

# LESIA KHOMENKO

The artist was born in Kyiv in 1980.

Lives and works in New-York, NY, USA. 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

2025 Nominated for Ukrainiska Pravda UP100:strength of women

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

2026 Fundamentally Indeterminate State, Galleria Arsenal, Bialystok, Poland

2026 Lens of Witnesses, Shevchenko Scientific Society, NY, USA

2025 Movement, Kyiv Passenger Railway station within the exhibition Imaginary Distance, Kyiv, Ukraine

2025 Imaginary Distance, PinchuckArtCentre, Kyiv, Ukraine

2024 Through Waves and Portals, Voloshyn Gallery, Miami, FL, USA

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

# VOLOSHYN GALLERY

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

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS AND PROJECTS

2026 Without Asking Permission, Pinchuk Art Centre, Kyiv, Ukraine  
2026 Sanctuary, Fridman Gallery, NY, USA  
2025 The Woman Question 1150-2025, Museum of contemporary art, Warsaw, Poland  
2025 Women’s Quota 02. Women artists, creative women from the collection of the Ludwig Museum - Museum of Contemporary Art, Budapest, Hungary  
2025 RESISTANCE, The University of Kansas and Michigan State University, USA  
2025 Tryvoha, Voloshyn Gallery, Kyiv, Ukraine  
2024 R.E.P. History, NAMU, Kyiv, Ukraine  
2024 Avert Your Eyes, 25 Peck Slip, New York City, USA  
2024 After the End, From Ukraine. Dare to dream, Collateral Event of the 60th International Art Exhibition — La Biennale di Venezia. Presented by the PinchukArtCentre, Venice, Italy  
2024 Woman at War, University of Manitoba together with Fridman Gallery, Winnipeg, Canada  
2023 Radical Parenting, Arsenal Gallery, Białystok, Poland  
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 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 Women at War, Fridman gallery NYC  
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

# VOLOSHYN GALLERY

2016 "Into the darkness" (project with R.E.P. group), VozdvizhenkaArtsHouse, 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, German

2013 "Exhibition of the 20 shortlisted artists for the PinchukArtCentre Prize 2013", PinchukArtCentre, Kyiv, Ukraine

2013 "Good Girls", MNAC, Bucharest, Romania

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 Ujazdowski, 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 "Euro Renovation 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

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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

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 52nd 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

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2007 "Generations.UsA", PinchukArtCentre, 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  
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

In Conversation with Lesia Khomenko / International Arrivals  
Lesia Khomenko distills the resolve of Ukrainians by Gregory Volk / Hyperallergic  
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

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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 Gerald / 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

## **LECTURES, SEMINARS, PUBLIC TALKS**

2024 Dangerous Art / Endangered Artists, panel discussion hosted by Artists at Risk Connection and Art at a Time Like This at the Independent Art Fair

2023 NY Baltic Film Festival; WHAT WOULD YOU TAKE? - Artist talk with Lesia Khomenko, Heilika Pikkov and Catherine Karl, moderated by Andrew Horodysky, New York, US

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

2023 Unidentified Figures - An Artist Talk with Lesia Khomenko, conversation is facilitated by Barbara Goldstein, Art Builds Community

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

2022 Lesia Khomenko, Ukrainian artist as part of Women at War exhibition program, Art Gallery At Eastern

2022 Women at War II - Lesia Khomenko, Anna Scherbyna, Dr. Ksenia Nouril, moderated by Monika Fabijanska

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

2020 WEBKAMA Talks: Lesya Khomenko (Contemporary Art)

2018 kmbs (Kyiv-Mohyla Business School) meeting point: Meeting with Lesia Khomenko to discuss the topic "Art and Business"