

CURRIUCULUM VITAE

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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:

2015

A New Life - Goethe-Institut, Sofia, Bulgaria;

2014

The Sculpture as a Hobby – Arosita Art Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria;

2013

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

Pin-up Girls – Arosita Art Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria;

2012

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

2011

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

2009

Reminiscences- Photon Gallery, Ljubljana, Slovenia;

2008

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

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

Tribute - EIBank Art Gallery; Sofia;

2007

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

Reminiscences - Gallery of Contemporary Arts /Salon 77/, Nish, Serbia;

2005

Reminiscences - curator Stefania Yanakieva - Sofia City Art Gallery;

Popporn- Irida Art Gallery - Sofia;

2003

Interior - TEA Art Gallery Sofia;

2001

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

Construction – Deconstruction - Krida Art Gallery - Sofia.

Selected Group Exhibitions:

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;

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

2015

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

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

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

Section 13 – Shipka 6 Gallery of UBA, Sofia;

Art for Change 1985- 2015 – curator PhD Maria Vasileva, Sofia City Art Gallery;

2014

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

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

What happened? – National Exhibition Centre for Contemporary Art 6, Shipka Str., Sofia;

Conceptual Photography Weeks 2014 – Gallery Synthesis, Sofia;

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

Optical Confusion - curator Elena Panajotova, Basement Wien Gallery, Vienna, Austria;

2013

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

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

2012

Communications – curator Yovo Panchev, Vivacom Art Hall, Sofia , Bulgaria;

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

MOST Nominations – Modern Art Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria;

Justified Actions - Sofia Underground Performance Art Festival 2012 – curator Yovo Panchev;

Dachshund in Bulgarian Contemporary Art – curator Elena Panajotova, National Exhibition Centre for Contemporary Art, 6 Shipka Str., Sofia, Bulgaria;

2011

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

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

THE CHOICE /43 art historians - 43 works/ - the project curator PhD Maria Vasileva – Sofia City Art Gallery;

Annual Exhibition of Section 13 of UBA - NECCA, 6 Shipka Str., Sofia;

2010

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

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

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

2009

Dvaja Bratia /Two brothers/ - BCC Bratislava, Slovakia / Sofia, Bulgaria;

Reality - Fiction - section Painting of Union of Bulgarian Artists - National Exhibition Centre for Contemporary Art 6, Shipka Str., Sofia;

PHODAR Photographic Biennial, 6th edition; Pleven, Bulgaria;

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

- Skopje, Macedonia;
- Art today – Center for Contemporary Art, Plovdiv, Bulgaria;
- Goethe Institute – Sofia, Bulgaria;

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

Annual Exhibition of Section 13 of UBA – NECCA, 6 Shipka Str., Sofia;

2008

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

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

Close Distance - section Painting of UBA - NECCA 6, Shipka Str., Sofia;

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

Viennafair - Courtesy Photon Gallery, Ljubljana, Slovenia;

2007

Photonic Moments III - Month of Photography, Ljubljana, Slovenia;

- Vienna, Austria - Month of Photography - 2008;
- Graz, Austria - 2008;
- Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina - 2007;
- Ljubljana, Slovenia - 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 - NECCA 6, Shipka Str., Sofia;

Group Exhibition - Sozopol City Art Gallery - Apolonia festival;

24 - Group Exhibition, curator Simeon Shivachev, Burgas, Bulgaria;

Traffic - section Painting of UBA - NECCA 6, Shipka Str., Sofia;

One Day and Night on Shipka 6. Remember Sofia Underground! - curators Rouen Rouenov, Yovo Panchev;

PHODAR Photographic Biennial, 5th edition; Pleven, Bulgaria;

2006

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

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

The Body - section Painting of UBA - NECCA 6, Shipka Str., Sofia;

2005

Portrait - section Painting of UBA - NECCA 6, Shipka Str., Sofia;

2004

National Sculpture Exhibition - section Sculpture of UBA - NECCA 6, Shipka Str., Sofia;

Level - I - Group Exhibition "Boris Hristov" Museum;

Group Exhibition *Cite Internationale Des Arts* Paris, France;

Annual Exhibition of *Arh & Art* newspaper - Sezoni Gallery;

2003

National Sculpture Exhibition - section Sculpture of UBA - NECCA 6, Shipka Str., Sofia;

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

OLE - Summer Group Exhibition - Irida Gallery Sofia;

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

Sculptures and Drawings - group exhibition Sofia City Art Gallery;

2002

Sculptor and Drawing - section Sculpture of UBA - NECCA 6, Shipka Str., Sofia;

Biennial *Pleven 2002* - first edition;

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

Interior - section Painting of UBA - NECCA 6, Shipka Str., Sofia;

2000

National Sculpture Exhibition - section Sculpture of UBA - NECCA 6, Shipka Str., Sofia;

National Youth Exhibition organized by Union of Bulgarian Artists - NECCA 6, Shipka Str.;

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*;
- 39 GRAMS* newspaper - 21 / 15-30.07.2006
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