

# Kina Bagovska

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## EDUCATION AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

MFA - Painting and Graphics, Academy of Fine Arts, **Lodz, Poland**

BA - Graphic Design, National Academy of Arts, **Sofia, Bulgaria**

Instructor of Drawing, Triton College, **Chicago, IL, 2008-2010**

Instructor of Graphic design, High School of Graphic Design, **Sofia, Bulgaria, 1980-2000**

## SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2019 *Drawings and paintings from the past*, Cultural Center, "Magura", Arlington Hgs, IL
- 2017 *Rituals*, ARC Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2015 *Lost and Found ( As a metaphor of life)*", ARC Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2014 *Silk and Stone*, installation, Artists in residence, LeCouvent, Auzits, France
- 2013 *Collection from Chicago*, State Gallery – Shipka 6, Sofia, Bulgaria
- *Sacred and Erotic*, ARC Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2011 *Earth and Fire*, ARC Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2010 *Running Lights*, ARC Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2009 *Painting and Music*, Thracian Stan, Plovdiv, Bulgaria
- 2008 *Legend of Bread*, Arc Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2007 *Pallet and Bass*, Polish Cultural Center, Sofia, Bulgaria
- 2006 *Icons*, ARC Gallery, Chicago, IL
- *Passion*, Silesian Gallery, Wroclaw, Poland
- 2004 *Rhythm*, ARC gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2002 *Seeds of Light*, Ukrainian National Museum of Chicago, IL
- 2001 *To Open a Window*, Truman College, Chicago, IL
- 2000 *To Open a Window*, Hungarian Cultural Center, Sofia, Bulgaria
- 1999 *Music and Space*, Polish Cultural Center, Sofia, Bulgaria
- 1997 *The Art of The Silence*, Earth and Men, National Museum, Sofia, Bulgaria
- 1996 *The Echo of the Rodopy Mountain*, National Academy of Sports – Sofia, Bulgaria

## SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2020 Still Here, Members of ARC Gallery, ARC Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2020 In Dialogue, GSU, Visual Arts Gallery, Governor State University, University Park, IL, Curator Sarah Krepp
- 2018 Reinvention , open walls, ARC Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2017 The Kaleidoscope of ARC Gallery members, Arc Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2016 Annual, ARC Members show, ARC Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2015 Urban Treads, ARC Member show, ARC Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2014 SQUARE, Chicago Artist Month, ARC Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2014 Art Spree, Thompson Center, Chicago, IL
- 2013 *Approaching 40*, ARC Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2012 *Blox*, ARC Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2012 *Reinvention*, ARC Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2012 *Atrium Exhibition*, Thompson Center, Chicago, IL
- 2011 *Self Portraits*, Arts exchange - Genie de la Bastille - Arc Gallery, Espace Kiron, Paris, France

- 2011 *Ooh la, la Chicago*, ARC Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2011 *Ethnic art spree*, Thompson center, Chicago, IL
- 2011 *Architecture as an open space*, Thompson Center, Chicago, IL
- 2011 AAF, Manhattan, New York
- 2011 *Future artist*, Art Lab, Ravenswood, Chicago
- 2010 *Urban/Convergence*, ARC Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2010 *Art WALK - Ravenswood*, Chicago, IL
- 2009 *Poetic Dialogue*, ( invitational exhibition, curators, Beth Shadur and Lois R. Deely), University of Western Florida, Pensacola, FL
- 2008 *Does it Matter?*, Members group show, ARC gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2008 *Feminist Ecology: Women in the Earth*, juried exhibition, (Museum curator Nathan Harpaz), Koehnline Museum of Art, Oakton Community College, Des Plaines, IL
- 2008 *Chicago Art Open*, CAC, Merchandise Mart, (with catalogue) Chicago, IL
- 2007 *Poetic Dialogue II*, (invitational exhibition, independent curator, Beth Shadur) Carthage College, Kenosha, WI
- 2007 *Poetic Dialogue II*, (invitational exhibition, independent curator Beth Shadur), University of Wisconsin, Waukesha, WI
- 2007 *5foot2*, Arc Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2007 Group installation of Mark di Suvero's Peace Tower at the Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago, IL
- 2005 Chicago Arts Open, Chicago, IL
- 2005 WASPS, Patriothall Gallery, Edinburgh, UK
- 2004 *Personae*, ARC Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2004 *Women in Arts 2004*, Latin American Museum, Miami, FL
- 2004 *Rendezvous*, Duque Art Center, New Orleans, LA
- 2004 *Poetic Dialogue, Poetry-Women-Art*, ARC Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2003 *The Mighty Midwest Biennial 2003*, New Vision Gallery, Marshfield, WI
- 2003 *ARC 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*, ARC gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2003 10 Gallery, Washington, DC
- 1998 *Artist-Nature*, Installation at the Park of National Palace of Culture, Sofia, Bulgaria

## **GALLERY AFFILIATION and MEMBERSHIPS**

2016 - present – Dialogue Chicago [www.dialoguechicago.com](http://www.dialoguechicago.com)

2002 - present - ARC gallery, Chicago, IL [www.arcgallery.org](http://www.arcgallery.org)

1994 - present - Union of National Bulgarian artists, Sofia, Bulgaria

2008 - 2016 - Illinois Artisans of Chicago, IL

## **CURATORIAL PROJECTS AND WORKSHOPS**

- 2020 - Curator, Unusual Year, Pandemic 2020, Photography show, Cultural Center Magura, Arlington Heights, IL
- 2015 - Curator, *Children's voices*, ARC Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2015 - Workshop, *Colors of the birds* -art for the kids, Botanic Garden, Glencoe, IL
- 2011 - Presented artist with Nigh of Archeology of Bulgaria, Field museum, Chicago, IL
- 2008 - Curator, *Pictorial expression of Bulgarian Alphabet by Bulgarian children*, ARC Gallery, Chicago IL
- 2008 - Curator, *Celebrate the Bulgarian Culture with the Bulgarian Alphabet*, Maria Pappas Treasurer Office, Chicago, IL
- 2006 - Curator, *White, Green and Red*, exhibition of Bulgarian artist, City of Chicago, Maria Pappas Treasurer Office, Chicago IL
- 2006 - Curator, *Blue Bridges*, Exhibition by Bulgarian artist, ARC Gallery, Chicago, IL

## AWARDS, GRANTS, RESIDENCIES AND EXCHANGE

- 2017 Art exchange, ARC Gallery and Art Movement Krug, **Kardzali, Bulgaria**
- 2014 Artist residence, March 1<sup>st</sup> - March 30<sup>th</sup>, **Le Couvent, Auzits, France**
- 2011 French-American artists exchange and catalogue, Le Genie de la Bastille, **Paris, France**
- 2008 *Legend of the Bread*, collaboration between visual art and traditional dance, Grant by Illinois Arts Council - ARC Gallery, **Chicago, IL**
- 2007 Award of Excellence, Maria Pappas – Treasurer of Cook County, **Chicago, IL**
- 2004 Award – Honorary Mention -*Women in the Arts – 2004* - **Latin American Art Museum, Miami, FI**
- 2002 *Seeds of the Light*, exhibition at the National Ukrainian museum, Grant by **Illinois Arts Council, Chicago, IL**

## SELECTED PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Ridgewood High School, Norridge, IL  
Botanic Garden, Glencoe, IL  
Gallery of Union Bulgarian Artists collection, Shipka 6 Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria  
Sofia City Arts Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria  
PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation, Chicago IL  
Maria Pappas, Treasurer of Cook County, Chicago IL  
Earth and Men, National Museum, Sofia, Bulgaria  
Truman College, Chicago IL  
Church of St. John of Rila, Chicago IL  
Church St. Sofia, Des Plaines, IL  
City Gallery in Kardzali, Bulgaria

## CATALOGUES and PUBLICATIONS

- 2013 Catalogue, 40 Anniversary, ARC Gallery, Educational & Foundation, Chicago IL  
2012 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Gala, 2012 book, PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation, Auction  
2011 Catalogue, *Le Genie de la Bastille – ARC Gallery*, Chicago – Paris 2011  
2010 The Spoon River Poetry Review, Summer/Fal, 2010, #2, Quartet-2004, picture by artist Kina Bagovska and poem by Lucia Getsi after Collaborative art, Poetry – Women –Art at ARC Gallery, Chicago, IL  
Catalogue, *100 Contemporary International Artists* - European Community Artists Library, Barcelona, Spain by Carlos M. Gindicessi and Museum of the Americas  
2008 Catalogue, Chicago Art Open, 2008,  
Catalogue, *Feminist Ecology: Women in the Earth*, juried exhibition, Museum curator Nathan Harpaz, Koehnlne Museum of Art, Oakton Community College, Des Plaines, IL  
2007 *The show of Kina Bagovska in Chicago*, National Radio, Sofia, Bulgaria, April 20, 2007  
2006 "ICONS", *Kina Bagovska*, TV Show-Friday Night, Chicago, IL  
2005 Book cover for Music by Sonia Ray, Brazil  
*Explored Everything from Mythology to Modern Science to Super Model Culture*, by Anna Poplawska, CAC Artist's news, cover page, Chicago, IL Dec., 2005  
2004 Catalogue, *Poetic Dialogue, Poetry-Women-Art*, ARC Gallery, **Chicago, IL**  
*Dreamy paintings keep an Eastern European edge*, by Doug MacCash, Lagniappe, April 9<sup>th</sup>, New Orleans, LA  
2004 Article by Eric Bookhar, Gambit Weekly, April 6<sup>th</sup> 2004, New Orleans, LA  
2003 Catalogue, 30 Anniversary, 2003, ARC Gallery Educational & Eoundation, Chicago IL  
2002 Cover and 1<sup>st</sup> page of Bass World Magazine, #2, 2002