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Kim Jee-Yun | b. 1974 in Seoul, South Korea



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Mixed-race children and how they are perceived is the subject of photography exhibition 'm<other>' in Hong Kong

 Featuring subjects from Hong Kong and Shanghai, Kim Jee-yun's m<other> is 'about racial awareness' and perceptions of differences between 'a mother and a child'

The mother of a mixed-race teenager herself, the South Korean artist is interested in how the children
of multiracial families establish their identity



A portrait of a mother and her child featured in m-others, which explores identity in multiracial families in Hong Kong and Shanghai. Photo: Soluma Fine Art

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"M<other>" will be Kim's first solo exhibition in Hong Kong and comprises photographs and videos from the 10-year project. It will be held at Soluna Fine Art, in Sheung Wan, from February 2 to March 2.



A photo from the new "m&itother&ct," exhibition, showing a mother with her mixed-race son. Photo: Soluna Fine Art

A mix of East and West, Hong Kong, she says, "gives rise to interracial families and concerns for their child's identity, which vary depending on age, the level of education and the environment they grow up in". Initially the project focused on the visible differences between mother and child, such as skin and hair colour.



Kim Jee-Yun, the Korea-born, Hong Kong-based visual artist behind the project. Photo: Soluna Fine Art

"When my eldest child became a teenager, the focus shifted to the identity and selfrepresentation of mixed adolescents," she says. "I found that interracial families negotiate their identities within diverse societies, with age, education and place of upbringing affecting attitudes."

August Sander, a German portrait and documentary photographer whose ambitious project "People of the 20th Century" is a visual record of the German populace was a major inspiration. "From the early 1920s until his death [in 1964], Sander took portraits of hundreds of German citizens and categorised them by social type and occupation, from farm labourers to circus performers to prosperous businessmen and aristocrats," says Kim.



Kim cites "People of the 20th Century" by German photographer August Sander as an inspiration for her work. Photo: Soluna Fine Art

"Sander once said, 'The portrait is your mirror. It's you.' He believed that, through photography, he could reveal the characteristic traits of people. He used these images to tell each person's story; their profession, politics, social situation and background".

Ten per cent of proceeds from exhibition sales will be donated to <u>Mother's Choice</u>, a Hong Kong charity that cares for pregnant women and girls in crisis, and for babies and young children awaiting adoption.

Some of the children featured in the series were adopted.



Kim says her exhibition is about racial awareness and the perceptions towards the different external appearances o mothers and children in interracial families. Photo: Soluna Fine Art

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A walk in the park

One of the delights of life in Hong Kong is escaping the crowds and taking a hike in the spectacular country parks. For me, this was a lifeline during the pandemic, when Covid-19 restrictions made going for a walk one of the few forms of leisure possible. My treks in the hills kept me sane and were enjoyable even when I had to wear a mask.

Hiking in Hong Kong has become increasingly popular. but it carries risks. There were more than 1.000 rescue operations last year and eight hikers died in the first five months. You need to navigate the heat, the humidity and for creepy caterpillars, scary spiders, wild boar and venomous snakes. I once came face to face with a big Chinese cobra. I knew I would miss the thrill of hiking Hong Kong-style

when moving back to Britain last year. But the High Weald sides, stunning cityscape and sweeping sea views of Hong Kong but there is still much beauty to be found.



The landscape here is guintessentially English. I tramp through fields of sheep. The view takes in medieval churches, traditional oast houses, weather-boarded Kentish cottages and ancient oak trees. There is even a little steam train. It is as if time has stood still.

Over the past five months. I have seen the fields turn vibrant green when the rain finally arrived and then white with the onset of frost. They were first cracked by heat, then flooded by downpours and later shrouded in snow. There are foxes, badgers, robin redbreasts and pheasants, along with the cows and horses. But you still have to watch yourself. The welcome package at my rented cottage warns hikers to beware of bulls. A woman walking ows in the summer. There are lots of canine encounters. They mostly want

to lick you to death, but my wife was bitten by an overly enthusiastic sheep dog. And we are occasionally pursued by a flock of friendly sheep. The weather presents different problems. Gone is the

searing summer heat of Hong Kong, Now, I am wading through mud or, when it freezes, struggling to stay on my feet. Ever tried running on ice? I wouldn't recommend it. Like so many aspects of life in Hong Kong and Britain. hiking involves big differences, but both places have much to offer. We all have to take our chosen path and hope we are heading in the right direction.

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Mixed emotions

Images in "m-cothers", a photography exhibition focusing on interracial families, by Kim Jee yun (below). Pictures: Soluna Fine Ar

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While the research on' tracking Hong Kong visual traits' is still ongoing, I came across this exhibition *mcothers* by a Korean artist Kim Jee-Yun. The work on interracial families and the question on ethnic identity formation for the offsprings felt somewhat related to the fate and background of Hong Kong, a city of an intersection between the West and the East.

As I walked into Soluna Fine Art Gallery located in Sai Street, Sheung Wan, on the right there was a family portrait of Alia Eryes, the current CEO of Mother's Choice, and her mother. And to the left by the stairs, it was the artist statement written by Dr. Vicky Lee, who wrote a book on Being Eurasian: Memories Across Racial Divides. The tone sets in to focusing on mothers and femininity immediately, mirroring the theme of the exhibition. What drew my attention was the book shelf beside the artist statement. There were two archival images of Eusaina family portraits in Hong Kong taken in 1900 and 1924 alongside Dr. Lee's book. It gave me more context into thinking about the history of Eurasian community and how it al began in Hong Kong.

From the artist statement, if felt that the artist was more interested in the mothers, and their visibility and presence needed to be acknowledged more so than the fathers? Lee wrote in her book that, "Any European employee who violated the colonial etiquette by interracial romance was jeopardizing not only his career but was also risking ostracism...Kenneth Andrew recalled that the first document he had to sign was a promise not to marry a Chinese female (Langford, 1998)". It feels as though the hostility of interracial marriage is mutual between mothers and fathers, so I wonder whether there was something else that the artist felt with mothers that needed to be acknowledged.

Looking at the images, the images of the mothers and their child often took place on the bed, or sofa or a corner of their home. Lying down, sitting or standing, they were stoic with seriousness or slight grin on their faces. Perhaps it carried on from the idea of traditional painting where wider smiles were "associated with madness. lewdness, loudness, drunkenness, all sorts of states of being that were not particularly decorous". Or perhaps the artist wanted the images to represent power and seriousness of these interracial families. Serendipitously, I met the artist on the day of visit. She told me her photographic process, "I asked them to find a place that is comfortable. For example, for a baby it would make sense to have the 2 hours photography session on the bed. I asked them not to smile, because this is documentary photography. During the shooting, I show them the photographs I took. The camera is a mirror to show them how they want to be represented. They changed their pose to adopt to that and we agree together on the final image." The work became interesting in that it is a collaboration with the interracial families in creating a pictorial representation of how they want to be seen. And then what

fascinates me is when the family being photographed have the

power to control how they are being represented in images, their choices of poses can also infer how they want others to see them. The power of their presence becomes not only being who they are in front of the camera, but also how they want to be seen by others.

From the clothing that the mothers wore, the objects, and surrounding environment in these portraits, all the works presented in this exhibition reflected social-economic privilege in the interracial families photographed. The artist mentioned to me that the choice of families are those amongst her network – friends, neighbours. Slowly she advertised on social media recruiting mixraced families who want to be photographed. How is her method of selecting families to photograph affect the way audience understand and learn about the psychological and emotional depth of interracial families in Hong Kong? Perhaps this is something to explore further



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Amongst the photographs, one photograph of an Indonesian mother with her baby boy drew my attention. According to the gallerist, she was often mis-represented as the domestic helper. I wonder how her interracial marriage experience is in comparison with the others, especially in relation to the culture of this city Hong Kong. It was a shame that the exhibition only presented the images of family portraits. I felt the exhibition would have been more enriching if sound recordings of interviews about the families' experiences of interraciality were included. I felt this would have given more layers to the body of work and to the theme that the artist wanted the viewers to proder unon.

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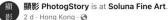
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現居香港的韓國攝影師金志倫 (Kim Jee-Yun) 在2010年開始創作 「m<other>」系列,作品的源起與她自身的跨種族婚姻和其混血孩子 的故事息息相關。作為中西交匯的城市,香港有不少跨種族家庭,她留 意到大眾對不同膚色及髮色的母子或母女有不同的觀慮,「m<other> 」系列透過多幅母親與混血孩子的照片,探討大眾對跨種族家庭的刻板 印象,同時關注混血兒的自我身分認同及他們在青少年時期如何自我表 現。

m<other> 日期:即日至3月2日 時間:上午十時至下午六時(週二至六) 地點:上環西街52號 Soluna Fine Art

The Hong Kong-based Korean photographer Kim Jee-Yun is currently exhibiting her project, m<other>, a series of portraits of a mother and her mixed children in Soluna Fine Art gallery in Sheung Wan.

As an intersection between the West and the East, Hong Kong give rise to interracial families and concerns for their children's identity. The decade-long project began with the artist's intermarriage and mixed-race children. Since 2010, moother> has been interested in racial awareness and perceptions towards child and mother's different external appearances. The exhibition prompts us to reflect on the public's stereotypes of interracial families and how the family background may affect mixed-race children's identities and selfrepresentation.

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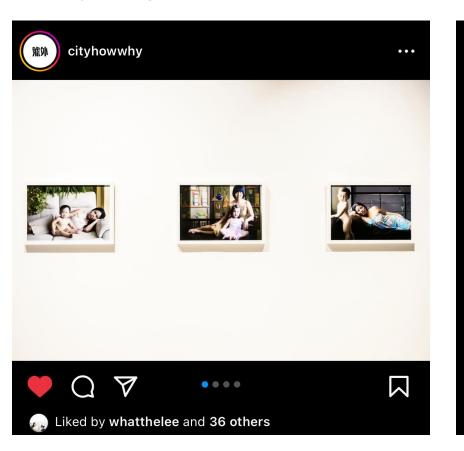
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cityhowwhy 混血兒與他們的母親

說到「#母親」,有人注重 #血統的純正,一群人共同流著一種 「血」,就有了一個共同的「母親」;也有人覺得血統不重要,堅 持「有奶就是娘」的原則,誰用奶餵飽了我,誰就是我「母親」。 香港作為一個華洋雜居的城市,#跨種族婚姻很常見,#混砬兒 和 他的母親其實流著不完全一樣的「血」,甚至有著不太一樣的外 貌,我們並不能簡單地用血統觀念去定義他們的身份以及他們之間 的關係。

居港韓裔藝術家 #金志倫(Kim Jee-Yun)從2010年起關注跨種族 婚姻議題,特別關注混血兒的成長故事。在不同年齡、成長環境 下,混血兒們怎樣看待自己?又怎麼看待別人的眼光?金志倫最新 個展「m<other>」展出的多幅攝影作品,拍攝了多個混血兒和他 們各自的母親,拍攝對象不限於一般人最常想起的白種人和黃種人 混血。作品全部都在居家環境中拍攝,雖然十分靜態,但也呈現人 他們不同的生活狀態;#種族間的差異及張力,以最平常的母子關 係所化解。這也關乎我們如何看待他們——他們的外貌看似屬於不 同種族,但他們的關係卻是再親密不過的母子。

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