

NESTOR KOVACHEV

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

Education

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

Solo Exhibitions

- 2024 Apparel Prints with Kalina Strzalkowski, Parallel Vienna, Austria
- 2022 'Moon Palace', Galerie Petra Seiser am Attersee, Austria
- 2021 'Nothing will already be the same', LLLLLLspace, Vienna, Austria
- 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, 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

- 2024 Collectors Choice, Museum Angerlehner, Austria
- 2021 LINE_UP, Projektraum Viktor Bucher, Vienna, Austria
 - Drawings, Gallery Petra Seiser, Atersee, Austria
- 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

- 2023 Nestor Kovachev, La Passion Jeanne d'Arc, Faber Printing and Publishing
 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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