

# IRYNA GUSIUK

Iryna Gusiuk is a multimedia/hybrid artist, book-illustrator, and art professor.

She was born in 1980 in Volodymyr, Ukraine. She lived and worked in Odesa, Ukraine. After the beginning of the large - scale invasion of the Russian Federation into Ukraine, Iryna together with her daughter was forced to flee from Odesa to Kamrat (Moldova), and later – to Ocean Springs, USA as a refugee. From September 2022 till now she lives and works in Ocean Springs. After she had left her country in the summer 2022 the artist never went back to her hometown and her lovely Odesa.

Iryna received a master's degree at the K.D. Ushynskiy Southern Ukraine National Pedagogical University (2001-2005) in Odesa, M.A. "Fine arts and Applied Decorative Arts" and she also has a Specialist Diploma in "Fine Arts and Applied Decorative Arts" from the M.B.Grekov College of Art, the oldest and the most famous college in Ukraine.

During 2008-2024 Iryna Gusiuk has organized and participated in a dozen exhibitions and events of reputable cultural institutions, venues and art collections in different countries such as: Museum of Western and Eastern Art, Odesa, Ukraine (2008), International Exhibition and Competition of Contemporary Arts Moscow, Russia (2010); Happenstance Gallery, London, UK (2012); Korsz, Pulawy Poland, (2009, 2011); Odesa Roerich House Museum, Ukraine (2012); ... etc.

Also, she was an art professor at the College of Art M.B.Grekov, Odesa, Ukraine (2008-2021) and she has organized a dozen exhibitions and events in reputable cultural institutions for students such as: «I love you, my Odesa», Center of Bulgarian Culture, Odesa, Ukraine (2010); «Life as a Miracle», Center of Bulgarian Culture, Odesa, Ukraine (2011);...etc.

From 2017 to 2021, she created and managed a private business which specialized in interior design. This role allowed her to merge her artistic vision with functional spaces, transforming environments into personalized, aesthetic experiences that resonate with the unique identities of those who inhabit them.

She was nominated for several awards, such as the Walter Anderson museum, USA (2022); Grant from Mississippi Art Commission, USA (2022), Odesa Regional Council of Talented Youth Ukraine, (2013); GRAND PRIX of the all-Ukrainian Youth Art Plein Air Ukraine, (2009).

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2016:

Solo show «Comments» at Museum of Personal Collections named after O. V. Bleschunov, Odesa, Ukraine.

2016:

Solo show «Landscape views», Ternopil regional local history museum, Ternopil, Ukraine.

2016:

Solo show «Pencil portrait» at Historical Museum named after Omelyan Dvernytskyi, Volodymyr, Ukraine.

2009:

Solo show «Silence» at Autograph Gallery, Odesa, Ukraine.

2008:

Solo show «Sunrise», Museum of Western and Eastern Art, Odesa, Ukraine.

## **JOINT EXHIBITIONS I.GUSIUK and V.ZACHARCHENKO**

2010-2009: Dobl exhibition of paintings I.Gusiuk and her long-term mentor .

This exhibitions "My love..." from Teacher to Student showcase the creative journey between experienced artists and their emerging counterparts, highlighting the transfer of knowledge, technique, and artistic vision. It is a celebration of mentorship, where the evolution of style and skill is passed down, creating a dialogue between generations.

This exhibition was held in various cities of Ukraine.

1. Museum of Fine Arts named after A. Bily, Odesa, Ukraine.
2. Museum of Local Lore, Uman, Ukraine.
3. Regional Art Museum, Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine.
4. Donetsk organization of the National Union of Artists of Ukraine, Donetsk, Ukraine
5. Volynskuy National Union of Artists of Ukraine "Art Gallery", Volodymyr, Ukraine.
6. Art Gallery of the National Union of Artists of Ukraine, Lutsk, Ukraine
7. City Art Gallery, Chornomorsk, Ukraine.

## **SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

2022:

«p'ARTake 51» Walter Anderson museum, Ocean Springs, MS.

2014:

«Exhibit in Obsza», International Exhibition, Obsza, Poland.

2013:

«IV International Art-Scientific Symposium», Kremenets, Ukraine.

2013:

«Winter Mood», International Exhibition, Odesa Roerich House Museum, Ukraine.

2012:

«Welcome to Ukraine» Exhibition under the patronage of Happenstance Gallery, London.

2012:

«Memorial A.I. Kuinnji» All-Ukrainian landscape exhibition, Crimea, Ukraine.

2011:

«Pulawy - 2011» International Plein Air Painting and exhibitions, Pulawy, Poland.

2010:

«Russian art week» International Exhibition and Competition of Contemporary Arts, Moskow, Russia.

2009:

«Korsze - 2009», XI International Plein Air Painting and exhibitions. Korsze. Poland.

## **COLLABORATIONS**

2021:

«Z`AHAR — Stuck », Odessa Art Museum, Ukraine

2012:

«Return of Mamai». Press conference at the Ukrainian Club of Odessa,Ukraine.

2010:

«Eternal energy of words», Literary and artistic holiday dedicated to the 80th anniversary of Lina Kostenko's birthday, Odesa, Ukraine.

2010:

«Songs of Beranger» Presentation of the album , creation of associative images during the concert, Odesa, Ukraine.

## **MEMBER OF THE JURY IN CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH ART COMPETITIONS**

2021:

Open regional competition of young artists "The world through the eyes of children 2" Odessa,Ukraine.

2016:

Open regional competition of young artists "The world through the eyes of children" Odessa,Ukraine.

2010:

Open regional festival-competition "Art-fest", Reni,Ukraine.

2007:

Thematic contest of children's drawing "Christmas of Christ", Odesa, Ukraine.

## **CURATOR OF STUDENT EXHIBITIONS**

2013 :

Exhibition «Unpublished and seen», Exhibition hall of the Odessa building-museum named after M.K. Roerich, Odesa, Ukraine.

2011 :

Exhibition «Love is your unwritten letter», Exhibition hall of the Ukrainian Club, Odesa, Ukraine.

2010 :

Exhibition «life as a Miracle», Exhibition hall of the center of Bulgarian culture, Odesa, Ukraine.

2010 :

Exhibition «I love you Odesa» Exhibition hall of the center of Bulgarian culture, Odesa, Ukraine.

2007:

Exhibition «The beginning» Exhibition hall of Art college named after M.B. Grekov, Odesa, Ukraine..

## **AWARDS AND GRANTS**

2022:

OASS AWARD OF EXCELLENCE. Walter Anderson museum, Ocean Springs art association MS.

2022:

Grant from Mississippi Art Commission.

2013:

2 nd PLACE AWARD for "Your creative achievements". Exhibition and competition of artists of Ukraine.

2009:

GRAND PRIX of the all-Ukrainian Youth Art Plein Air «Picturesque Ukraine». Doneck, Ukraine

## **SELECTED PAINTINGS IN MUSEUMS AND COLLECTIONS**

Museum of Fine Arts named after A. Bily, Odesa, Ukraine.

Museum of Local Lore, Uman, Ukraine.

Volynskuy National Union of Artists of Ukraine "Art Gallery", Volodymyr, Ukraine.

Regional Art Museum, Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine.

Self-portraits of Odessa artists: a catalog of works by Odessa artists. Collection of O. Dmytrenko.

## **EDUCATIONAL AND LECTURE PRACTICE**

2007

Artist-talk on «Landscapes» for Teachers of Art Schools and Art Departments of Children's Art Schools in the Odesa Region, Ukraine."

2008:

Artist-Talk «Still life» Seminar for Teacher's Day and Artist's Day of children's art schools Odesa, Ukraine.

2010 :

Artist-talk «Aesthetics in a life» "Artist Lectures on «Landscapes» for Teachers of Art Schools and Art Departments of Children's Art Schools in the Odesa Region, Ukraine."

2011 :

Artist-talk «Collage» "Artist Lectures on «Landscapes» for Teachers of Art Schools and Art Departments of Children's Art Schools in the Odesa Region, Ukraine."

2013 :

Artist-talk IU International Art-Scientific Symposium in Kremenets, Ukraine