 1980 Who's Who in American Art, Bowker Press

- 1979 Who's Who in The East
- 1976 Who's Who in American Art, Bowker Press
- 1973 Dictionary of International Biography
- [1972, Sep "2 Shows South of Houston", John Canaday, New York Times](#)
- [1971, Dec "Old Drawings That do Turn Up", John Canaday, New York Times](#)
- 1963, May "*Dongkuk Ahn Works Show Is Influence*", Walt McCaslin, Journal Herald, Dayton, Ohio

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- [2014 *Don Ahn \(1937 – 2013\)*, Walter Wickiser Gallery, New York, NY](#)
- [2014 *Don Ahn \(DongkukAhn\) – Spirit*, BBCN Bank Manhattan Branch, New York, NY](#)
- [2012 *Don Ahn – Paintings from 1968 through 2005*, Walter Wickiser Gallery, New York, NY](#)
- [2007 *Dragons & Oceans*, Gallery Ewha, Seoul, Korea](#)
- [2004 *Zen&Void*, Walter Wickiser Gallery, New York, NY](#)
- [2000 Walter Wickiser Gallery, New York, NY](#)
- [1996 Walter Wickiser Gallery, New York, NY](#)
- 1994 Walter Wickiser Gallery, New York, NY
- [1993 Walter Wickiser Gallery, New York, NY](#)
- [1982 Han Kook Gallery, New York, NY](#)
- 1977 Lotus Gallery, New York, NY
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- 1975 Lotus Gallery, New York, NY
- 1972 Green Mountain Gallery, New York, NY
- 1972 Westbeth Gallery, New York, NY
- 1971 Westbeth Gallery, New York, NY
- 1971 Dalhousie gallery, Nova Scotia, Canada
- 1969 Downey Museum, Los Angeles, CA

- 1965 Evansville Museum, Evansville, IN
- [1963 *Paintings, Drawings and Prints by Dong Kuk Ahn*, Dayton Art Museum, Dayton, OH](#)
- 1962 Kilbride Bradley Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
- 1960 National Do-Su-Kwan Gallery (Korean Do-Su-Kwan Gallery), Seoul, Korea

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- [2013 *Coloring Time: An Exhibition from the Archive of Korean-American Artist, Part One \(1955-1989\)*, Gallery Korea of the Korean Cultural Service New York, NY](#)
- [2013 *Friends: Don Ahn, Wen Chi, Duoling Huang, John Johnson, Jim McCaul, Tchah Sup Kim, George Xiong*, Walter Wickiser Gallery, New York, NY](#)
- [2012 *Variations of Abstraction: Doug Frohman, Don Ahn, Hee Sook Kim, Jim McCaul, Francine Tint, Linda Plotkin*, Walter Wickiser Gallery, New York, NY](#)
- [2011 *Friends: Salvatore Tortora, Mel Leipzig, Tchasup Kim, Don Ahn*, Walter Wickiser Gallery, New York, NY](#)
- [2009 *Friends: Don Ahn, Myoung-Hi Kim, Tchah Sup Kim, Mel Leipzig, Martin Weinstein*, Walter Wickiser Gallery, New York, NY](#)
- [2008 *Gallery Artist Part V*, Walter Wickiser Gallery, New York, NY](#)
- [2007 *Without Boundary*, Lennox Contemporary Gallery, Toronto, Canada](#)
- [2004 *Gallery Artists Part I*, Walter Wickiser Gallery, New York, NY](#)
- [2004 *Forty Korean Contemporary Artists-2004*, Gallery 24, New York, NY](#)
- 2002 *Eastern Essence, 1950-1970*, Gary Snyder Gallery, New York, NY
- 2002 *500 Works on paper*, Gary Snyder Gallery, New York, NY
- 2001 *Abstract Expressionism*, Gary Snyder Gallery, New York, NY
- [1999 *Scattered Melodies: Seoul University Alumni Show*, Pleiades Gallery, New York, NY](#)
- [1999 *Korean New York Art Society Show*, Jersey City, NJ](#)
- 1999 Fukuoka Asian Art Museum, Fukuoka, Japan
- 1999 *Artist of the Third Millennium*, Walter Wickiser Gallery, New York, NY
- 1998 Kaohsiung Museum of Fine Arts, Taipei, Taiwan

- 1997 Chicago Institute of Art, Chicago, IL
- 1997 Zimmerli Museum, Rutgers University, Newark, NJ
- [1997-99 *Asian Tradition & Modern Expression: 1945-1970*, Zimmerli Museum, Rutgers University, Newark, NJ](#)
- 1995 Walter Wickiser Gallery, New York, NY
- 1994 Walter Wickiser Gallery, New York, NY
- 1993 Walter Wickiser Gallery, New York, NY
- 1992 Walter Wickiser Gallery, New York, NY
- 1977 Lotus Gallery, New York, NY
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- 1975 Lotus Gallery, New York, NY
- 1974 Faculty Show, New York Institute of Technology, New York, NY
- 1973 Westbeth Gallery, New York, NY
- 1972 Westbeth Gallery, New York, NY
- 1972 Green Mt. Gallery, New York, NY
- 1971 Green Mt. Gallery, New York, NY
- 1971 Westbeth Gallery, New York, NY
- 1971 U.S. National Print Biennial, Honolulu Academy of Arts, Honolulu, Hawaii
- 1969 Faculty Show, Cooper Union, New York, NY
- 1968 C.W. Post College, Long Island, NY
- 1968 6th Invitational International Print Biennial, Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo, Japan
- 1967 International Print Biennial, Grenchen, Switzerland
- 1967 Audobon, National Annual, New York, NY
- 1966 National Annual, Society of American Graphic Artists, New York, NY
- 1966 National Drawing & Sculpture, Ball State College, Muncie, IN
- 1966 Traveling U.S. Print Show, Pratt Graphic Arts Center, New York, NY
- 1965 Traveling U.S. Print Show, Pratt Graphic Arts Center, New York, NY

- 1965 C.W. Post College, Long Island, NY
- 1964 Faculty Show, New York Institute of Technology, New York, NY
- 1964 Evansville Museum, Evansville, Indiana
- 1964 East Coast Printmakers, Village Art Center, New York, NY
- 1963 Ohio Regional Art Show, Dayton Art Institute, Dayton, OH
- 1963 Drawing & Prints from the Collection of J. Johnson, Cincinnati Museum of Art, Cincinnati, OH
- 1962 Seattle Worlds Fair, Korean Booth, Seattle, WA
- 1958 Korean National Art Annual (Kuk-Jun), Seoul, Korea
- 1954 Korean National Art Annual (Kuk-Jun), Seoul, Korea