2023 MAY-AUGUST EVENTS CALENDAR
Wednesday, May 3, 2023 | 6:30 PM
**Video Release**
*Interview with FILA & Acushnet Holdings Corporation Chairman Gene Yoon*
Join us for the latest episode of our Leadership Interview Series with FILA Holdings Corporation & Acushnet Holdings Corporation Chairman Gene Yoon, moderated by The Korea Society’s President & CEO Tom Byrne. Chairman Yoon will share inspiring lessons and insights learned from his remarkable career, guided by his entrepreneurial spirit.

Wednesday, May 3, 2023 | 8:00 PM
**In-Person**
*ADG7 (AK DAN GWANG CHIL)*
ADG7 is back–this time in person! The nine-piece South Korean ensemble ADG7 (aka Ak Dan Gwang Chil) draws equal inspiration from newly reclaimed Korean folk styles of gut and minyo and the contemporary stylings of modern K-Pop for a mix that will surprise you with its raucous, danceable energy.

May 4 - August 17, 2023
**Exhibition**

*Thursday, May 4, 2023 | 5-7 PM
Opening Reception*

*KOREATOWN LA/NY*
Two young Korean-American photographers present a series of images, a poignant portrait of a community and its habitants from the areas considered to be “Koreatown”—one in Los Angeles, one in New York. Emanuel Hahn and Janice Chung document the lives and stories in two of the most diverse neighborhoods in America, as the communities and neighborhoods themselves continue to evolve and change. It is a celebration of the Korean immigrants and their experiences, and the artists ask the viewer to reconsider the common notions of what it means to be from “here.”
Tuesday, May 9, 2023 | 6:30 PM
In-Person
**K-Content on the World Stage: Emergence, Explosion, and Staying Power with Steve Chung**

From music to film to television and streaming series to food, K-content is dominating the world stage. With remarkable achievements across several artistic disciplines and ever growing popularity of its creative talents, South Korea is in the center of a cultural moment. Some observers may be surprised by this K-phenomenon, but the global success of South Korean cultural contents is due to a combination of various factors at work for many years before the apparent explosion.

Thursday, May 11, 2023 | 12:00 PM
Hybrid Program
**Hinge Points: An Inside Look at North Korea’s Nuclear Program**

Join us for a book talk with Dr. Siegfried Hecker, who discusses “his on-the-ground experience at the North’s nuclear center at Yongbyon,” unpacking the ramifications of North Korea’s technical developments in the context of fateful foreign policy decisions by Washington, Seoul, and Pyongyang.

Friday, May 12, 2023 | 8:00 PM
In-Person
**Greek Lessons: Han Kang In Conversation with Katie Kitamura**

Han Kang’s Booker Prize-winning 2016 novel The Vegetarian solidified her place as a master of the surreal, and is a powerful reminder that what makes surrealist narratives so haunting is the way they illuminate concerns that are real and urgent. Han, one of South Korea’s leading literary voices, joins the Pen America’s World Voices Festival for the North American launch of her new novel, Greek Lessons.
DEADLINE: Monday, May 15, 2023

Sherman Family Korea Emerging Scholar Lecture Award

Call for Applications: The Korea Society is now accepting applications through May 15, 2023 for the seventh annual Sherman Family Korea Emerging Scholar Lecture Award. Established in 2017 through the generous support of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Sherman and family, the Award encourages and contributes to the advancement of thought leadership for a new generation of Korea scholars and professionals. Each year The Korea Society recognizes an emerging expert and provides the awardee with an opportunity to share their expertise with a broad general audience.

Friday, May 19, 2023 | 10 AM - 3 PM

In-Person

The US-Republic of Korea Alliance after 70 Years: Legacy and Trajectory

Join us to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the South Korea-US Alliance at this conference held at the Syngman Rhee Lecture Hall (Bowl 16) in Robertson Hall at the Princeton University School of Public and International Affairs. The proceedings include a keynote address, a panel on security and diplomacy, a lunch buffet for registered attendants, and a panel exploring the role of Korean-Americans in the Dynamic Korea-US relationship.

Tuesday, May 23, 2023 | 6:30 PM

Hybrid Program

FLAWLESS

Seoul, South Korea makes Beverly Hills look like a one-stoplight town when it comes to the beauty rat race, and it's getting more intense every year. Elise Hu spent four years in South Korea as NPR's bureau chief, and during her tenure there, the K-beauty industry tripled to become a $10 billion industry.
Thursday, May 25, 2023 | 6:30 PM
Hybrid program
Make Break Remix:
The Rise of K-style with Fiona Bae
K-pop, K-fashion, K-drama, K-beauty: over the past decade, K-style has exploded onto the global scene. What is behind this phenomenon? Where does K-style go from here? In Make, Break, Remix: The Rise of K-style, author and communications consultant Fiona Bae makes no attempt to define or categorize the movement, instead celebrating the eclectic and multifaceted nature of K-style and its home city of Seoul.

Wednesday, May 31, 2023 | 6:30 PM
Video Release
INTERVIEW with JEONG-WOO CHOI
The Korea Society welcomes you to the latest episode of its Leadership Interview Series with Jeong-Woo Choi, CEO of POSCO Holdings and Chairman of POSCO Group, an iconic Korean company. Chairman Choi is in conversation with Ambassador Kathleen Stephens, Korea Society Board Chair and President of Korea Economic Institute of America. The conversation reviews POSCO Group’s extraordinary half-century rise to become a leading global steelmaker and much more.

Thursday, June 1, 2023 | 5:00 PM
Video Release
Artist Talk: Emanuel Hahn
Emanuel Hahn’s Koreatown Dreaming series was born out of a sense of urgency to document the stories of Koreatown LA during the Covid-19 pandemic and creeping gentrification. Although Koreatown is increasingly a popular destination for tourists and transplants, many small businesses in Koreatown serving the local population are closing, and long-time establishments and mom-and-pop stores have disappeared without leaving a record of their history and contributions to the city of Los Angeles.
Thursday, June 8, 2023 | 6:00 PM
Hybrid Program
Project Bridge Youth Ambassador 30th Anniversary Celebration
Come join us to celebrate the longest running education Program offered at the Society, the Project Bridge Youth Ambassador Project Program. The Program began in 1993 as a response to Sa-I-Gu—when growing unrest between the African American and Korean American communities triggered widespread destruction in LA’s Koreatown in the wake of the 1992 Rodney King incident and subsequent LA riots.

Monday, June 12, 2023 | 9:30 AM
In-Person
32ND ANNUAL VAN FLEET MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
The Korea Society’s 32nd Annual Van Fleet Memorial Golf Tournament at the Baltusrol Golf Club. Join members, sponsors, and supporters of the US-Korea relationship, the tournament on another fun-filled day to celebrate our mission of promoting greater awareness, understanding, and cooperation between the people of the United States and Korea.

Thursday, June 15, 2023 | 12:00 PM
Hybrid Program
Behind the Headlines: Human Rights and Human Stories in North Korea
What’s really happening in North Korea right now? The regime’s pandemic border closures have left diplomats and aid workers outside the country, making it even more difficult than normal for the outside world to understand the Kim regime’s decision making and the daily lives of ordinary North Korean people.
Thursday, June 15, 2023 | 6:00 PM
In-Person
K-Startup NY Mentoring Day
In partnership with the Korea International Trade Association (KITA), The Korea Society co-hosted the K-Startup NY Mentoring Day on June 15, 2023. The event provided a unique opportunity for the Korean startup community to foster connections and share relevant experiences with like-minded individuals. The evening started with a panel discussion and Q&A sessions featuring established mentors, followed by a networking reception.

Saturday, June 24, 2023 | 1:00 PM
In-Person
Specially Processed American Me
Specially Processed American Me, an autobiographical performance by Jaime Sunwoo, delves into her Asian-American upbringing and her family’s encounters with the Korean War through the unconventional lens of SPAM, the canned meat. This surreal piece examines the military’s association with SPAM, its importance in the Asia-Pacific region, and its impact on Asian cuisine; employing music, shadow play, and cooking as creative mediums.

Tuesday, June 27, 2023
Video Release
Author Talks: Cheon Myeong-kwan
Shortlisted for the 2023 International Booker Prize and translated by Chi-Young Kim, Whale is the first novel by Cheon Myeong-kwan to be published in English, by Archipelago Books in the U.S. and Europa in the U.K.
Thursday, July 6, 2023
Video Release
Artist Talk: Janice Chung
In her HAN IN TOWN series, Janice Chung captures what was once the epicenter of the Koreatown in New York City—Flushing, Queens—and focuses on the various businesses that have continued to serve the Korean-American community through all of the neighborhood’s transformations. By spotlighting these businesses, Chung investigates communal nostalgia for a Flushing of the past.

Thursday, July 13, 2023 | 6:00 PM
Live Webcast
Dress History of Korea
Bringing together a wealth of primary sources and with contributions from leading experts, Dress History of Korea presents the most recent approaches to the interpretation of dress and fashion of Korea. Through close analysis of visual, written, and material sources—some newly excavated or recently re-discovered in global museums—the book reveals how dress and adornment evolved from the period of state formation to the modern era.

Wednesday, July 19, 2023
Video Release
The Films of Kim Ki-young
World-renowned South Korean directors, including Park Chan-wook and Bong Joon Ho, cite Kim Ki-young as being the greatest Korean influence on their work. When Yuh-Jung Youn won the best supporting actress award at the 2021 Oscars, she thanked Kim Ki-young, the “genius” director of the first film she starred in, 1971’s Woman of Fire.

Join us for a conversation about Kim Ki-young’s films and career with the contributors to this volume: Jason Bechervaise, Steve Choe, Chung-kang Kim, and Ariel Schudson.
Thursday, July 27, 2023 | 12:00 PM
In-Person
Armistice Day Salute 2023
Join us at The Korean War Veterans Memorial in Battery Park, Manhattan to honor Veterans who served in The Korean War. This ceremony marks the 70th Anniversary of the signing of the Korean War Armistice Agreement on July 27, 1953. The ceremony commences with Presentation of Colors by the West Point Cadet Color Guard, followed by remarks by president and CEO of The Korea Society Thomas J. Byrne, Republic of Korea New York Consul General Euy Whan Kim, President of the New York Department of the Korean War Veterans Association Salvatore Scarlato, Lieutenant Colonel Sean Morrow, Major Jessica Taylor, and Korea Society policy director Jonathan Corrado. The ceremony concludes with Retiring of Colors and a performance of Taps by Bugler SFC Jeremy Wissner.

DEADLINE: Sunday, August 20, 2023
Undergraduate Korea Study Abroad Travel Grant
The Korea Society is pleased to announce the launch of our new Undergraduate Study Abroad Travel Grant. This grant is made possible through the generous support of the CKD Kochon Foundation.

Tuesday, August 22, 2023 | 8:00 PM
Live Webcast
The South Korea Nuclear Debate
What motivates interest among the South Korean population and national security expert community in the potential development of an indigenous nuclear deterrent? How likely is Seoul to go in this direction? And if it does, what are the costs, benefits, and implications for its economy, the US-Korea Alliance, the region, and the nonproliferation regime?
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