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Education:

2013 - MFA in Photography, New Bulgarian University, Sofia, Bulgaria

1998 - MFA in Sculpture, National Academy of Arts, Sofia, Bulgaria

1992 - High School of Applied Arts, Sofia, Bulgaria

Solo Exhibitions:

2018

Brick by Brick - Arosita Art Gallery, Sofia, BG

2015

A New Life - Goethe-Institut, Sofia, BG

2014

The Sculpture as a Hobby – Arosita Art Gallery, Sofia, BG

2013

Stars /Objects & Spaces series/ – solo exhibition in European Month of Photography in Sofia 2nd experimental edition - Sofia Arsenal – Museum for Contemporary Art, Sofia, BG

Pin-up Girls – Arosita Art Gallery, Sofia, BG

2012

For a Few Dollars More or Nine Portrait – Sofia Arsenal – Museum for Contemporary Art, Sofia, BG

2011

We Love the Dogs and the Dogs Love Us - Goethe-Institut Bulgarien, Sofia, BG

2009

Reminiscences- Photon Gallery, Ljubljana, SL

2008

Me and My Friends & A Piece of Nature / Piece – Nature - Centrum Galerie, Graz, AT

Me and My Friends & A Piece of Nature / Piece- Nature - solo exhibition in National Autumn Exhibitions, curators PhD Galina Lardeva, Krassimir Linkov, Plovdiv, BG

Tribute - EIBank Art Gallery; Sofia, BG

2007

Reminiscences & Un/Usual Suspects - Month of Photography, Bratislava, SK

Reminiscences - Gallery of Contemporary Arts /Salon 77/, Nish, RS

2005

Reminiscences - curator Stefania Yanakieva - Sofia City Art Gallery, BG

Popporn- Irida Art Gallery - Sofia, BG

2003

Interior - TEA Art Gallery Sofia, BG

2001

Selection I – Static & Selection II - Dynamic- TEA Art Gallery Sofia, BG

Construction – Deconstruction - Krida Art Gallery - Sofia, BG

Selected Group Exhibitions:

2017

The Reality Despute - curators K. Vassilev, S. Pamukchiev, P. Tsanev, Shipka 6 Gallery of UBA, Sofia, BG

Valchev, Bistrichki, Nedev, Simeonov - group exhibition, Pleven Art Center, Pleven, BG

Valchev, Bistrichki, Nedev - group exhibition, Stubel Gallery, Sofia, BG

2016

The painting technology in the contemporary art – symposium on painting and group exhibition, curator Sasho Stoitzov, Blagoevgrad City Gallery, Blagoevgrad, BG

Topos - Topographies - ...topias - curator Slav Nedev, Raiko Alexiev Gallery, Sofia, BG

The Fortress - curator Nadezda Dzhakova, Blagoevgrad City Gallery, Blagoevgrad, BG

UAMO Festival - Fortress - group exhibition, Munich, DE

In the Labelling Gap – curator Daniela Radeva, Sofia City Art Gallery, Sofia, BG

Situation Sofia – organized by Goethe-Institut, Art Gallery ACADEMY, Sofia, BG

2015

Focus Bulgaria @ viennacontemporary - curated by Iara Boubnova and Vessela Nozharova, viennacontemporary, Vienna, AT

Save the Dreams – contemporary Artists from Bulgaria - Imago Mundi, Luciano Benetton Collection, Fondazione Giorgio Cini, Venice, IT

The Fortress - curator Nadezda Dzhakova, UAMO Festival & Sofia Arsenal - Museum for Contemporary Art, BG

Section 13 – Shipka 6 Gallery of UBA, Sofia, BG

Art for Change 1985- 2015 – curator PhD Maria Vassileva, Sofia City Art Gallery, BG

2014

The radio and the communications of 21-st century – competition of Bulgarian National Radio

New Shades in Contemporary Art – curator Sasho Stoitsov, City Gallery, Blagoevgrad, BG

What happened? – Shipka 6 Gallery of UBA, Sofia, BG

Conceptual Photography Weeks 2014 – Gallery Synthesis, Sofia, BG

Unusual Evidences - Sofia Underground Performance Art Festival 2014 - curator Yovo Panchev

Optical Confusion - curator Elena Panajotova, Basement Wien Gallery, Vienna, AT

2013

ESSL Art Award CEE 2013 – Nominee Exhibition – Art Gallery ACADEMY, Sofia, BG

Sofia Underground Performance Art Festival 1997 - 2003 Files – Sofia arsenal – Museum for Contemporary Art, Sofia, BG

2012

Communications – curator Yovo Panchev, Vivacom Art Hall, Sofia, BG

CCP /Contemporary Conceptual Photography/ - curators: S. Ivanova and I. Stoyanov, The Red House – Center for Culture and Debate, Sofia, BG

MOST Nominations – Modern Art Gallery, Sofia, BG

Justified Actions - Sofia Underground Performance Art Festival 2012 – curator Yovo Panchev, Sofia Arsenal - Museum for contemporary art, Sofia, BG

Dachshund in Bulgarian Contemporary Art – curator Elena Panajotova, Shipka 6 Gallery of UBA, Sofia, BG

2011

Digital Print - curator Ivo Bistrichki , Industrialna 11 Gallery, Sofia, BG

Re - Production - curators Alla Georgieva, Nadezda Dzhakova, Sofia Arsenal - Museum for contemporary art, Sofia, BG

THE CHOICE /43 art historians - 43 works/ - the project curator PhD Maria Vassileva – Sofia City Art Gallery, BG

Annual Exhibition of Section 13 of UBA - Shipka 6 Gallery of UBA, Sofia, BG

2010

Renaissance Nostra / Private View art platform /- curator Maja Skerbot, guest by Gallery Jarmuschek + Partner, Berlin, DE

Annual Exhibition of Section 13 of UBA - Industrialna 11 Gallery, Sofia, BG

A Border Situation - Drawing in the Contemporary Art - curator Yovo Panchev, Industrialna 11 Gallery, Sofia, BG

2009

Dvaja Bratia /Two brothers/ - BCC Bratislava, Slovakia / Sofia, BG

Reality - Fiction - section Painting of UBA, Shipka 6 Gallery of UBA, Sofia, BG

PHODAR Photographic Biennial, 6th edition; Pleven, BG

Wenn Werte Form Werden – curator Stefan Bohnenberger, supported by Goethe-Institute Bulgaria

- Skopje, MK
- Art today – Center for Contemporary Art, Plovdiv, BG
- Goethe Institute – Sofia, BG

Born Independent – 100 Years Independent Bulgaria, organized by Ministry of Culture and Union of Bulgarian Artists, Sofia, BG

Annual Exhibition of Section 13 of UBA – Shipka 6 Gallery of UBA, Sofia, BG

2008

Contemporary Bulgarian Scene - curator PhD Beate Reifenscheid - Ludwig Museum im Deutschherrenhaus, Koblenz, DE

M-tel Awards for Contemporary Bulgarian Art - "SHORTLIST 2007"

Close Distance - section Painting of UBA - Shipka 6 Gallery of UBA, Sofia, BG

A-A-H! All About Him! - Curator V. Zankov, supported by Goethe Institute Bulgaria, Sofia, BG

Viennafair - Courtesy Photon Gallery, Vienna, AT

2007

Photonic Moments III - Month of Photography, Ljubljana, SL

- Vienna, AT - Month of Photography - 2008
- Graz, AT - 2008
- Sarajevo, BA - 2007
- Ljubljana, SL - 2007

Gaudenz B. Ruf Award for new Bulgarian art - "SHORTLIST 2007"

25 Years Anniversary Exhibition of "St.St. Cyril and Methodius" International Foundation

Annual Exhibition - Section 13 of UBA - Shipka 6 Gallery of UBA, Sofia, BG

Group Exhibition - Sozopol City Art Gallery - Apolonia festival, BG

24 - *Group Exhibition*, curator Simeon Shivachev, Burgas, BG

Traffic - section Painting of UBA - Shipka 6 Gallery of UBA, Sofia, BG

One Day and Night on Shipka 6. Remember Sofia Underground! - curators Rouen Rouenov, Yovo Panchev, Shipka 6 Gallery of UBA, Sofia, BG

PHODAR Photographic Biennial, 5th edition; Pleven, BG

2006

AWOL - Biennial of Contemporary Young artists - 2nd edition Bucharest, RO

Visual Immortality - Biennial of Contemporary art, 2nd edition - curators Elena Panayotova, Peter Tsanev, Shumen, BG

The Body - section Painting of UBA - Shipka 6 Gallery of UBA, Sofia, BG

2005

Portrait - section Painting of UBA - Shipka 6 Gallery of UBA, Sofia, BG

2004

National Sculpture Exhibition - section Sculpture of UBA - Shipka 6 Gallery of UBA, Sofia, BG

Level - 1 - *Group Exhibition "Boris Hristov"* Museum, Sofia, BG

Group Exhibition Cite Internationale Des Arts Paris, FR

Annual Exhibition of Arh & Art newspaper - Sezoni Gallery, Sofia, BG

2003

National Sculpture Exhibition - section Sculpture of UBA - Shipka 6 Gallery of UBA, Sofia, BG

Competition for Young Artists and Art Critics organized by *St.St. Cyril and Methodius* International Foundation

OLE - Summer Group Exhibition - Irida Gallery Sofia, BG

10 Years Anniversary Exhibition of *Art in Bulgaria* magazine - Sofia City Art Gallery, BG

Sculptures and Drawings - group exhibition Sofia City Art Gallery, BG

2002

Sculptor and Drawing - section Sculpture of UBA - Shipka 6 Gallery of UBA, Sofia, BG

Biennial Pleven 2002 - first edition, Pleven, BG

Competition for Young Artists and Art Critics organized by *St.St. Cyril and Methodius* International Foundation

Interior - section Painting of UBA - Shipka 6 Gallery of UBA, Sofia, BG

2000

National Sculpture Exhibition - section Sculpture of UBA - Shipka 6 Gallery of UBA, Sofia, BG

National Youth Exhibition of Union of Bulgarian Artists - Shipka 6 Gallery of UBA, Sofia, BG

Grants, Awards & Residences:

- 2014** - *Grant, The radio and the communications of 21-st century* – competition of Bulgarian National Radio
- 2013** - *ESSL Art Award CEE 2013 – Nominee*
- 2012** - *Grant, Gaudenz B. Ruf Award for new Bulgarian art*
- 2009** - *First Prize Born Independent* – 100 Years Independent Bulgaria
- 2008** - *Shortlist 2007 - M-tel Awards for Contemporary Bulgarian Art*
- 2008** - *Residence CCN, Graz, Austria*
- 2007** - *Shortlist 2007 - Gaudenz B. Ruf Award for new Bulgarian art*
- 2007** - *Honor, PHODAR Photographic Biennial, 5th edition; Pleven, Bulgaria*
- 2006** - *Honor, Competition for Young Artists and Art Critics organized by “St. St. Cyril and Methodius “International Foundation*
- 2005** - *Grant, “St. St. Cyril and Methodius” International Foundation*
- 2004** - *Residence Cite Internationale Des Arts, Paris, France*
- 2002** - *Second Prize from Competition for Young Artists and Art Critics organized by “St.St. Cyril and Methodius “International Foundation*
- 2002** - *Honor, Biennial Pleven 2002 - first edition;*
- 2000** - *UBA’s Award for Young Artist in National Sculpture Exhibition*

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- Culture* newspaper, LVIII, 41 /2786/ 05.12.2014
- Catalogue of *THE CHOICE /43 art historians - 43 works/* - Sofia City Art Gallery, 2011
- Catalogue of *Contemporary Bulgarian Scene* - Ludwig Museum im Deutschherrenhaus, Koblenz, Germany 2008
- Catalogue of *PHODAR Photographic Biennial, 2007 and 2009*
- Catalogue of *Gaudenz B. Ruf Award for new Bulgarian art - SHORTLIST 2007*
- Catalogue of *AWOL - Biennial of Contemporary Young artists, Bucharest, Romania, 2nd edition, 2006*
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