

GIST Oryong Art Hall holds an invitational exhibition <Breath: Rest> by Bu-cheol Han, who breathes with nature

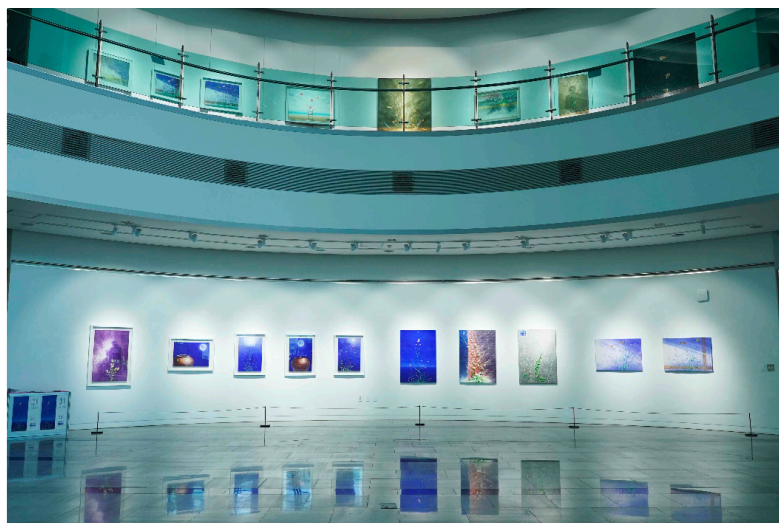
- Approximately 60 works of art that convey the vitality of nature will be on display for approximately two months until Friday, August 30th
- As an 'open culture and arts space', it is also open on Saturdays from July for communication with the local community and convenience of viewing



▲ Oryong Art Hall 1st floor lobby where the 2024 4th exhibition 'Breath: Rest' is taking place

'I reflect on myself as I encounter tree frogs that often appear before my eyes without me knowing when. How does a small and delicate life view the world? What should we live for? ... (omitted) The indifferent gaze looks like that of a practitioner. Watching these very small changes suddenly gave me rest, and while having silent conversations with them, I realized that breathing became each other's breath and rest. - From the author's notes

In the middle of summer, an exhibition with the theme of 'Breath: Rest' attracts attention. An invitational exhibition by artist Bu-cheol Han, who expresses the beauty of nature and reflections on life through watercolors, will be held at the Oryong Art Hall of the Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology (GIST, President Kichul Lim) until August 30.



▲ Panoramic view of Oryong Art Hall, where the 2024 4th exhibition 'Breath: Rest' is in progress.

This exhibition is the fourth invitational exhibition held at Oryong Art Hall this year, and about 60 works depicting various life forms that give peace and stability to the mind, expressed by artist Bu-cheol Han, with clear and transparent textures are displayed.

In particular, the 'Breath' series, which is also the theme of the invitation exhibition, is an ambiguous expression of 'breathe' and 'rest', providing viewers with a sense of peace where they can put aside what they are doing and take a break. In addition, other works divided into 'contain', 'look', and 'think' reflect artist Bu-cheol Han's journey of artistic activity and reflection on humanity.



▲ 2024 Oryong Art Hall 4th exhibition 'Breath: Rest' poster

Artist Bu-cheol Han, who served as the president of the Gwangju-Jeonnam Watercolor Association, is a leading local artist and is working to promote the creative activities of local watercolor artists and expand the base of Namdo watercolor painting. Mainly following the trajectory of his life, he has reflected the results of his thoughts on human life and natural providence in his works, and he has presented works that stand out with the unique clarity and transparency of watercolor painting.

The artist, who graduated from Chosun University's Department of Painting and the Department of Fine Arts at the same graduate school, has received numerous awards, including the Grand Prize at the Gwangju Metropolitan City Art Exhibition, the Excellence Award at the Korea Art Exhibition, and the 2005 KBS Artist of the Year Grand Prize. He has held approximately 30 solo exhibitions and participated in over 400 group exhibitions.

Artist Bu-cheol Han said, "During the period when I was unable to work due to poor health, the garden in my studio was the optimal space to comfort me, and I was able to feel the energy of life growing little by little through the green paint that resembled nature. I hope that those who visit the exhibition will also find peace of mind by interacting with green and small life forms."

Artist Soon-im Choi, who serves as director of Oryong Art Hall, said, "Various life forms, including evening primroses, tree frogs, and butterflies, are breathing in artist Bu-cheol Han's clear and transparent works. I hope that the vitality will be conveyed to Oryong Art Hall through the colorful life expressed throughout his works."

In particular, the Oryong Art Hall will be open on Saturdays to further strengthen its function as an 'open culture and arts space' from this invitational exhibition. The 'Breath: Rest' exhibition, which will be held at the GIST Oryong Art Hall until August 30, can be viewed by anyone interested from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm on weekdays and from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm on Saturdays. (Exhibition inquiries/ T.062-715-2628)

Meanwhile, Oryong Art Hall is an exhibition space created on the inner wall of the 1st and 2nd floors of Oryong Hall, a multi-purpose building for events, meetings, lectures, seminars, etc., to provide a venue for strengthening exchanges and cooperation with the local community by GIST, which has grown due to the interest of local residents. Starting with the first invitational exhibition in December 2022, GIST is practicing the value of sharing as an 'open culture and arts space' through a total of 10 exhibitions up to this 'Breath: Rest' exhibition.

