

## THE ARTIST

- Donghwan Kam is a South-Korean artist who lives and works in Amsterdam, the Netherlands.
- Kam's collaborators include Nuraini Juliastuti, Sophia Park, Ying Que with others in and around Casco Art Institute: Working for the Commons.
- Nina bell Federici (Nina bell F.) is a collective figure and framework under which projects and studies are conducted and presented. This figure is named after Nina Simone, bell hooks and Silvia Federici, whose artistic, feminist and political engagements are sources of inspiration for the Casco Art Institute team and their collaborators.



## THE ARTWORKS



### **NINA BELL F. HOUSE MUSEUM**

2022

Featuring works by Donghwan Kam, Nuraini Juliastuti, Sophia Park, Ying Que with others in and around Casco Art Institute: Working for the Commons.

Mixed media installation, second-hand refrigerators, tables and chairs, and archival items, dimensions variable

Singapore Biennale 2022  
Commission

### **FERMENTATION HOUSE**

2022

21 wooden houses, pottery jars, fermented soybean, salt, drinking water, pepper and charcoal

Wooden houses:  
25 × 25 × 25 cm (set of 7);  
35 × 35 × 35 cm (set of 7);  
45 × 45 × 45 cm (set of 7)

Singapore Biennale 2022  
Commission

### **NAMES OF WATER**

2022

Water dispensers, posters, sound, dimensions variable  
Singapore Biennale 2022  
Commission

## ARTWORK INFORMATION

- Artist Donghwan Kam presents *Fermentation House*, a series of miniature house sculptures installed across several Biennale venues, including Singapore Art Museum at Tanjong Pagar Distripark, the Southern Islands and 22 Orchard Road. The work was developed based on Kam's interest in exploring how domestic acts—such as cooking, distilling and fermenting—are related to time.
- Kam also presents *Names of Water*, an installation with audio elements that explores the relationship between the brand and taste of commodified water.

## DID YOU KNOW?

1. *Fermentation House* was inspired by the fermentation of kimchi and other foods in Korea.
2. *Names of Water* includes an extensive list of water brands. Some of the brands you may recognise include San Pellegrino, aQuellé, Danone and Nestlé.

## Artist Folio – MEETING NATASHA

SECONDARY:

ENGLISH

GEOGRAPHY

SCIENCE

## ACTIVITIES AND QUESTIONS

### PRE-VISIT

- Consider the titles, *Fermentation House* and *Names of Water*. What type of artworks do you think they are?
- What are some elements that you imagine the artworks have? (e.g. colours, sizes, textures, sounds)

### DURING YOUR VISIT

- Try to describe the taste of water.
- What are some fermented foods that you know of or have eaten before?

### POST-VISIT

- How is water important to us?
- Why are some foods fermented? How has fermentation become a part of food cultures all over the world?
- What are some similarities and/or differences between the two artworks, *Fermentation House* and *Names of Water*?

## FIND OUT MORE

- Casco Art Institute. "Nina bell F. House Museum at Singapore Biennale 2022." n.d. <https://casco.art/activity/nina-bell-f-house-museum-at-singapore-biennale-2022/> (accessed 10 November 2022).

