

KINGS Artist Run acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we operate. We offer our respect to Elders both past and present and extend this offer to all First Nations people.

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HeeJoon Youn
ON PURCHASING A
STAR

MAY
18.05.23–10.06.23

Artist Run

Established in 2003, KINGS Artist-Run provides a location for contemporary art practice, supporting distinctive experimental projects by artists at all stages of their careers.

Open 12-5pm Thursday,
Friday, Saturday
69 Capel Street,
West Melbourne VIC 3003

GALLERY ONE

HeeJoon Youn

On purchasing a star

On purchasing a star embraces the escapist nature of wish-making and understands it as a necessary form of release in the face of overwhelming impotence. This exhibition acknowledges the importance of the reflective time spent daydreaming about an altered reality and posits the significance of wish-making as the moment where one fantasises about what could be. As a shooting star blazes across the sky, there is but a fleeting moment to make a wish. In that momentary pause, we fantasise about a reality in which the wish comes true. Recognising the power in perhaps a naive way of retreating from the world, shooting stars and wishing wells become a conduit that offers a respite from the confines of everyday life.

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HeeJoon Youn is an artist based in Naarm. Working across painting, sculpture, video and installation, her works are attempts to make sense of a sometimes overwhelming world. HeeJoon graduated from the VCA with a BFA in 2019 and has exhibited in group exhibitions at BLINDSIDE, Seventh, TCB, CAVES, Trocadero, GPG and Fiona and Sidney Myer Gallery.

List of works (clockwise from left):

GALLERY ONE

HeeJoon Youn
Wall Dedicated to Star
Bronze
2023

HeeJoon Youn
Untitled (well, well, well)
Plaster, vermiculite, perlite, moss, galaxy
projector, glow in the dark stars
2023