Royal Splendor

Decorative Court Paintings of Joseon Dynasty, Korea (1392-1910)



Kang Collection Korean Art

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About Kang Collection

One of the premier galleries specializing in Korean art and antiquities, Kang Collection has served a community of museums, discerning private collectors, and Asian art scholars since 1981. Under the leadership of Keum Ja Kang, the gallery offers expertise, advice, appraisal services, and rare access to one of the finest, most comprehensive collections of Korean art in North America. Kang Collection continues to bring museum-quality Korean art to a sophisticated audience who appreciates the uniqueness of Korean culture and its global significance.



Keum Ja Kang, President

A leading expert on Korean fine art, Keum Ja Kang has advised and built collections for numerous museums and private collectors. Mrs. Kang's specialties are paintings and folding screens of Joseon dynasty (1392-1910), as well as ceramics of Silla/Gaya Kingdom through Joseon. Her collection of over 600 works, built over the last forty years, includes an encyclopedic range of museum-quality Korean art and antiquities from Proto-Three Kingdoms to contemporary.

With her in-depth knowledge of the U.S. and global market and thirty three years of handson experience with thousands of Korean artworks, Mrs. Kang is a frequent consultant to major museums and collectors who require collection assessment, authentication, and appraisals. She has been a repeat exhibitor and vetter of Korean art at the prestigious International Asian Art Fair, and holds exhibitions several times a year at her gallery on East 82nd Street, at the foot of the Metropolitan Museum.

Mrs. Kang, holds an M.A. in East Asian Art History from Columbia University (GSAS) and a B.A. in Western Art History from Queens College. Before emigrating from Korea to the United States in 1963, Mrs. Kang worked as a photojournalist and studied as an undergraduate at Seoul National University.

Since 1981, works have been acquired from KANG COLLECTION by the world's finest museums and most renowned collectors, including:

Art Gallery of New South Wales The Art Institute of Chicago The Asian Art Museum of San Francisco The Arthur M. Sackler Museum at Harvard University The British Museum The Brooklyn Museum of Art The Mary and Jackson Burke Foundation Cleveland Museum of Art Davis Museum at Wellesley College The Dayton Art Institute The Freer & Sackler Galleries at The Smithsonian Institution The Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art at Cornell University The Honolulu Academy of the Arts Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art Los Angeles County Museum of Art The Metropolitan Museum of Art (New York) The Minneapolis Institute of Arts Museum of Fine Arts, Boston Museum für Angewandte Kunst Frankfurt Museum für Asiatische Kunst, Berlin The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston The Newark Museum Pacific Asia Museum Peabody Essex Museum The Philadelphia Museum of Art Portland Art Museum Princeton University Art Museum Rhode Island School of Design Art Museum Royal Ontario Museum San Antonio Museum of Art Spencer Museum of Art at the University of Kansas The Seattle Art Museum The University of Michigan Museum of Art The Victoria & Albert Museum Virginia Museum of Fine Arts The John Weber Collection The Worcester Museum