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## Andy H. Jung: Life and Karma

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Image: P252\_W03\_2020\_LE, 2020, Edition of 10 +2AP, 40 x 53"

New York, NY- Space 776 is pleased to present Life and Karma, an exhibition of new photography by Andy Jung, on view from September 25th through October 21st at 37-39 Clinton Street in the Lower East Side.

In his first show with Space 776, he introduces the Plants series, which he has begun in 2005. The new works in the series capture and elaborate upon an instinctual reaction between humans and plants in a natural setting. Using photography, the artist represents this through the themes of Life and Karma. The represented works use multiple photographs spliced together using a technique akin to quilting that connects both horizontally and vertically using white and red threads. This transforms a large number of photos into a singular piece.

“For a long time, I have been observing plants that are common around us. One day, I found a mysterious but familiar figure in them. Although they are immovable beings, I can see their aggressive and defensive shape in them at every moment. It was like the instinct of our humans.”

The artist has chosen these colors for their symbolic meaning. In East Asian tradition, the color white signifies life, while red signifies karma, fate, or opportunity. Many works concerning karma speak that we, as individual people, meet countless opportunities and fateful relationships throughout our lives. However, it is not easy for one to connect them with our lives, expressing the different weight and feeling of life that one feels at each moment through the extra brightness and exposure in each picture.

**Andy Hwan-Young Jung** (b.1978, South Korea) received his MFA from the Pratt Institute and BFA in Fine Art Photography from San Francisco Art Institute. He has shown extensively in Seoul, New York, Milano, and London; United Nations, Boroonsan Museum of Art, Diego Rivera Gallery, Donggang International Photo Festival, Kim Jong Bok Museum of Art, Keumsan Gallery. Jung won the Leica Award for artist of the year in 2019 and was named Official Ambassador for Nikon Imaging Korea in 2020. Andy H. Jung lives and works in Seoul, South Korea.

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