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Who Am We? : Five Contemporary Artists of Korea

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Key Events in South Korea after Korean War

- **National Liberation from Japan** (광복, August 15, 1945)
- **Japanese Colonization Period** (일제강점기, 1910 - 1945)
- **Korean War** (한국전쟁, 1950-1953)
- **April Revolution or April 19 Movement** (4 월 혁명, popular uprising in April 1960, led by labor and student groups, which overthrew the autocratic First Republic of South Korea under Syngman Rhee)
- **Treaty on Basic Relations between Japan and the Republic of Korea** (한일기본조약, June 22, 1965)
- **October Yushin** (유신 체제, Fourth Republic of South Korea in which President Park Chung-hee assumed dictatorial powers in October 1972)
- **Assassination of Park Chung-hee** (10. 26 사태, October 26, 1979)
- **Gwangju Uprising, May 18 Democratic Uprising or Gwangju Massacre** (5.18 광주민주화항쟁, May 18, 1980)
- **Torture and death of Park Jong-chul**, Seoul National University student (박종철 고문치사 사건, January, 1987)
- **June Democratic Uprising or June Democracy Movement** (6 월 항쟁, nationwide democracy movement during June 10-29, 1987)
- **Direct presidential election** (직접선거, 1988)
- **The 1988 Summer Olympic** (88 올림픽, September 17 - October 2, 1988 in Korea)

Important Figures

- **Choi Jeong Hwa** (최정화, b. 1961 -)
- **Choi Wooram** (최우람, b. 1970 -)
- **Chun Doo-hwan** (전두환, b. 1931 -, former South Korean president during 1979 - 1988)
- **Do Ho Suh** (서도호, b. 1962 -)
- **Hong Song-dam** (홍성담, b. 1955 -, Minjung artist)

- **JEON Joonho** (전준호, b. 1969-)
- **Kimsooja** (김수자, b. 1957 -)
- **Lee Bul** (이불, b. 1964 -)
- **Lim Ok Sang** (임옥상, b. 1950 -, Minjung artist)
- **MOON Kyungwon** (문경원 b. 1969 -)
- **Park Chung-hee** (박정희, b. 1917 - 1979, former South Korean president, dictator, and military general from 1961 until his assassination in 1979. Park's first-born daughter, **Park Geun-hye** 박근혜, is the first woman to be elected as President of South Korea, and has been serving since 2013.)
- **Rhee Syngman** (이승만, b. 1875 - 1965, the first president of South Korea during 1948 - 1960)
- **Roh Tae-woo** (노태우, b. 1932 -, former South Korean politician and army general who served as the 6th President of South Korea during 1988 - 1993, introduced direct presidential election)
- **Yang Haegue** (양혜규, b. 1971 -)
- **Yeondoo Jung** (정연두, b. 1969 -)

Key Terms

- **Busan Biennale** (부산 비엔날레, 1998 -, Biannual international contemporary art show)
- **Dansaekhwa** (단색화, Korean monochrome painting)
- **Gwangju Biennale** (광주 비엔날레, 1995 -, Founded in memory of spirits of Gwangju uprising in 1980)
- **Informel art movement**
- **Minjung Art** (민중미술, People's Art)
- **Association of People's Art** (민미협, 1985 -)
- **National Art Exhibition of The Republic of Korea** (대한민국 미술전람회, 1949 - 1981)