

WOO JIN JOO

Woo Jin Joo (b. Korea; living in London) is an artist whose work delves into the boundaries of human perception, drawing from mythology, folklore, shamanism, and alternative modes of knowing. Joo explores how sculptural forms—often initiated from found or discarded objects—offer a passage into the subconscious, merging the realms of the internal and imagined with the external world. For Joo, the act of working with found elements reflects the happenstance nature of our encounters with the everyday, where even the most mundane interactions can harbour potential for transformation and creativity. Through her meticulous process of embroidery and craft, she imbues objects with limbs, symbols, shapes, and colors, blending physical forms with the fluidity of internal narratives and memories. The resulting works are imbued with an uncanny potency and infused with humour as well as mystery.

Joo graduated from Royal College of Art in 2021. She has exhibited internationally with ai. gallery at Untitled Miami (2024), play at Ruup & Form (2024), Geen Woorden Maar Draden at Wereldmuseum, Rotterdam (2023) amongst other exhibitions. Joo is a Cockpit Bagri Award holder (2023) and Elephant Trust Award holder (2023).

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 *Untitled Art Fair, Miami. A.I gallery*
Lore. Sunny Bank Mills Gallery
Play. Ruup & Form
 Making as Learning. Salts Mill Gallery
Thread Count. Art Station
Personal Treasure. Nunnery Gallery
 Photo London. Somerset House
 A Textile Assembly. Staffordshire St Gallery
The New Store Pop Up 2 by Het Nieuwe Instituut. Salone del Mobile, Milan
Tailored. The Hub, Sleaford
- 2023 *Peckham Craft Show. AMP Gallery*
Designed for Life. London College of Fashion, Stratford
Bring Your Light. Nunnery Gallery
11:11. Staffordshire St Gallery
Geen Woorden Maar Draden. Wereldmuseum, Rotterdam
Tailored. Sunny Bank Mills Gallery
East London Art Prize Shortlist Exhibition. Nunnery Gallery
- 2022 *Creature Comforts. JGM Gallery*
 Dutch Design Week. New Order of Fashion

Hari Art Prize Shortlist Exhibition. Hari Hotel

ME2U. Nunnery Gallery
Soft Dialogue. The Department Store, Brixton

- 2021 *Dutch Design Week. New Order of Fashion*
Textiles Happening. Royal College of Art

AWARDS & FUNDINGS

- 2023 Cockpit Bagri Award
 A-N Artist Bursary
- 2022 Art Partner Create Cop 27 3rd Place
 East London Art Prize Shortlist
 DYCP Arts Council Funding Round 14
 Hari Art Prize Shortlist
 Elephant Trust Award Winner
- 2021 Janome Fine Art Textiles Award Winner
 Bradford Textiles Design Competition Mixed Media Textiles 3rd Place
 Textiles Society Bursary. Finalist, Highly Commended

RESIDENCY

- 2023 *Hari Art Prize* Finalist Residency
- 2022 *New Order of Fashion* Man x Machine Embroidery Residency
Space Studio Online Collaborative Residency
- 2019 *Kyoto Design Lab* Textiles Residency

PUBLICATION

- 2024 *Elle Decoration NL* Holiday Issue
- 2022 *Embroidery Magazine* Issue 78
Art Maze Mag Issue 27
Crafts Magazine Issue 293
Handwerken Zonder Grenzen Issue 229

WORKSHOP & TEACHING

- 2024 *Imperial College Great Exhibition Road Festival* Workshop Facilitator
- 2023 *V&A Shape of Us Festival* Workshop Facilitator
Bow Arts Artist Educator.
Barrowfull Festival of Colours Workshop Facilitator



2022 *Craft Council Freelance Workshop Facilitator*

*Craftspace In:Site Festival Workshop
Facilitator*