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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 and Installations:

2025

CULT – AR sculptural installation, Gallery Gallery, Sofia, Varna, Berlin

2024

Neocubism and other games, drawings, paintings and sculptures – DOM conceptual art space, Sofia, BG

2024

The Ruins of an Unbuilt Bridge – site-specific installation as part of Rivers of the City Festival, Gabrovo, BG

2023

New Facade for an Old Building – site-specific installation as part of Buna Art Festival, - Varna, BG

2022

Miracle - Arosita Gallery, Sofia, BG

2020

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

2019

Constructive Fluctuations - site-specific installation at 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 – The Use of Man*, 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

2nd 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 - ElBank 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

Curatorial Projects & Others:

2025

Member of the Jury of “BUNA” festival Vol.3 “Discovery and Otherness in the Era of 5.0”

2024

“The Presence of the Absent Ones or Let`s Wake Up Our Minds” - curatorial project for outside interventions as part of “BUNA” festival Vol.2 – “The Nature of Relationships”

Selected Group Exhibitions:

2024

The Last Christmas - ICA-Sofia, The Institute of Contemporary Art - Sofia, Sofia, BG

From the Vault – group exhibition Little Bird Place Gallery, Sofia, BG

Valchev, Bistrichki, Nedev, Simeonov, Stoilov, Doikov – U PARK Gallery, Plovdiv, BG

Sofia Art Fair – first edition, Sofia, BG

Sofia Calling! A modern way to collect contemporary art – Doza Gallery, Sofia, BG

LOOK – Ecology and Technology - exhibition curated by R. Getsova, part of Buna Art Festival, Varna, BG

2023

Crying Game - ICA-Sofia, The Institute of Contemporary Art - Sofia, Sofia, BG

Budapest Art Market - Courtesy Arosita Gallery, Budapest, HU

LOOK – Ecology and Technology / 2023 - series of group exhibitions part of LOOK Festival, SF, BG

Colors – group exhibition curated by Rositsa Getsova, part of Buna Art Festival, - Varna, BG

The Brick 2023 - group exhibition organized by “Process - Space” Art Foundation, ReBonkers, Varna, BG

2022

Everything You Need – curator Rositsa Getsova, Bulgarian Cultural Institute – Praha, CZ

7 Outside the Traffic – organized by Union of Bulgarian Artist, Shipka 6 Gallery of UBA, Sofia, BG

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 - 25th 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, 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 N. 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, 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:

2024 - Special Award of "*BUNA*" festival Vol.2 – "*The Nature of Relationships*"
2014 - Grant, *The radio and the communications of 21-st century* – competition of National BG 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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Catalogue of *Portrait of a Friend* - curator Iglica Trifonova, Sofia City Art Gallery, BG, 2019
Catalogue of *Danube Dialogues festival*, Novi Sad, RS, 2018
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 *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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