

SUNG-HO JO

Sung-Ho Jo, born in Seoul in 1985, is a media artist based in Germany and Korea. His work centres on language and explores linguistic landscapes at the intersection of communication, media, and the nonverbal. His practice navigates between art, design, publishing, and research, shaping relational encounters through the medium of language. Jo's interdisciplinary approach unfolds multifaceted perspectives on language, weaving dialogues that encompass cultural and historical contexts across diverse media and genres.

SELECTED SOLO PROJECTS

2025
The Book of the Winds, Artist's Book, Edition of 120, Kiel, Germany | Publication

2024
des Windes, Atelierhaus im Anscharpark, Kiel, Germany | Exhibition

2022–2024
Atelierhaus im Anscharpark, Kiel, Germany | Artist-in-Residence

2020
The Pure Tongue, Projektraum, Muthesius University of Fine Arts and Design, Kiel, Germany | Exhibition
Tripitaka Koreana, Projektraum, Muthesius University of Fine Arts and Design, Kiel, Germany | Exhibition

2019
Die reine Sprache, Artist's Book, Edition of 150, Muthesius University of Fine Arts and Design, Kiel, Berlin, Germany | Publication

2018
Maumaus School of Visual Arts, Lisbon, Portugal | Artist-in-Residence

2017
Linguistics of Keyboard: German as a Foreign Language–Korean, Projektraum, Muthesius University of Fine Arts and Design, Kiel, Germany | Exhibition

SELECTED GROUP PROJECTS

2026
Creative Circular Cities, International Exchange for Creative Professionals, Organised by Northern Dimension Partnership on Culture and Danish Cultural Institute, Supported by Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung Schleswig-Holstein, Interreg Baltic Sea Region, and the European Union, Tallinn, Estonia and Helsinki, Finland | Symposium

Brunswiker Büchersalon, Brunswiker Pavillon, BBK-SH (Federal Association of Visual Artists Schleswig-Holstein), Kiel, Germany | Exhibition

2025

mixed feelings, Atelierhaus im Anscharpark, Kiel, Germany | Exhibition

2024

Kieler Ateliertage, Atelierhaus im Anscharpark, Kiel, Germany | Exhibition

you and me and a book makes three, sp ce, Kiel, Germany | Exhibition

*Atelierstipendiat*innenausstellung*, Atelierhaus im Anscharpark, Kiel, Germany | Exhibition

2023

Kieler Ateliertage, Atelierhaus im Anscharpark, Kiel, Germany | Exhibition

2022

Kieler Ateliertage, Atelierhaus im Anscharpark, Kiel, Germany | Exhibition

Regionale VI, Overbeck-Gesellschaft–Kunstverein Lübeck, Germany | Exhibition

Regionale VI, Palais für aktuelle Kunst, Glückstadt, Germany | Exhibition

2021

Kulturpost Festival 2021, Kunstmuseum Reutlingen, Germany | Exhibition

Wanted: Woodcuts, Kunstmuseum Reutlingen, Germany | Exhibition

Einblick Ausblick, Muthesius University of Fine Arts and Design, Kiel, Germany | Exhibition

2020

Film Screening, Studio Kino, Kiel, Germany | Exhibition

CONTACT, Legienstraße 44, Kiel, Germany | Exhibition

Einblick Ausblick, Muthesius University of Fine Arts and Design, Kiel, Germany | Exhibition

Rausch und andre Sitten, Brunswiker Pavillon, BBK-SH, Kiel, Germany | Exhibition

2019

Book Launch Künstlerhefte #33–48, Muthesius University of Fine Arts and Design, Kiel, Germany | Exhibition

Parallelogramm, Gallery Cube+, Kiel, Germany | Exhibition

Einblick Ausblick, Muthesius University of Fine Arts and Design, Kiel, Germany | Exhibition

New York, Glasfoyer, Muthesius University of Fine Arts and Design, Kiel, Germany | Exhibition

Die reine Sprache, Leipzig Book Fair, Leipzig, Germany | Exhibition

Endlich 16, Brunswiker Pavillon, BBK-SH, Kiel, Germany | Exhibition

2018

MAGAZIN, Hauptstrasse 38, Kellinghusen, Germany | Exhibition

Einblick Ausblick, Muthesius University of Fine Arts and Design, Kiel, Germany | Exhibition

2017

Einblick Ausblick, Muthesius University of Fine Arts and Design, Kiel, Germany | Exhibition

2013

A Congregation of Volitions for the Arts: Discussions on Residency Spaces, 2012, Seoul Art Space Geumcheon, Seoul Foundation for Arts and Culture, Korea | Publication

SELECTED AWARDS, PRIZES, NOMINATIONS, FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2026

Travel Grant for Tallinn, Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung Schleswig-Holstein, Interreg Baltic Sea Region and European Union, Germany

2021–2023

Fellowship for Postgraduate Research, Muthesius University of Fine Arts and Design, Kiel, Germany

2021

Scholarship for Artists in Literature, Kulturstiftung des Landes Schleswig-Holstein, Germany

Erasmus+ Grant, EACEA (European Education and Culture Executive Agency), European Commission, Brussels, Belgium

2020

Winner of DAAD Prize for Outstanding Achievements of International Students, DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service), Germany

Scholarship for Outstanding Achievements of International Students, DAAD, Germany

Project Grant, Landeskulturverband Schleswig-Holstein, Germany

Scholarship STIBET I, DAAD, Germany

Exhibition Nominee, *Rausch und andre Sitten*, Brunswiker Pavillon, BBK-SH (Federal Association of Visual Artists Schleswig-Holstein), Kiel, Germany

2019–2020

Scholarship for Graduation Project, DAAD, Germany

2019

Travel Grant for Venice, Muthesius University of Fine Arts and Design, Kiel, Germany

Publication Grant, Muthesius University of Fine Arts and Design, Kiel, Germany

Travel Grant for Leipzig, Muthesius University of Fine Arts and Design, Kiel, Germany

Travel Grant for New York, Muthesius University of Fine Arts and Design, Kiel, Germany

Exhibition Nominee, *Endlich 16*, Brunswiker Pavillon, BBK-SH, Kiel, Germany

2018

Scholarship for Residency Programme, Maumaus School of Visual Arts, Lisbon, Portugal and Muthesius University of Fine Arts and Design, Kiel, Germany

2011

Scholarship for Academic Excellence, University of Seoul, Korea

National Scholarship, Korea Student Aid Foundation, Korea

2010

National Scholarship, Korea Student Aid Foundation, Korea

Scholarship for Academic Excellence, University of Seoul, Korea

2009

Seoul Mayor's Scholarship for Academic Excellence, University of Seoul, Korea

2008

Scholarship for Academic Excellence, University of Seoul, Korea

ACADEMIC JOURNEYS

2021–2023

Postgraduate Research Fellow, Muthesius Project, Muthesius University of Fine Arts and Design, Kiel, Germany

2020

Master of Fine Arts in Media Art, Class of Arnold Dreyblatt, Muthesius University of Fine Arts and Design, Kiel, Germany

2020

Master of Arts in Communication Design, with a focus on Typography and Book Design, Class of Annette le Fort and André Heers, Muthesius University of Fine Arts and Design, Kiel, Germany

2020

Guest Student, University of Music Lübeck, Germany

2018

Independent Resident, Maumaus School of Visual Arts, Lisbon, Portugal

2016

Certificate of Korean Language Teacher, National Institute of the Korean Language, Korea

2016

Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics, Korean as a Foreign Language, National Institute for Lifelong Education, Korea

2013

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Sculpture, University of Seoul, Korea

2013

Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, College of Humanities, University of Seoul, Korea

2012

Visiting Student, University of Oxford, England, UK

2011

Guest Student, Kaywon University of Art&Design, Uiwang, Korea

2010

Exchange Student, Hanyang University, Seoul, Korea

SELECTED INTERVIEWS

2025

Artist Portrait, Edited by Anika Mohr & Tine Salmen, Atelierhaus im Anscharpark, Kiel, Germany

2021

Was macht eigentlich Sung-Ho Jo?, Edited by Dr. Stefanie Kogler-Heimbürger, Kunstmuseum Reutlingen, Germany

SELECTED PRESS COVERAGE

2024

Muthesius Kunsthochschule zeigt Arbeiten von Absolventen, Schleswig-Holstein Magazin, NDR (Norddeutscher Rundfunk), Germany

*Atelierstipendiat*innen 2024 stellen aus*, NDR 1 Welle Nord, Germany

Spektakulär und poetisch, Sabine Tholund, Kieler Nachrichten, Germany

2022

15. Kieler Ateliertage haben am Sonnabend begonnen, Frank Hajasch, NDR, Hamburg, Germany

Regionale 6: Kunst-Stipendiaten zeigen ihre Arbeiten in Lübeck, Lübecker Nachrichten, Germany

Kunst zum Anfassen: Ausstellung im Glückstadt Palais für aktuelle Kunst, Gabriele Knoop, Schleswig-Holsteinischer Zeitungsverlag, Germany

2020

DAAD-Preis an Sung-Ho Jo, Kieler Nachrichten, Germany

Muthesius-Student Sung-Ho Jo mit dem DAAD-Preis ausgezeichnet, Muthesius Kunsthochschule Presse, Germany

Viele Facetten freier Kunst, Sabine Tholund, Kieler Nachrichten, Germany

*Ausstellung der Master-Absolvent*innen des Fachbereichs Freie Kunst eröffnet*, Muthesius Kunsthochschule Presse, Germany

Vom Taumeln, Schweben und Versinken, Sabine Tholund, Kieler Nachrichten, Germany

Rausch und andere Sitten, Muthesius Kunsthochschule Presse, Germany

2019

Ausstellung in der Gallery Cube+ - Parallelogramm, Muthesius Kunsthochschule Presse, Germany

Muthesius Kunsthochschule auf der Buchmesse Leipzig, Muthesius Kunsthochschule Presse, Germany

Vielfalt, erstaunlich homogen, Sabine Tholund, Kieler Nachrichten, Germany

*Ausstellung Endlich 16 - Student*innen der Muthesius Kunsthochschule*, Muthesius Kunsthochschule Presse, Germany

2018

Neue Sichtweisen auf alte Geschichten, Norddeutsche Rundschau, Germany

Künstlerische Arbeiten und Interventionen der Medienklasse, Muthesius Kunsthochschule Presse, Germany

SELECTED COLLECTIONS

Kunstmuseum Reutlingen, Germany