# KSENIIA ANTIPINA

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#### **EDUCATION**

2014-2021 Private Educational Institution of Higher Education Moscow Economic Institute / Bachelor degree / Graphic Design

2012-2013 Russian-Italian Higher School of Design "Style" / Painting school

2009-2014 Kazan State University / History

### WORK EXPERIENCE

since 2021 visual artist, Berlin 2019-2021 freelance designer, Berlin 2017-2018 graphic designer at Shmckr, Berlin 2013-2016 designer in advertising agency, RU

#### **AWARDS**

2024 World Masters of Photography WMPO, Gold Award 2023 21st Julia Margaret Cameron Award, 1st prize 2023 BBA One Shot Award, Nominee 2023 Artjobs Artist of the month, September 2023 The Image Flow, honorable mention "Photo of the month — Portrait" 2023 Imacres Awards, honorable mention in Fine Art 2021 Reclaim Award, winner

#### RESIDENCIES

Pilotenkueche International Art Program curators Julianne Csapo / Maeshelle West-Davies Leipzig / April-June 2022

# ARTIST STATEMENT

I create surreal images using a photo camera. For each photograph, I develop a scenario and manually create the decorations (these can be giant lobster claws, face masks, flowers with eyes, etc.). When conceptualizing a photograph, I rely on my original idea, allowing my imagination to run free, and I might sculpt, embroider, paint, or apply makeup. Thus, the creation of each photograph is a unique process and can take varying amounts of time. In my work, I do not use artificial intelligence or computer graphics. I only perform color correction on the photos in graphic editors.

In my art, I explore the psychology of interactions between people and their environment, transforming human emotions into visual form. Since emotions are abstract, the ability to represent them visually is particularly fascinating to me. Often, in my photographs, I use a visual technique of hiding the character's face and conveying emotions through other objects or body parts. I invite the viewer into a world where the boundaries between reality and fantasy blur, and surreal scenes serve as a bridge between the inner world of emotions and external reality.

# SHORT BIO

Kseniia Antipina (born 1992, Russia) grew up in a small, remote town and had no exposure to art during her childhood since there were no galleries or museums in her town. Upon moving to a big city to attend university, she was introduced to creative professions and felt a strong desire to create things with her own hands. After studying at the Russian-Italian Art School in Kazan, she went on to study graphic design at a university in Moscow. In 2017, she moved to Berlin and developed a passion for photography, initially as a hobby and then as her primary occupation. Since 2021 she participates in numerous international exhibitions. In 2023, Kseniia won first place in the Julia Margaret Cameron Award. In 2024, she received the Gold Award in the Contemporary category at the World Masters of Photography competition in Vienna. Kseniia lives and works in Berlin, Germany.

#### **EXHIBITIONS**

Exhibition "Du bist am Zug" Wall GMBH Berlin / July-August 2024

Exhibition World Masters of Photography WMPO 2024 LIK Gallery Wien / 27 June 2024 - July 2024

Exhibition "Metamorphosis" Loosenart Gallery Rome / 07 June 2024 - 17 June 2024

Festival Getxophoto "Play" Bilbao / 06 June 2024 - 30 June 2024

Exhibition "Form follows light" galerie gänge curator Maeshelle West-Davies Leipzig / 24 May 2024 - October 2024

Group exhibition "Sichtbar&SEIN" Embassy of Mexico, Berlin Kooperationsprojekt der I.S.I. e.V. Initiative Selbstständiger Immigrantinnen und des Ludwig-Erhard-Forums für Wirtschaft und Gesellschaft Berlin / February-March 2024

Group exhibition "Echos des Alltags" Retramp Gallery Berlin / 18-21 January 2024

Group exhibition "Art Collection Starter" Victoria Olt Gallery curator Victoria Olt Tallinn / September-December 2023

Group exhibition "Breathing lessons" Roots Gallery curator Nadzeya Naurotskaya Pisa / October 2023

Group exhibition "Fairy Fountain"
Co-making matters (Haus der Statistik) Pilotenkueche
curators Julianne Csapo / Maeshelle West-Davies
Berlin / August-September 2023

Group exhibition "KAG1" Kyoto Art Gallery curator Akari Sohara Berlin / July 2023 Group exhibition "Haze Bazaar"
Haze Gallery
curator Irina Rusinovich
Berlin / December 2022

Group exhibition "Who you are" ChromArt Gallery curator Georgina Magklara Berlin / November 2022

Solo exhibition am Kulturnacht Ulm Gleis 44 curator Marek S. Bednarsky Ulm / September 2022

Group exhibition "City Crash 10" Werk 2 curator curator Antje Hamel Leipzig / July 2022

Pilotenkueche curators Julianne Csapo / Maeshelle West-Davies Leipzig / June 2022

Online group exhibition "Way" Albe Art Gallery February 2022

Group exhibition "Water" Lite-Haus Galerie curator Debbie Davies Berlin / October 2021

Reclaim Award Exhibition Cologne / August 2021

Group exhibition "Videofenster" curator Sebastian Hermida Cologne / June 2021

Group exhibition "Mixing Identities" THE LINE Contemporary Art Space London / 2021

## **PUBLICATIONS**



Gelatin Magazine Volume 9 Year: 2024

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Artego Magazine - Fine Art & Al June

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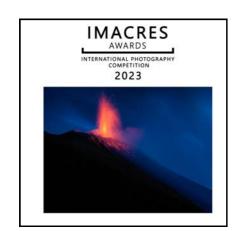
The Warriors Within Collective

Volume 15 Year: 2023

Language: English

Pages: 36

Dimensions: 22 x 28 cm



Imacres Awards Catalogue

Year: 2023

Language: English

Pages: 106

Dimensions: 20.96 x 0.64 x 20.96 cm



Reclaim Award Catalogue

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Pages: 240

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City Crash Exhibition Catalogue

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