

About Kayoon Anderson

Kayoon Anderson (b. 1997, Seoul) is a London-based painter working primarily in oil. Initially trained in architecture, Anderson brings a strong sense of spatial logic and compositional structure to her paintings, constructing carefully ordered yet harmonious environments in which her figures are situated. Her practice draws on European medieval painting and munbangdo still-life traditions, folding these historical references into imagined domestic interiors that reflect her mixed heritage and personal history. These scenes weave together memories of her upbringing in both Korea and the United Kingdom, positioning domestic space as a site of cultural convergence, memory, and quiet introspection.

Anderson's work has received increasing recognition within contemporary figurative and portrait painting in the UK. In 2024, she was awarded third prize in the Windsor & Newton Young Artist Award and undertook an Artist Residency at The Queen's College, Oxford, where she further developed her exploration of interiority, architecture, and narrative space. Her achievements include the Royal Institute of Oil Painters Emerging Artist Prize (2023), the Art Academy London Award (2023), The Phyllis Roberts Award (2022), The Richard Sharp Prize (2022), and Mr Heatherley's Prize (2021).

Alongside these accolades, Anderson was a semi-finalist in Sky Arts Portrait Artist of the Year (2020) and named Portrait Artist of the Week in 2021. She is a member of the Contemporary British Portrait Painters (2023) and has contributed to the field through professional and public engagement, including serving as a judge for the Jackson's Painting Prize (2023) and delivering an artist talk with the 4482 Society at October Gallery (2023).



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Kayoon Anderson. *Interior with folding screen*, 2024.

CV

Education

City & Guilds of London Art School, MA Fine Art 2023-2024
Heatherly School of Fine Art, Diploma in portrait painting 2020-2022
University of Cambridge, BA Architecture 2015-2018

Prizes & Residencies

2024

Windsor & Newton Young Artist Award 3rd Prize
Artist in Residence, Queens College Oxford

2023

Royal Institute of Oil Painters Emerging Artist Prize
Art Academy London Award

2022

The Phyllis Roberts Award
The Richard Sharp Prize

2021

Mr Heatherley's Prize

Panels & Presentations

2023

Artist talk with 4482 society, October Gallery, London, UK

Member of the Contemporary British Portrait Painters

Judge of the Jackson's Painting Prize

2021

Sky Arts Portrait Artist of the Week

2020

Sky Arts Portrait Artist of the Year semi-finalist

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Exhibitions

2025

Contemporary British Portrait Painters Exhibition, London
Entangled Roots, Duo Show, Scroll NYC, New York
Beyond the Prize, Mall Galleries, London

2024

Echoes of Home Solo Show, EDGI Gallery, Brussels
Royal Institute of Oil Painters Annual Exhibition, Mall Galleries, London
City & Guilds MA Degree Show, London
New English Art Club Annual Exhibition, Mall Galleries, London
Contemporary British Portrait Painters Exhibition, London
Rising Stars, Royal Society of British Artists, London
Sanctuaries group show, EDGI Gallery, Brussels

2023

Royal Institute of Oil Painters Annual Exhibition, Mall Galleries, London
Guildford House Open, Guildford, UK
The Gallery at Green and Stone, London
Jackson's Exhibition, Bankside Gallery, London
Les Choses De La Vie, Group Show, Millenn'Art, Paris, France

2022

Royal Institute of Oil Painters Annual Exhibition, Mall Galleries, London
ING Discerning Eye, Mall Galleries, London
Partnership Editions Open Call Exhibition, FRMD, London
Royal Society of British Artists Annual Exhibition, Mall Galleries, London
Heatherleys School of Art Diploma Show, London
The Bolton Museum and Library collection, Bolton, UK
Portrait Artist of the Year: The Exhibition, Compton Verny, UK

2021

The Florence Biennale, Florence, Italy
Heatherleys School of Art Exhibition, London, UK
Society of Women Artist, London, UK (Online)
New English Art Club Annual Exhibition, Mall Galleries, London, UK
Heatherleys School of Art Diploma Show, London, UK
Figurative Art Now Online Exhibitions, London, UK