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## Education:

**2013 - 2011** - MFA in Photography, New Bulgarian University, Sofia, Bulgaria

**1998 - 1992** - MFA in Sculpture, National Academy of Arts, Sofia, Bulgaria

**1992** - High School of Applied Arts, Sofia, Bulgaria

## Solo Exhibitions:

### 2020

*2020: A Studio Odyssey* - Arosita Gallery, Sofia, BG

### 2019

*Constructive Fluctuations* - Institute for Contemporary Art - Sofia, Sofia, BG

*How to Deal with the Object* – curator Iara Boubnova, Credo Bonum Gallery, Sofia, BG

### 2018

*Brick by Brick* - Arosita Gallery, Sofia, BG

*New Life* – as part of *Danube Dialogues festival*, Novi Sad, RS

### 2015

*New Life* - Goethe-Institut, Sofia, BG

### 2014

*The Sculpture as a Hobby* – curator Vera Mlechevska, Arosita Gallery, Sofia, BG

### 2013

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

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

### 2012

*For a Few Dollars More or Nine Portraits* – 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:**

### **2022**

*Self-splaining (a Triumph of Empathy)* - group exhibition organized by Institute of Contemporary Art – Sofia as a partner in the Western Balkans Project of Manifesta 14, Gallery of the Faculty of Arts, Rruga Agim Ramadani, Prishtina, Kosovo

*Economy of Means - 25<sup>th</sup> Gabrovo Biennial of Humor and Satire in Art*, Gabrovo, BG

*SPARKS OF IMAGINATION: on the Frequencies of Beuys* – curated by Vera Mlechevska, Kvadrat 500 / National Art Gallery, Sofia, BG

### **2021**

*Frames of Reference* – curated by Antoaneta Quick, Little Bird Place Gallery, Sofia, BG

*Landscape Obsession* – group exhibition, Arosita Gallery, Sofia, BG

### **2020**

*Souvenirs from the Future* - ICA-Sofia, The Institute of Contemporary Art - Sofia, Sofia, BG

*Where the Sculpture Is?* – curated by Kiril Vassilev, Credo Bonum Gallery, Sofia, BG

*Dualism* - ONE Gallery, Sofia, BG

### **2019**

*Thank you Mr. Ruf* – curated by Vessela Nozharova, Credo Bonum Gallery, Sofia, BG

*Look at the Depot* – curator PhD Maria Vassileva, SKLAD, Plovdiv, BG

*Notes and Footnotes* – curator Vera Mlechevska, Kapana Gallery, Plovdiv, BG

*Portrait of a Friend* - curator Iglica Trifonova, Sofia City Art Gallery, BG

### **2018**

*On a Clear Day You Can See Forever* – curator Carolina Lio, Goethe-Institut Bulgarien, Sofia, BG

*Works of Art from Bulgaria* - Council of the European Union, Brussels, BE

*Join the Dots / Unire le distanze* - Salone Degli Incanti - Ex Pescheria Centrale, Trieste, IT

*BIG SEE Photography 2018* - Zavod Big Centre for creative economy of Southeast Europe, Ljubljana, SL

### **2017**

*A Show Without A Title But In The Holiday Spirit* - ICA-Sofia, The Institute of Contemporary Art - Sofia, Sofia, BG

*Dispute on Reality* - 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 Stoitzov, 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, 6<sup>th</sup> 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 Deutscherherrenhaus, 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, 5<sup>th</sup> edition; Pleven, BG

#### **2006**

*AWOL* - Biennial of Contemporary Young artists - 2<sup>nd</sup> edition Bucharest, RO  
*Visual Immortality* - Biennial of Contemporary art, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, 5<sup>th</sup> 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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Catalogue of *Dispute on Reality* - curators K. Vassilev, S. Pamukchiev, P. Tsanev, Shipka 6 Gallery of UBA, Sofia, BG, 2017

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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, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, 2006

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