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Illya Isupov: Not Funny

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Opening: December 9 from 11 am to 6 pm (due to COVID19)

Voloshyn Gallery, Kyiv, 13 Tereshchenkivska st.



Voloshyn Gallery presents the personal exhibition of **Illya Isupov** called "Not funny". The exhibition will feature both new works created specifically for the exhibition and works by the artist from different periods of his life in various mediums: from paintings to sculptures.

Ilya Isupov is not the only artist in his family. However, Illya is most connected with contemporary art. Isupov usually works with actual topics - ironic reflections on mass culture or sarcastic statements about politics.

Ilya Isupov is one of the members of Parkomuna - a squat that existed in 1989-1994 on the former street of the Paris Commune, now Mikhailovska, and became a phenomenon in the history of Ukrainian contemporary art.

Curator Ksenia Malykh about the artist: "Stylistically, Ilya Isupov in the best traditions of postmodernism mixes the aesthetics of comics, modern of the early 20th century, art brut, Soviet book illustration and much more. The artist uses his work as a way to capture the stories that take place around: personal or public. For Isupov, each work is like an entry in a diary, where all the details carry certain information."

Ilya Isupov is an Ukrainian artist, graphic artist, video artist. He was born in Vasilkiv in 1971. He graduated from High art school named after Taras Shevchenko (1988). He is a member of the National Union of Artists of Ukraine since 1999. He is a participant of numerous exhibitions in Ukraine and abroad. The artist's works are stored in private collections and galleries in Ukraine, Russia, Germany, Italy, Spain and Japan. The artist's works were presented at auction by Phillips De Pury and others. Lives and works in Kyiv.

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Founded in October 2016 by **Max and Julia Voloshyn**, **Voloshyn Gallery** specializes in contemporary art. It showcases a broad range of media in contemporary art, hosting solo and group exhibitions.

Voloshyn Gallery fosters the integration of Ukrainian art into global cultural processes, representing its artists at international art fairs and shows in Europe and the US. Voloshyn Gallery aims to discover exceptional talent, with particular focus on emerging and mid-career artists.

Its cutting-edge exhibition space is located in Kyiv's cultural and historical center, on Tereshchenkivska Street, in a historic 1913 building formerly owned by a renowned entrepreneur and philanthropist N.A. Tereshchenko. The collector and philanthropist Bohdan Khanenko bought the building for his wife Varvara, renovating it as a revenue house. Its second floor was envisioned as an exhibition and storage space for Khanenko's expanding museum of fine arts.

Maksym and Julia Voloshyn have been active in the art business since 2006. Their first gallery, *Mystetska Zbirka Art Gallery*, specialized in classical and post-war 20th century Ukrainian art. In 2015, the Voloshyns made it to the *Forbes' 30 Under 30* list.

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