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Born in Sofia, 1990

Lives & works between Sofia and Los Angeles

Education

2019 Strelka, The New Normal, Post-Graduate Research Program

2016-2018 University of California Los Angeles, MFA in Design | Media Arts

2010-2013 University of Southern California, BA in Fine Arts

2013 Australian National University, Studio Art - Photomedia, Study Exchange

2008-2010 Santa Monica College (Photography Department)

2004-2008 Cal State LA/ Los Angeles County High School for the Arts

Selected Exhibitions

Solo Exhibitions

IntraBeing, Buisness Park Sofia Bulgaria, July 2023

IntraBeing, ArtSci Gallery Los Angeles USA May, 2023

Effluesense, Ignition Projects, Chicago USA (forthcoming) TBD

Biogram Blueprints, Photon Gallery, Vienna Austria May 2021

mnemoawari, UCLA, Los Angeles, USA May, 2017

INELIMENTAL, Bulgarian Photography Now, web Nov, 2016

Inelimental Visions, [a] cube contemporary, Sofia, Bulgaria Jul, 2016

Selected Sights, Ateliето, Sofia, Bulgaria Oct, 2015

fromAtoB, SOHO, Sofia, Bulgaria Jan, 2014

Surrogate Signs, Microgallery at ANU, Canberra, Australia Jul, 2013

See a ing Body, Helen Lindhurst Fine Arts Gallery, Los Angeles, CA Oct, 2011

Group Exhibitions

2024

Evolutionary Space, Youth Digital Group, A+D Museum, Los Angeles, USA (forthcoming)

In Media Res, Torrence Art Museum, Los Angeles, USA (forthcoming)

2023

Dome Screenings, Spectra Studio, Los Angeles, USA

TRYST Art Fair, QiPO Booth, Torrence, USA

Celebrate 2023, A+D Museum, Los Angeles, USA

Cosmological Elements, Fosun Foundation, Shanghai, China

No Song Unsung, Brea Gallery, Brea California

Cosmological Elements, Times Art Museum, Beijing, China

Back to Black, Photography Museum Maribor, Slovenia

2022

Noor Riyadh, Riyadh KSA

Cosmological Elements, Fosun Foundation, Shanghai China

Tracing the Nature-Cosmos, POCKO Gallery, London, UK

COME ALIVE, Utrecht, Netherlands

Paradoxia, The Foundry Downtown, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Back to Black, Photon Gallery, Ljubljana, Slovenia

TENTACULAR FEST, Madrid, Spain

Deep Truth, Rijksmuseum Twenthe, Enschede, Netherlands

2021

Ars Electronica, Linz, Austria

FAKE ME HARD, Rotterdam Netherlands

AlterHEN, ArtBasel Miami, USA

Paradoxia, The Foundry Downtown, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Nature Takes Back, Sofia, Bulgaria

Rotlicht Festival, Kras Gallery, Vienna, Austria

Future Oracles, Aether, Sofia, Bulgaria

Differential Ontology, Wonzimer, Los Angeles, USA

2020

DEEPFAKE, SUPERCOLLIDER , Los Angeles, USA

xCoax, Graz, Austria,

Phenomenology of Hope, Virtual Show

DC I/O, Virtual

Layered Beyond, Beyond Baroque, Venice, USA

ReFest, CultureHub Los Angeles, USA

Technosphere, SPRING/BREAK Art Show, Los Angeles, USA

2019

Different Worlds, Fotogalerie im Rathaus Graz, Austria

FEMMEBIT, Navel, Los Angeles USA

ZOO - Zones of Otherness, Thessaloniki, Greece

2018

Different Worlds, Photon Gallery, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Vibrant Matter, Beacon Arts Building, Los Angeles, USA

In the Dark, Sariev Contemporary, Sofia Bulgaria

Weak Or No Signal, New Wight Gallery, UCLA, Los Angeles, USA

Thinking Gender: Pre-Existing Conditions, UCLA, Los Angeles, USA

International Womens Day Exhibition, Art | Sci Center, UCLA, Los Angeles, USA

2017

MFA Fall Preview Show, New Wight Gallery, UCLA, Los Angeles, USA

Feminist Climate Change, Ars Electronica, Linz, Austria

Octopus Brainstorming, Speculum Artium, Trbovlje, Slovenia

Digital Art Festival, National Academy of the Arts, Sofia, Bulgaria

DMA-PSG Interactive Art Exhibition, BACC, Bangkok, Thailand

COOLaxial: A/C Fest, Coaxial, Los Angeles

2015

VOICES, Vivacom Art Hall, Sofia, Bulgaria

Harmonies of Insight, Transfiguration Festival, Dolen village, Bulgaria

Attuned Entanglements, Night of Museums & Galleries, Plovdiv, Bulgaria

GRAPHOTONS, Sound Trap, Plovdiv, Bulgaria

Dark Spots, Light Thoughts, The Fridge & Xaspel, Sofia, Bulgaria

ATTUNED ENTANGLEMENTS, Underground Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria

Red Earth, Sofia Underground – International Performance Art Festival, Sofia, Bulgaria

2014

fromAtoB, STUR Gallery, Braidwood, Australia

fromAtoB, SOHO, Sofia, Bulgaria

Water Tower Art Fest, Rubber Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria

2013

#Bombala 2, Foyer Gallery, Australian National University School of Art, Australia

F-word, ANU Photo-space, Canberra, Australia

#Bombala, Queensland Center for Photography, Queensland, Australia

USC Annual Juried Student Show, Fischer Museum, Los Angeles, CA

Pop Up Addis, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Art School Anecdote, ANU School Of Art, Canberra City, Australia

2012

...and the full scale model, Public Fiction, Highland Park, CA

[DIS] LOCATE / DIS [LOCATE], Helen Lindhurst Fine Arts Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

1 Video/1Minute, Superhighway Gallery, Downtown Los Angeles, CA

Stop Down, Fischer Museum Courtyard, Los Angeles, CA

Tandem, Freitagsküche, Frankfurt, Germany

Tandem, 18th Street Art Center, Santa Monica CA

12 for 2012, The Salon at Clifton's, Downtown Los Angeles, CA

A Woman's World, The Salon at Clifton's, Downtown Los Angeles, CA

Undergraduate Symposium, University of Southern California, CA
Jackalope IV, The Mime, Echo Park, CA

2010
Hoodstock LA, La Tienda, Downtown LA, CA
Smoke, Don't Smoke, Bacchus, East LA, CA

2009
Technicolor Pandemic, NELA Art Walk, Juanita's Café, Highland Park, CA
Santa Monica College Juried Photography Exhibition, Pete & Susan Barrett Art Gallery, CA

2008
Spring Art Show, Santa Monica Airport-Studio 21, CA
LACE Gallery Exhibit, Hollywood CA

2007
TRASH, Pasadena Armory Center for Art, Pasadena CA
Freeze Frame, Arclight Theater, Hollywood CA
Spring Art Show, Santa Monica Airport Sherry Frumpkin Gallery, CA

2006
Concept Process, Armory Center for Art, Pasadena, CA
15 Minutes or Less, Pasadena Armory Center for the Arts, CA

2005
LACHSA at the Rose Café, Venice CA
Left at the Vending Machine, CSULA Fine Arts Gallery, CA
Surfacing, CSULA Fine Arts Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

2004
Heat Wave, CSULA Fine Arts Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
Imagine, Luckman Fine Arts Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

Awards

2019 Vermont Studio Center, Artist Grant/Merit Award
2018 3rd place winner of Different Worlds Competition, Photon Gallery, Ljubljana, Slovenia
2017-2018 Clifton Webb Scholarship, University of California Los Angeles
2016-2017 UCLA Regents Stipend Fellowship
2013 Discovery Scholar Finalist, University of Southern California
2011 Helen Lindhurst Fine Arts Gallery Exhibition Grant, University of Southern California
2008 2st place winner of Kathy Beth Kantor Photography Scholarship
2005 1st place winner of Kathy Beth Kantor Photography Scholarship

Lectures/Talks

Keynote: "Rendering the Invisible", Noor Riyadh, Riyadh KSA February 2023
Keynote: "Shapeshifting Perceptions: Expanding Imagination with New Imaging Tools", Shape-shift Talks, Bulgaria July 2022
The Art Side of Science, TheArtTalk.com, March 2022
Presentation of IntraBeing, Fraunhofer MEVISI, November 2021
Guest Lecture: "From Imaging to Imagining" Seoul Arts, November 2021
USC Lunch with Creatives: Alumni Series - Eli Joteva and Professor Jennifer West, April 16, 2021
HIP TV Episode 5: Science and Art, Online panelist, April 2021
Re-Fest | CultureHub LA & SUPERCOLLIDER: Conversation on Art+Sci Collaborations 2020
Leonardo Art Science Evening Rendezvous, UCLA Art|Sci, Los Angeles USA 2019
"Expanding photons : speculations on inner light", Symposium: Across the Fathomless Chasm: Investigating our Consciousness, UCLA, Los Angeles USA 2017
"Art and Neurophysics", DMA PSG Artist Talks, BACC Bangkok Thailand 2017
"Feminist Climate Change", Ars Electronica Panel, Linz Austria 2017
"Radical Biotope", LASER, UCLA Art|Sci, Los Angeles USA 2017

Residencies

2024 (forthcoming) Figure 1A, Switzerland & Bulgaria
2020 - 2021 Fraunhofer MEVIS & Ars Electronica: Steam Imaging III
2019 Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, USA
2018 ACRE Residency, Steuben, USA
photo+sphere & Makers Circle, Asheville, USA
2017 DMA-PSG Residency Exchange, Workshop and Seminar Program: Interactive Art Silpakorn University, Bangkok, Thailand

Publications

Provocations on Media Architecture, Set Margins (November, 2023)
A Self-guide to Becoming Other, Akademie Schloss Solitude Stuttgart (October, 2018)
Artillery, Vibrant Matter (August, 2018)
BI Television - INELIMENTAL Exhibition (July, 2016)
Europost, Reality's New Matrix (June, 2014)
Politika, (issue#529), Bulgaria (June, 2014)
Surrogate Signs, Joteva (June, 2013)
Art Monthly, Australia (May, 2013)
Huntertd5, Germany (Winter, 2012)
Jackalope III & IV, Los Angeles (Spring, 2010 & 2011)

Work Experience

2024 Visiting Lecturer & Advisor - SciArc EDGE Program, Los Angeles
Mentor for GEC: Research Seminar in Introduction to Immersive Storytelling (VR)
2022 - 2023
Visualization Artist & Researcher, National Center for Supercomputing Applications
Visiting Lecturer & Advisor - SciArc EDGE Program, Los Angeles
Adjunct Professor at Drexel University: Advanced Visual Effects (Houdini survey courses)
Data Analyst for Cyan Films Production with Transnational Storytelling Lab UCLA
Instructor at Houdini.school
Mentor for GEC: Research Seminar in Introduction to Immersive Storytelling (VR)
XR Advisor: SUPERCOLLIDER Gallery, Los Angeles
2022 - Mural Artist & AR Developer for Art for Air, Varna Bulgaria
Workshop Instructor: SciArc EDGE Program
Workshop instructor "Volumetric Cinema" at MediaLab Matadero with current.cam
Workshop instructor "Volumetric Personas" at Futurly with current.cam
2021 - Instructor & Program developer for Steam Imaging III Program
Freelance Lecturer & Workshop Leader with current.cam
2020 - 2021 Freelance VFX Artist & Designer
VR Curator and Gallery Producer for "Phenomenology of Hope" presented by SUPERCOLLIDER
Animation and AR development for "Alien Star Dust", an Art|Sci project by Victoria Vesna
Lecturer at Art | Sci NanoLab Summer Institute
2018 Lecturer at UCLA Design Media Arts: Color & Drawing
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2016 - 2018 Teaching Assistant, UCLA Design Media Arts : Introduction to Media Arts, Word + Image (3 quarters)
Art Science and Technology, Special Topics Interactivity : Empathy and Memory, Photography
2017 Instructor at Art | Sci NanoLab Summer Institute
2016 - 2018 Graduate Student Research Assistant - UCLA Art | Sci Center
2014 - 2015 Interior Designer for AirBnB rental properties
2013 - 2014 Visual Editor & Graphic Designer – Hop Online Ltd.
2005 - 2024 Artist & CEO at Joteva Studio