

# ASIAN ART

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### KOREAN CONTEMPORARY PAINTINGS AND DECORATIVE TRADITIONAL ARTS

#### **Kang Collection Korean Art**

As one of the few representatives of Korean art, Kang Collection continues to continue to promote represented contemporary artists, including Ik-Joong Kang, whose moon jar works have been well-received in previous years. Kang's work is mixed media on wood and another contemporary artist, Ran Hwang, uses green buttons, beads and pins on wood to recreate architectural scenes. Like Kang's backdrop of candy colours set behind a moon jar, the vibrancy of the beading adds a contemporary quality to old-world Korean motifs.

Kang Collection has deviated slightly from the exclusive

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contemporary showcase, however, this time showing a beautiful art deco detail from an eight-panel Chaekkori Screen, still-lifes often seen in the Choson dynasty (1392-1910). This example is dated between the 1920s and 1930s, and the typical stack of objects on furniture, featuring brushes, ceramic vases, flowers, and furniture. The height of art deco stylisation can be seen by the sharp lines and decisive bold colours.

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