

## NESTOR KOVACHEV

Born 1981 in Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria. Lives and works in Vienna

### Education

- 2005 MA Academy of Fine Arts, Vienna, Austria  
2002 Study at Faculty of Fine Arts, University of Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria

### Solo Exhibitions

- 2021 'Drawings from Anno Zero', LLLLLLspace, Vienna, Austria (forthcoming)  
2020 'The Raft of Medusa after Théodore Géricault', Gallery Heike Curtze, Vienna, Austria  
2016 'Potemkin', Dom Kino – The House of Cinema, Moscow, Russia  
2015 *Nestor Kovachev* at viennacontemporary, Gallery Heike Curtze und Petra Seiser, Vienna, Austria  
'Once Upon a Time and very good time', BulArt Gallery, Varna, Bulgaria  
'The Past Unearthed – Fisherman`s Fire', Open Studios MMCA Changdong, Seoul, Korea  
'Bronenosets Potemkin', The Richard J. Massey Foundation for Arts and Sciences, New York, USA  
2014 'Before, Between, and After. The beholder`s implication in the work of art', Eyes On - European Month of Photography, BCI- Wittgenstein House, Vienna, Austria  
'The Tones Ascending...', Gallery Heike Curtze and Petra Seiser, Vienna, Austria  
'Project Carinthian Heads', Bad Kleinkirchheim, Austria  
2013 'Think Tank or Deep-Frozen Archeology Of Knowledge', ViennaFair The New Contemporary  
'Take no chances', Hadji Nikoli Art Gallery, Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria  
2012 'Uccellacci e uccellini', Gallery Heike Curtze, Salzburg, Austria  
2011 'The Pleasure of Making Art', Next Generation IV, Gallery Traklhaus, Salzburg, Austria  
'Me, A Self-Portrait as an Artwork', Gallery Heike Curtze, Berlin, Germany  
2010 'Emergency Box of Ludwig Josef Johann Wittgenstein', BCI-Wittgenstein House, Vienna, Austria

### Group Exhibitions

- 2020 Living Studio MQ- curated by Jan Arnold, MuseumsQuartier, Vienna, Austria (postponed)  
2019 'Thank you Mr. Ruf', Gallery Credo Bonum, Sofia, Bulgaria  
'A.E.I.O.U.', Gallery Heike Curtze Salzburg, Austria  
'Drawing Now' with Gallery Heike Curtze, Paris, France

- 2018 'Connected by', Jan Arnold Gallery, Vienna, Austria  
 Open Studio, Promising Paradies, Vienna Art Week, Austria  
 Under Pressure, @ Parallel Vienna, Printing Studio Kurt Zein, Vienna, Austria  
 'here-there', 1m2 art, curated by Martina Yordanova, TAM, Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria  
 Selected works, Gallery Heike Curtze, Salzburg, Austria
- 2017 'The colder the air', SIM Gallery, Reykjavik, Iceland  
 'Körpersprache', Gallery Heike Curtze, Vienna, Austria  
 'We are made of the stuff of dreams', Gallery Heike Curtze, Salzburg, Austria  
 23th International Biennial of Humor and Satire in Art, Gabrovo, Bulgaria  
 'Sex Appeal', One Night Stand Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria
- 2016 'Herbsleuchten', Gallery Heike Curtze und Petra Seiser, Vienna, Austria  
 'CHANG DONG', Korean Cultural Center, Brussels, Belgium  
 'Family Series Mother', Euljiro Atelier Gallery, Seoul, Korea  
 'Let Them Draw', curated by Pravdoliub Ivanov, SARIEV Contemporary, Plovdiv, Bulgaria  
 'Drawing and Intermedia', curated by Atanas Toutlyakov, Gallery Raiko Alexsiev, Sofia, Bulgaria
- 2015 'Space-Shifters', curated by Raul Zamudio, Bulart Gallery, Varna, Bulgaria  
 '40 + 1', curated by Lorand Hegyi, Gallery Heike Curtze Petra Seiser, Vienna, Austria  
 Focus Bulgaria curated by Iara Boubnova and Vesela Nozharova, viennacontemporary, Austria  
 Parallel Art Fair with Albatros, Vienna, Austria  
 'Save the Dreams', Imago Mundi – Bulgaria, Foundation Giorgio Cinni, Venice, Italy  
 '<dienstag abend>', at Baba Vasa's Cellar, Shabla, Bulgaria  
 ',Thema: Körpersprache', Gallery Heike Curtze Petra Seiser, Salzburg, Austria  
 NOMINEE Exhibition Walter Koschatzky Art-Award, mumok, Vienna, Austria  
 'Beyond The Horizon', MMCA Changdong, Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Korea  
 'Stripped to Tease', curated by Lara Bellenghi, LOCOMOT, Vienna, Austria  
 Art Brussels, Gallery Heike Curtze Petra Seiser, Belgium  
 'Artist's Portfolio <Portfolio Archive Lounge>', Savina Museum Contemporary Art, Seoul, Korea
- 2014 'So Close, So Far' – Contemporary Bulgarian Artist Abroad, National Palace of Culture, Sofia, Bulgaria  
 'To be continued', Gaudenz B. Ruf Collection of Contemporary Bulgarian Art, Sofia City Art Gallery, Bulgaria  
 BAZA Award for contemporary art, Sofia City Art Gallery, Bulgaria  
 ColourING book-Art Brussels, Belgium  
 'ALMANACH', Gallery Alessandro Bagnai, Florence, Italy  
 'ALMANACH I - Cabinet de Dessin', curated by Lorand Hegyi, Gallery Heike Curtze Petra Seiser, Vienna, Austria  
 'Grau – Wi Sa So', National Academy of Fine Arts, Sofia, Bulgaria (travelling exhibition)  
 'Grau – Wi Sa So', Galerie im Traklhaus, Salzburg, Austria (travelling exhibition)

- 2013 'Grau – Wi Sa So', Wittgenstein House, Vienna, Austria (travelling exhibition)  
 'Der Mann – Nackt', Cultural Foundation Castle Britz, Berlin, Germany  
 'Bulgarian Artists in Vienna. Contemporary Practices at the Beginning of the 21st Century',  
 Sofia City Art Gallery, Bulgaria  
 'Women on Stage', Gallery Heike Curtze, Vienna, Austria
- 2012 'The Naked Man', LENTOS Museum, Linz, Austria  
 Artist Exchange, Projekt by IDEA-Society Vienna-Isparta, Turkey  
 'Why Duchamp?', From Object to Museum and Back (125 Years)', SAMCA, Sofia, Bulgaria
- 2011 'Stock Exchange', DreiEck Studio, Vienna, Austria
- 2010 'Central Europe Revisited III', curated by Lorand Hegyi, Esterhazy Palace, Eisenstadt, Austria  
 ',Die imaginäre-Franz-Graf-Klasse', XPEDIT Kiosk, Vienna, Austria  
 Gallerist's choice, Wiener Art Foundation, Vienna, Austria
- 2009 1st Danube Biennale, Meulensteen Art Museum, Bratislava, Slovakia  
 ',Sommer(r)eigen', Gallery Heike Curtze, Salzburg, Austria  
 ',Die Entstellung des Augenblicks', Gallery Heike Curtze, Vienna, Austria

### **Awards**

- 2020 Shortlist STRABAG Art Award, Vienna, Austria  
 2015 Shortlist Walter Koschatzky Art-Award, Vienna, Austria  
 2014 Shortlist BAZA Award for Contemporary Art, Sofia, Bulgaria  
 2013 Nomination Canson Prix Award, Paris, France

### **Residencies**

- 2017 SIM Residence, Reykjavik, Iceland  
 2016 CCA Andratx - Contemporary Art Center, Mallorca, Spain  
 2015 MMCA Changdong, Seoul, National Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art Korea

### **Bibliography**

- 2016 Artists in MMCA Residency 2015, Museum of Modern and contemporary Art, Korea  
 2015 Nestor Kovachev, Bronenosets Potemkin, ISBN – 978-619-00-0258-1,  
 Faber Printing and Publishing  
 ImagoMundi, Luciano Benetton Collection, Bulgaria: Save the Dreams  
 2014 Nestor Kovachev, What Would I Have Been, If I Hadn't Been An Artist?  
 ISBN – 978-3-9503727-0-0, Galerie im Traklhaus und Galerie Heike Curtze  
 2013 Nestor Kovachev, The Tied Up Balloon 2013  
 ISBN – 978-3-901760-19-8, Printing and Publishing Janet 45

- 2013 Bulgarian Artistin Vienna.Contemporary Practices at the Beginning of the 21 st Century  
2012 Uccellacci e uccellini, ISBN- 3-820-067691-56, Galerie Heike Curtze  
2010 Central Europe Revisited III, Published Schloss Esterhazy

### **Public Collections**

Museum House of Humor and Satire, Gabrovo, Bulgaria  
CCA Andratx, Center for Contemporary Art, Mallorca  
The Richard J. Massey Foundation for Arts and Sciences, New York, USA  
Gaudenz B. Ruf Collection, Switzerland  
Luciano Benetton Collection, Italy  
Sofia City Art Gallery, Bulgaria  
Museum Angerlehner, Wels, Austria  
MdM Museum der Moderne Rupertinum, Salzburg, Austria  
Esterházy Foundation, Eisenstadt, Austria  
UniCredit Group, Bologna, Italy  
Bank Austria Kunstsammlung Vienna, Austria

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