January 4 - February 26, 2021
EXHIBITION extended
Soonchoel Byun
Eternal Family
In his first solo exhibition in New York in two decades, Soonchoel Byun’s photography series
Eternal Family imagines and digitally creates a reunion between family members separated by the Korean War. Created with utmost sensitivity and respect for the personal and historical tragedy, Byun’s art is a poignant reminder of the devastating consequences of the war that still remains today.

Thursday, January 7, 2021
VIDEO RELEASE
Author Talks: Kim Soom
In this video series, the award-winning Korean author Kim Soom talks about her career and the first novel of hers to be published in the United States, One Left.

Wed, January 13, 2021 | 6 PM
LIVE WEBCAST
The Magical Language of Others with E. J. Koh
In her incandescent memoir, The Magical Language of Others, E. J. Koh fearlessly grapples with forgiveness, reconciliation, legacy, and intergenerational trauma. Join us for an in-depth conversation with E. J. Koh about her memoir, poetry, and translation.

January 22-24, 2021
Sun, January 24, 2021 | 6 PM
STREAMING & LIVE WEBCAST
House of Hummingbird: Streaming and A Director’s Talk
Written and directed by Bora Kim and starring the extraordinary young actress Ji-Hu Park, House of Hummingbird delicately captures a turning point in a young woman’s life. Winner of Best International Feature Film Award, Best Cinematography in an International Feature Award and Best Actress in an International Feature Award at the Tribeca International Film Festival, House of Hummingbird will be available for free streaming for three days, January 22-24. Director Bora Kim will join the Korea Society for the live webcast of a director’s talk on January 24.

January 25 - April 17, 2021
2021 WINTER SESSION
2021 Korean Language Program
The Korea Society’s language classes are a great way to learn Korean in small-class settings from university-affiliated and native-speaking instructors.

The Winter session features classes in a wide variety of levels, from “Introductory I” to “Advanced Reading and Discussion” and three Conversational Korean classes. In addition, we are delighted to announce that we will continue Saturday classes begun last semester with “Beginning Korean I” and “Beginning Korean II”.

Please note that due to COVID-19 all winter term classes will be offered only online.

Thursday, January 28, 2021 | 6 PM
NEW RELEASE
A Conversation with Ambassador Kathleen Stephens
In our inaugural episode of The Korea Society’s Women in Leadership series, we are pleased to welcome Ambassador Kathleen Stephens for a conversation on her distinguished career. Having extensive experience in international relations, Amb. Stephens, a decorated former U.S. diplomat, will share her special and deep connections to Korea. She will also highlight her involvement in promoting the U.S.-Korea relationship as a former U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Korea, Peace Corps volunteer, and current President of Korea Economic Institute and Chair of The Korea Society.
Mon, February 1, 2021 | 5 PM
Application Deadline
Sherman Family
Korea Emerging Scholar Lecture Series
The Korea Emerging Scholar Lecture Series award grows thought leadership on Korea for a new generation. Applicants for this annual award hail from any discipline related to Korea, and are doctoral candidates, non-tenure track professors or equivalent research professionals. Submit a CV, single-page lecture proposal, and two recommendations to [stephen.noerper@koreasociety.org]. Special thanks to the Sherman family for their support.

Thu, February 4, 2021 | 1 PM
LIVE WEBCAST
Human Rights and North Korea: Honoring the Anniversary of the UN Commission of Inquiry Report
The Committee for Human Rights in North Korea (HRNK) executive director Greg Scarlatoiu and Bush Institute senior fellow Victor Cha join senior director Stephen Noerper for a discussion of human rights in North Korea and its placement on the Biden administration’s new policy agenda. The event marks the anniversary of the historic UN Commission of Inquiry report release. This program is made possible thanks to support from the Korea Foundation.

Thurs, Feb 4 at 8 PM EST - Sunday, Feb 7 at 11 PM EST
VIRTUAL SCREENING
Minari
A tender and sweeping story about what roots us, Minari follows a Korean-American family that moves to an Arkansas farm in search of their own American Dream. The family home changes completely with the arrival of their sly, foul-mouthed, but incredibly loving grandmother. Amidst the instability and challenges of this new life in the rugged Ozarks, Minari shows the undeniable resilience of family and what really makes a home.

Thu, February 11, 2021 | 6 PM
LIVE WEBCAST
VIRTUAL
Annual Membership New Year’s Party
Celebrate the Year of Ox with us! The Korea Society is pleased to invite you to our members-only VIRTUAL New Year’s Party! This annual event celebrates our members who support us throughout the year. Despite the challenges brought by the pandemic, we continue this meaningful tradition by presenting a virtual concert of ADG7, a multi-award winning Korean traditional music group, for our members and their friends. Get acquainted with the talented members of ADG7 and enjoy their ingenious music!

Thu, February 18, 2021 | 6 PM
LIVE WEBCAST
Pathways to a Brighter Future for North Korea’s Economy
Join us for a discussion about scenarios for North Korean development and inter-Korean economic integration. Seoul National University economics professor Byung-Yeon Kim, former World Bank economist and a consultant on Asian affairs Brad Babson, and NK Pro analyst Peter Ward join Korea Society President Tom Byrne in conversation for this UniKorea Foundation-supported program. The discussants investigate what domestic reforms will be necessary to empower development and forecast potential roles for South Korea, the US and the international community.

Fri, February 19, 2021 | 7 PM
NEW RELEASE
COVID LESSONS FROM SOUTH KOREA: A Conversation with Celltrion Group Chairman Mr. Jung-jin Seo & Korea Society President Tom Byrne
Jung-jin Seo, Chairman of Celltrion Group, a leading Korean biopharmaceutical company, joins The Korea Society’s President, Tom Byrne for a conversation on the race to develop antibody treatments for the COVID-19 virus. Together, they will discuss the role of the Korean biopharmaceutical industry and Celltrion’s active involvement in combating COVID-19. Join us to learn about how K-bio’s work fits into global efforts to combat the pandemic.
Tue, February 23, 2021 | 7 PM
LIVE WEBCAST
A conversation with Edmodo
CEO Susan Kim
Covid-19 increased online education platforms, replacing classrooms with computer screens all across the globe. This has left many teachers, students, and parents at the mercy of education and consumer technology. Susan Kim, CEO of Edmodo, an education technology company with over 100 million users worldwide, joins The Korea Society to discuss consumer technology, online education, and start ups in the modern age. Based on her multiple leadership roles including Google, eBay, and EatWith, she will give insights on business, start-ups, and the edtech industry and how it will shape the future.

Thu, February 26, 2021 | 7 PM
NEW RELEASE
Women in Trade: A Talk with Trade Minister Yoo Myung-hee
In the second episode of our Women’s Leadership series, we are pleased to welcome South Korean Minister for Trade Yoo Myung-hee for a conversation on her 25-year career in shaping the international trade infrastructure. Moderated by Ambassador Kathleen Stephens, former US Ambassador to Korea and Korea Society Board Chair, this discussion offers a unique opportunity to gain insight from two pioneering female leaders in the U.S.-Korea relationship.

Thu, March 4, 2021 | 12 PM
LIVE WEBCAST
New Developments in Inter-Korean Relations
Woodrow Wilson Center director of Public Policy Jean Lee converses with senior director Stephen Noerper on ROK-DPRK relations. They address impasse and opportunity between North Korea and South Korea and offer recommendations for US and other policy makers on peninsular realities and possibilities. This program is made possible thanks to support from the Korea Foundation.

Thu, March 4, 2021 | 6 PM
LIVE WEBCAST
Surviving the Pandemic: Restaurants in the Covid-19 Era
During the unprecedented time of the constant closures and restrictions, how does the restaurant business go on? In this roundtable discussion, three leading restaurateurs and business owners in New York - Christina Jang (New Wonjo), Simon Kim (Cote) and Ray Park (Red Poke) - discuss the challenges and the future of restaurants.

Thu, March 4, 2021 | 8 PM
LIVE WEBCAST
Lessons Learned with Nelson Chai
Nelson Chai, Chief Financial Officer of Uber, shares “lessons learned” from more than a decade of experience in senior positions at some of the world’s leading publicly traded companies, including Uber, CIT Group, Merrill Lynch, NYSE Euronext, among others. Members and friends of The Korea Society and Korea Finance Society are invited to the discussion, moderated by Korea Finance Society Co-Chairman Mike Joo.

Thu, March 11, 2021 | 6 PM
LIVE WEBCAST
The Virtuous Queen and the Wicked Consort with Professor Minsoo Kang
Professor Minsoo Kang (University of Missouri - Saint Louis) presents the famous story of Queen Inhyeon and Hui-bin Jang of the 17th century Joseon dynasty: the importance of this story in Korean history; the representation of womanhood and womanly virtues; and its place in the modern Korean history.

Thu, March 18, 2021 | 12 PM
LIVE WEBCAST
The Historical Causes of Korea’s Division and Challenges to Reconciliation
Michael D. Shin, a Fellow of Robinson College, Cambridge, looks at the late Joseon period and the Japanese colonial period to examine the historical causes of Korean division and investigate their impact on inter-Korean reconciliation in this program supported by the UniKorea Foundation. Understanding the deep historical causes of Korean division sheds light on the persistence of the division after the end of the Cold War.

Thu, March 25, 2021 | 6 PM
LIVE WEBCAST
The Korean Art of Fermentation with Irene Yoo
Food writer Irene Yoo offers a comprehensive history and method of fermentation and the use of various “jangs” in Korea, including doen-jang, gochu-jang, and kimchi.
American winner of the CBS reality show Survivor, will join the Society to share his diverse career trajectories in product management, technology, law, and media. Yul has worked with major government agencies and private companies including Google, Facebook, the Federal Communications Commission, the US Senate, McKinsey, and PBS.

Professor Robert Ku (Binghamton University) addresses the rising popularity of Korean food around the world and its relationship to the proliferation of Korean culture, especially Kpop, K-drama, and film, an the complex relationship among three East Asian countries - China, Japan, and Korea - when it comes to food and pop culture.

Katrin Fraser Katz and Carnegie Endowment for International Peace senior research analyst Kathryn Botto join senior director Stephen Noerper for a discussion on regional roles in building inter-Korean peace and unification. Policy director Jonathan Corrado moderates audience questions in this program, supported by the UniKorea Foundation.

The South Korean percussion genre “samul nori” has reached international popularity due to its powerful rhythmic form. Professor Katherine In-Young Lee (UCLA) presents the history and expounds on the appeal of this particular music genre.

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