

VOLOSHYN GALLERY

LESIA KHOMENKO

The artist was born in Kyiv in 1980. Lives and works in NYC, US. Co-founder of curatorial Union HUDRADA, a self-educational community based on interdisciplinary cooperation. Since 2004 member of R.E.P. group

EDUCATION

1998–2004 National Academy of Art and Architecture, Kyiv, Ukraine

1991–1998 State Art Secondary School, Kyiv, Ukraine

AWARDS AND SPECIAL PRIZES

2016 Nominated for Kazimir-Malewitsch-Award, Kyiv, Ukraine

2013 Nominated for Pinchuk Art Prize, Kyiv, Ukraine

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2011 Nominated for Pinchuk Art Prize, Kyiv, Ukraine

2009 Nominated for Pinchuk Art Prize, Kyiv, Ukraine

WORKS IN PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

The Ukrainian Museum, New York, United States of America

M KHA, Antwerp, Belgium

Art Collection Telecom, Bonn, Germany

Kupferstich-Kabinett, Dresden, Germany

Ludwig Museum, Budapest, Hungary

Zuzeum Art Centre, Riga, Latvia

Mystetskyi Arsenal, Kyiv, Ukraine

Maidan Museum, Kyiv, Ukraine

PinchuckArtCentre, Kyiv, Ukraine

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2023 LESIA KHOMENKO: IMAGE AND PRESENCE, Ukrainian Museum in New York, New York, USA

2023 Full Scale, Fridman Gallery, New York

2023 Unidentified Figures, Unzipped Pavilion, San Jose Winter Jazz Fest, San Jose, USA

2021 Desired plane, Lviv Municipal Art Center, Ukraine

2020 Several stories and objects, Voloshyn Gallery, Kyiv

2018 Lesia Khomenko and her school, Voloshyn Gallery, Kyiv

2018 "Perspektyvna", PinchuckArtCentre, Kyiv, Ukraine

2017 "Return to the Academy", KMBS, Kyiv, Ukraine

2016 "Revision", Port creative hub, Kyiv, Ukraine

2015 "Stup", Closer art centre, Kyiv, Ukraine

2013 "Mixed Feelings", Karas gallery, Kyiv, Ukraine

2011 "Personal Vocation", Mystetskyi Arsenal gallery, Kyiv, Ukraine

2010 "Rainbow Perspectives", Karas gallery, Kyiv, Ukraine

2010 "Wonderland", Ukrainskyy dim (ex-museum of Lenin), Kyiv, Ukraine

2009 "Eyewitness", Collection gallery, Kyiv, Ukraine

2008 "To good and evil!", Karas gallery, Kyiv, Ukraine

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GROUP EXHIBITIONS AND PROJECTS

- 2023 Kaleidoscope of (Hi)stories. Ukrainian Art 1912–2023, Museum de Fundatie, Zwolle
- 2023 No Grey Zones, Voloshyn Gallery, Miami
- 2023 Fragmented Evidence, Ukrainian Institute of America, New York, New York, US
- 2023 Motherland, Museum Ephraim-Palais, Berlin, Germany
- 2023 Kaleidoscope of (Hi)stories. Ukrainian Art 1912–2023, Albertinum, Dresden, Germany
- 2023 Women at War, Fridman gallery NYC
- 2023 Camera Obscura, Voloshyn Gallery, Kyiv, Ukraine
- 2022 Fruits of Wrath – Attempt at comprehension: Ukraine, Haus am Lützowplatz, Berlin, Germany
- 2022 When Faith Moves Mountains, PinchukArtCentre, Kyiv
- 2022 What is depicted here?, Museum Folkwang, Essen
- 2022 Imagine Ukraine, Bozar and European Parliament, Brussels
- 2022 This is Ukraine: Defending Freedom, Collateral Event of the 59th International Art Exhibition of Venice Biennale Misericordia Di Venezia
- 2022 Forward Ground, Fridman gallery NYC
- 2022 The Memory on Her Face, Pop-up exhibition Miami
- 2021 Transcending boundaries, Tiro al Blanco, Guadalajara, Mexico
- 2021 5 YEARS AGO, Voloshyn Gallery, Kyiv, Ukraine
- 2020 Remember Yesterday PinchuckArtCentre, Kyiv
- 2018 New Ear, Fridman gallery, New York, USA
- 2017 “Festivities Are Cancelled! The Kyiv International” – Kyiv Biennial
- 2017 “UFO” at metro Lybidska (Ukrainian Institute of Scientific, Technical and Economic Information), Kyiv, Ukraine
- 2016 “Shape of Time – Future of Nostalgia”, MNAC, Bucharest, Romania
- 2016 “Amor”, Oi Futuro Flamengo, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- 2016 “Guilt”, PinchukArtCentre, Kyiv, Ukraine
- 2016 “Meanwhile, what about socialism?” (project with R.E.P. group), Gallery North, Northumbria University, Newcastle, United Kingdom
- 2016 “Into the darkness” (project with R.E.P. group), Vozdvizhenka Arts House, Kyiv and WUK, Vienna, Austria
- 2015 “Demonstrations minds. Disagreements in contemporary art”, Museum of contemporary art Art Kiasma, Helsinki, Finland
- 2015 “The school of Kyiv”, House of clothes, Kyiv, Ukraine
- 2015 “Love on the edge”, Mystetskyi Arsenal gallery, Bialystok, Poland
- 2014 “Referendum on withdrawal from the human race”, Closer art centre, Kyiv, Ukraine
- 2014 “R.E.P.: 10 years. On method”, Labirint Gallery, Lublin, Poland
- 2014 “Through Maidan and Beyond”, Architekturzentrum Wien, Vienna, Austria
- 2014 “Postcards from Maidan”, Centre for Contemporary Art Ujazdowski Castle, Warsaw, Poland
- 2014 “Women Commentators Festival”, Królikarnia, Warsaw, Poland
- 2014 “The Ukrainians”, Daad gallery, Berlin, Germany
- 2013 “Exhibition of the 20 shortlisted artists for the PinchukArtCentre Prize 2013”, PinchukArtCentre, Kyiv, Ukraine
- 2013 “Good Girls”, MNAC, Bucharest, Romania

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- 2013 "The Future Generation Art Prize@Venice2013" (project with R.E.P. group) Parallel program of the Venice Biennale, Venice, Italy
- 2013 "Ukrainian News", CSW Zamek Ujazdowsky, Warsaw, Poland
- 2012 "Practice", Lavra gallery, Kyiv, Ukraine
- 2012 "Future Generations Art Prize" (projects with R.E.P. group), PinchukArtCentre, Kyiv, Ukraine
- 2012 "Paintings only. The New Ukrainian Figurative", Special project of Kyiv art Contemporary, Mystetskyi Arsenal, Kyiv, Ukraine
- 2012 "Best times, worst times", main project of Kyiv Biennale Arsenale 2012, Mystetskyi Arsenal, Kyiv, Ukraine
- 2012 "Landscape Shielded by the Picture", National Art Museum of Ukraine, Kyiv, Ukraine
- 2012 "Feminist Offense", Visual Culture Research Center, Kyiv, Ukraine
- 2011 "Life in the forest" (project with R.E.P. group), Arsenal gallery, Bialostok, Poland
- 2011 "Exhibition of the 20 shortlisted artists for the PinchukArtCentre Prize" PinchukArtCentre, Kyiv, Ukraine
- 2011 "A complicated relation, part 2" (project with R.E.P. group), Kalmar Konstmuseum, Kalmar, Sweden
- 2011 "Making and Art" (project with R.E.P. group), Stadtgalerie schwaz, Schwaz, Austria
- 2011 "Public Folklore" (project with R.E.P. group), Grazer Kunstverein, Graz, Austria
- 2011 "Impossible community" (project with R.E.P. group), Moscow Museum of Modern Art, Moscow, Russia
- 2011 "Labor Show", Visual Culture Research Center, Kyiv, Ukraine
- 2011 "Independent", Mystetskyi Arsenal, Kyiv, Ukraine
- 2010 "Minimal Differences" (project with R.E.P. group), White Box gallery, New-York, USA
- 2010 "If", Museum of contemporary art, Perm, Russia
- 2010 "Eurorenovation in Europe" (project with R.E.P. group), Kunstraum München, Munich, Germany
- 2010 "Great surprise" (project with R.E.P. group), National Art museum of Ukraine, Kyiv, Ukraine
- 2010 "Let's Talk About Nationalism! Between Ideology and Identity" (project with R.E.P. group), KUMU, Tallin, Estonia
- 2009 "Gender Check", MUMOK, Vienna, Austria
- 2009 "Exhibition of the 20 shortlisted artists for the PinchukArtCentre Prize" PinchukArtCentre, Kyiv, Ukraine
- 2009 "No More Reality. Crowd and performance" (project with R.E.P. group), Depo, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2009 "Land of Human Rights: Being Responsible for Resources" (project with R.E.P. group), < rotor > Association for Contemporary Art, Graz, Austria
- 2008 "Retrospective" (project with R.E.P. group), LIA, Leipzig, Germany
- 2008 "Patriotism. Art as a present" (project with R.E.P. group), PinchukArtCentre, Kyiv, Ukraine
- 2008 "Alphabetical order" (project with R.E.P. group), Index – The Swedish Contemporary Art Foundation, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2008 "Transformations of History or Parallel Histories" (project with R.E.P. group), Gyumry biennial, Gyumry, Armenia
- 2008 "Another city. Another life" (project with R.E.P. group), Zacheta gallery, Warsaw, Poland

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- 2008 "New Ukrainian Painting", White Box Gallery, New York, USA
- 2008 "No more reality" (project with R.E.P. group), De Appel Art Centre, Amsterdam, Holland
- 2008 "Pro ", "Qui vive?" (project with R.E.P. group) Biennale of young artists, National centre of contemporary arts, Moscow, Russia
- 2008 "Transit", curatorial project of R.E.P. group, Ya gallery, Kyiv, Ukraine
- 2008 "Common Space", curatorial project of R.E.P. group supported by Eidos foundation, public environment, Kyiv, Ukraine
- 2008 "New Ukrainian Language", curatorial project of R.E.P. group, Karas gallery, Kyiv, Ukraine
- 2008 "Checkpoint" (project with R.E.P. group), F.A.I.T. gallery, Krakow, Poland
- 2007 "The Art World" (project with R.E.P. group), Feinkost gallery, Berlin, Germany
- 2007 "Artissima 2007" (project with R.E.P. group), Turin, Italy
- 2007 "Communities: ukrainian young artists", curatorial project of R.E.P. group, Arsenal gallery, Bialostok, Poland
- 2007 "Consequences and Proposals" (project with R.E.P. group), Biennale of young artists, Tallinn, Estonia
- 2007 "Contemporary art Norwich" (project with R.E.P. group), Norwich, England
- 2007 "Ukrainian pavilion. Berlin" (project with R.E.P. group), Bereznitsky gallery, Berlin, Germany
- 2007 "Patriotism" (project with R.E.P. group), Capsula gallery, Rome, Italy
- 2007 "Ginnungagap/Pavilion of Belief" (project with R.E.P. group) Presentation of "Im Regierungsviertel" gallery in time of 52 Venice Biennale, Venice, Italy
- 2007 "A poem about an inland sea" (project with R.E.P. group) in collaboration with Mark Titchner, Ukrainian pavilion on 52 Venice Biennale, Venice, Italy
- 2007 "Critically in between" (project with R.E.P. group), Special project of Art-Athina fair, Athens, Greece
- 2007 "Progressive nostalgia" (project with R.E.P. group), Centro Luigi Pecci, Prato, Italy
- 2007 "From Kosovo to Kaliningrad" (project with R.E.P. group), Third Prague Biennale of Contemporary Art, Prague, Czech Republic
- 2007 "Polar Bear Swimmers", Mystetskyi Arsenal gallery, Kyiv, Ukraine
- 2007 "Return of memory" (project with R.E.P. group), KUMU museum, Tallinn, Estonia
- 2007 "Communities project", curatorial project of R.E.P. group, Visual Culture Research Center at National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Kyiv, Ukraine
- 2007 "Petroliana. Oil patriotism" (project with R.E.P. group), Second Moscow Biennale of Contemporary Art, Moscow Museum for Contemporary Art, Moscow, Russia
- 2007 "Generations. UsA", Pinchuk Art Centre, Kyiv, Ukraine
- 2006 "Report Project", Visual Culture Research Center, Kyiv, Ukraine
- 2006 "Faculty of Invisibility", Jan Van Eyck Academie, Maastricht, Netherlands
- 2006 "Teams Colours" (project with R.E.P. group), F.A.I.T. gallery, Krakow, Poland
- 2006 "Postorange" (project with R.E.P. group), Kunsthalle, Vienna, Austria
- 2006 "Terytoria" (project with R.E.P. group) Centrum Kultury, Lublin, Poland
- 2006 "You?!" (project with R.E.P. group), ZEH gallery, Kyiv, Ukraine
- 2006 "Private with Public", Visual Culture Research Center, Kyiv, Ukraine
- 2006 "Non()sense", Visual Culture Research Center, Kyiv, Ukraine
- 2006 "Shargorod Arttown", Shargorod, Ukraine

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2006 "Intervention" (project with R.E.P. group), Center for Contemporary Art Zamek Ujazdowski, Warsaw, Poland
2006 "Hot Ukraine/ Cool Ukraine" (project with R.E.P. group), Art Center on Neglynnaya, Moscow, Russia
2005 "ZOO", RA gallery, Kyiv, Ukraine
2005 "Intervention" (project with R.E.P. group), Visual Culture Research Center, Kyiv, Ukraine
2005 "Control", Visual Culture Research Center, Kyiv, Ukraine
2005 "Open Laboratory of R.E.P. group", Visual Culture Research Center, Kyiv, Ukraine
2005 "Ukrainian Hermitage", Visual Culture Research Center, Kyiv, Ukraine
2005 "Oliv'e", RA gallery, Kyiv, Ukraine
2004 "Warm&Cold impulses in L-Art Gallery", L-Art gallery, Kyiv, Ukraine
2004 "R.E.P." (project with R.E.P. group), Visual Culture Research Center, Kyiv, Ukraine

RESIDENCIES

2022 - 2023 Oasis Pointe Residences, Miami, USA
2022 Martha MOCA Artist Residency, NJ, USA
2022 Emergency Residency Ujazdowski Castle, Warsaw
2022 Working Room, Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine (Curated and participated)
2020 Salzburg International Summer Academy of Fine Arts, Salzburg, Austria
2008 LIA (Leipzig International Art), Leipzig, Germany
2005–2007 Visual Culture Research Center, Kyiv, Ukraine

PUBLICATIONS

Women artists tell an ugly truth: The war within may never be over by Philip Kennicott / The Washington Post
What to See in N.Y.C. Galleries Right Now by Martha Schwendener / The New York Times
Fault Lines in America and Ukraine by Peter Schjeldahl / The New Yorker
The Ukrainian women who make art in the face of war by Susan Stamberg / NPR
'Women at War' Is a Feminist Battle Cry by Zoë Hopkins / Frieze
NYC gallery exhibits work of female artists who fled war in Ukraine by Adam Schrader / United Press International
The Plight of Women Artists by Osman Can Yerebakan / The Art Newspaper
Women at War by Annabel Keenan / The Brooklyn Rail
How 12 Female Ukrainian Artists Capture the Experience of Conflict, From Outraged Poems on Bedsheets to Photos of Women Workers by Eleanor Heartney / Artnet News
Women at War, Art in Ukraine by Kris Racaniello / Field Pod Podcast
Ukrainian Women Artists Upend the Male-Centered War Narrative by Nina Mdivani / Hyperallergic
Shows to See in the US This August / Frieze
In Miami, a Ukrainian Art Show Becomes Unintentionally Timely Miami Herald / NY Times
With the war, a Ukrainian art show gains new meaning / NPR
Miami Pop-Up Art Exhibit on Ukraine Happened by Pure Chance / NBC Miami

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LECTURES, SEMINARS, PUBLIC TALKS

2023 Artist talk with Lesia Khomenko, featured exhibition, "Women at War", MoFA, Tallahassee, FL, US

2023 Artist talk with Lesia Khomenko and Dana Kavelina, Fridman Gallery, New York, US

2023 Unidentified Figures, Artist talk: Lesia Khomenko, San Jose Jazz Winter Fest, CA, US

2022 Art, Resistance, and New Narratives in Response to the War in Ukraine, MoMA, New York, US

2022 Shukhlída Exposition Environment: public talk with the participation of Tatiana Kochubinska, Lesia Khomenko, Liera Polianskova and Ivan Svitlychnyi. Online public talk.