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The Rose of Sharon, Bloomed, Pigment Print, 20x30 inches, 2019

Taejoong Kim: *Bloomed*

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NEW YORK

Curated by Young Jeon

Opening Reception: Friday, 28 June 2019 | 6 - 9 PM

Join us for the opening Taejoong Kim: *Bloomed* with performance by Cemiyon Barber and Garrett Parker.

6-9pm: Opening reception with the artist

7-8pm: Performance

Space 776 is delighted to present a solo exhibition of photographs and videos by Seoul-born, New York-based artist Taejoong Kim. At his first solo show in New York, he is showing his latest series of work, *The Rose of Sharon, Bloomed*, an interactive performance which captures the movement and lights during a popular children's game called "Red Light, Green Light," often played in many countries with different names. The rules of the game are similar through all regions, but the different vernacular is used; such as Cukr, káva, limonáda, čaj, rum, bum (Sugar, Coffee, Lemonade, Tea, Rum, Bang!) (Czech), Raz, dwa, trzy, Baba Jaga patrzy! (One, two, three, Baba Yaga is looking) (Poland), だるまさんがころんだ (The Daruma Fell Over) (Japan). The artwork's title comes from the Korean variation of the same name, and it depicts 20 times of the game with long-exposure shots and videos. The final results are 20 photographs and an installation that varies with space.

Taejoong collaborated with Jihyun Kim, a choreographer based in New York, and created a choreography that symbolizes the appearance of a rose of sharon with five petals. She directed five dancers with different dance styles and nationalities to approach the tagger with their own

choreography. The dancers' headlamps have five colors that precisely divide the color space into five equal parts. There are four different winners when there are five taggers in the game. $5 \times 4 = 20$, 20 pictures are the series of *The Rose of Sharon, Bloomed*.

The installation is combined with a CCTV camera, live streaming projection and two types of photography; 20 color photographs on one wall, and 20 black-and-white photographs on the other. The 20 black-and-white photographs are made by completely removing the saturation of 20 color photographs. The audience can wear headlamps themselves while navigating through the artwork.

The main theme of his work for the last 5 years is long exposure photograph. His photographs taken with a long exposure from 30 seconds to 30 minutes and videos taken at the same time are the most important materials for his work. In the same frame, hundreds of pieces of light mixed in order and direction cause audiences to clash with old beliefs and new experiences. The vivid rules created by the artist and the ambiguity caused by the movements of the human are violently encountered in the photographs and installations of the same source.

About Taejoong Kim

Taejoong Kim (b.1986) currently lives and works in Brooklyn, New York. He received his MFA in Visual Arts from Columbia University in New York and his BFA in Photography from Chung-Ang University in Seoul. His work has been exhibited at the Jewish Museum, New York; Darb 1718, Cairo; Galerie Mercatorplein, Amsterdam; the Museum of Photography, Seoul. He was invited to be an artist in residence at Paris Lee Ungno Residence, Vaux-sur-Seine; Kunsthalle Goeppingen, Göppingen; and Laznia - Center for Contemporary Art, Gdansk. He is the recipient of grants and awards from Goethe Institut, Seoul and Foam Magazine, Amsterdam.

About SPACE 776

Space 776 is an art gallery and studio/residency space in the artistically flourishing neighborhood of Bushwick, Brooklyn. For international and local artists working on a wide range of diverse projects. Founded by artist Jourdain Lee, it is noted for working closely with up and coming artists to expand the audience of its global roster of artists.

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