

UKRAINIAN CULTURAL COMMUNITY



Kurfürstendamm used to be the Broadway of Berlin:

Legends like Luna Park, Romanisches Café, Hotel Bogotá, Cafe Leon attracted an international bohème.

The "KuDamm" was a 24/7 cultural hotspot. Today, the "creative pride of Berlin" is a dead luxury shopping mile, in the evening only a few restaurants manage to draw people.

But now, we, a young avant-garde from Ukraine is about to reanimate the cultural heart of KuDamm again.

In a former art nouveau brothel right at Walter Benjamin Platz, our group of 18 very diverse artists from Ukraine opens a creative hub: In the next 12 months, this area will be an exciting place for art exhibitions, salons, bar concerts, talks, live performances and dadaistic experiments. We all escaped the worst war that Europe experienced since 1945. Berlin welcomed us with open arms - and now we want to give something back. Together, we will recreate KuDamm as a cultural hub.



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- Ukrainian Cultural Community (formerly known as Art Shelter) is a place for Ukrainian creatives to live, work and show their art in a safe space away from war. This Charlottenburg project is a bridge between two cultures in a time of war.

We are a platform in Berlin providing an Artists-in-Residence program for 18 Ukrainian artists from the fields of painting, photography, film, dance, fashion, acting, and music.

We provide a shared multifunctional space for studios, exhibitions, private events and artist talks. By connecting local and Ukrainian creatives, we explore the cultural bridge between Germany and Ukraine and between the East and the West.

We will focus on intercultural topics, the integration of cultures, and art as the bridge to redefine our society.

Together with other Berliners, we will create a community and new audiences of European contemporary art.



We are an Ukrainian Cultural Community:

Anastassia Passechnik - Art Director, Co-Founder

Our Curatorial Board helps us develop the concept further:

Boris Kostadinov - Artistic Director, Co-Founder SCOPE BLN gUG

Sybill Schulz - Program, Supervisory Board WeiberWirtschaft eG

Maya Miteva - Setup & Operations, Co-Founder SCOPE BLN gUG

The Initiators of the project are 4 women who sought to help Ukrainian creatives seeking refuge from the war: Maya Miteva, Sybill Schulz, Irit Kesselmann-Miller and Anais Cosneau.

We are supported by various organizations:

SCOPE BLN gUG, WeiberWirtschaft eG, KUKUMU eV, Happy Immo Club, Stiftung AusserGewöhnlich Berlin

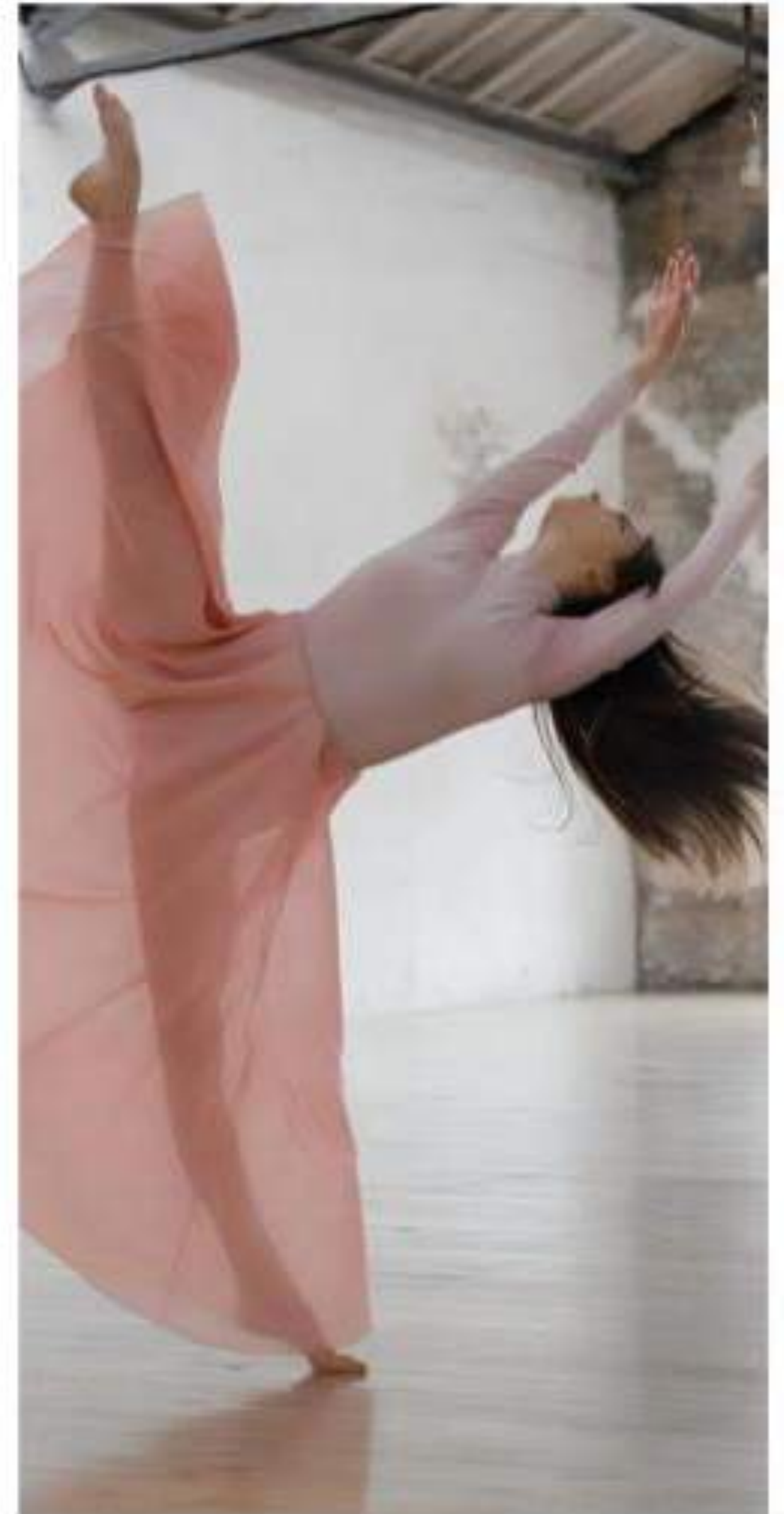


The background of the image is filled with abstract, hand-drawn scribbles in blue and yellow. These lines are thick and expressive, creating a sense of movement and spontaneity. Some lines form loops and swirls, while others are more linear and sweeping. The colors are vibrant and stand out against the plain white background.

ARTIST

Vlada Bilovodenko

I'm a contemporary dancer from Odesa, Ukraine. I have spent the last 2 years working full-time as a dance teacher. During the work, I initiated several successful projects and filmed many different dance videos. I have bachelor's degree in choreography. Also I visited a lot of dance workshops, intensives and dance camp. I feel upset about situation in my country. Currently I'm in Berlin. I'm looking for some opportunities and work for dancer. Because I really love to dance. And I want to do some creative. Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward for your letter.



Maria Lutsak

Mariia is an artist from Kyiv, Ukraine. She works in different printmaking techniques, watercolor painting, ink drawing. Before the war Mariia also taught art for 2 years in art studio. The main themes of her works are the state of the human soul, nature, society and the interaction of people in it.



Lutsak M.
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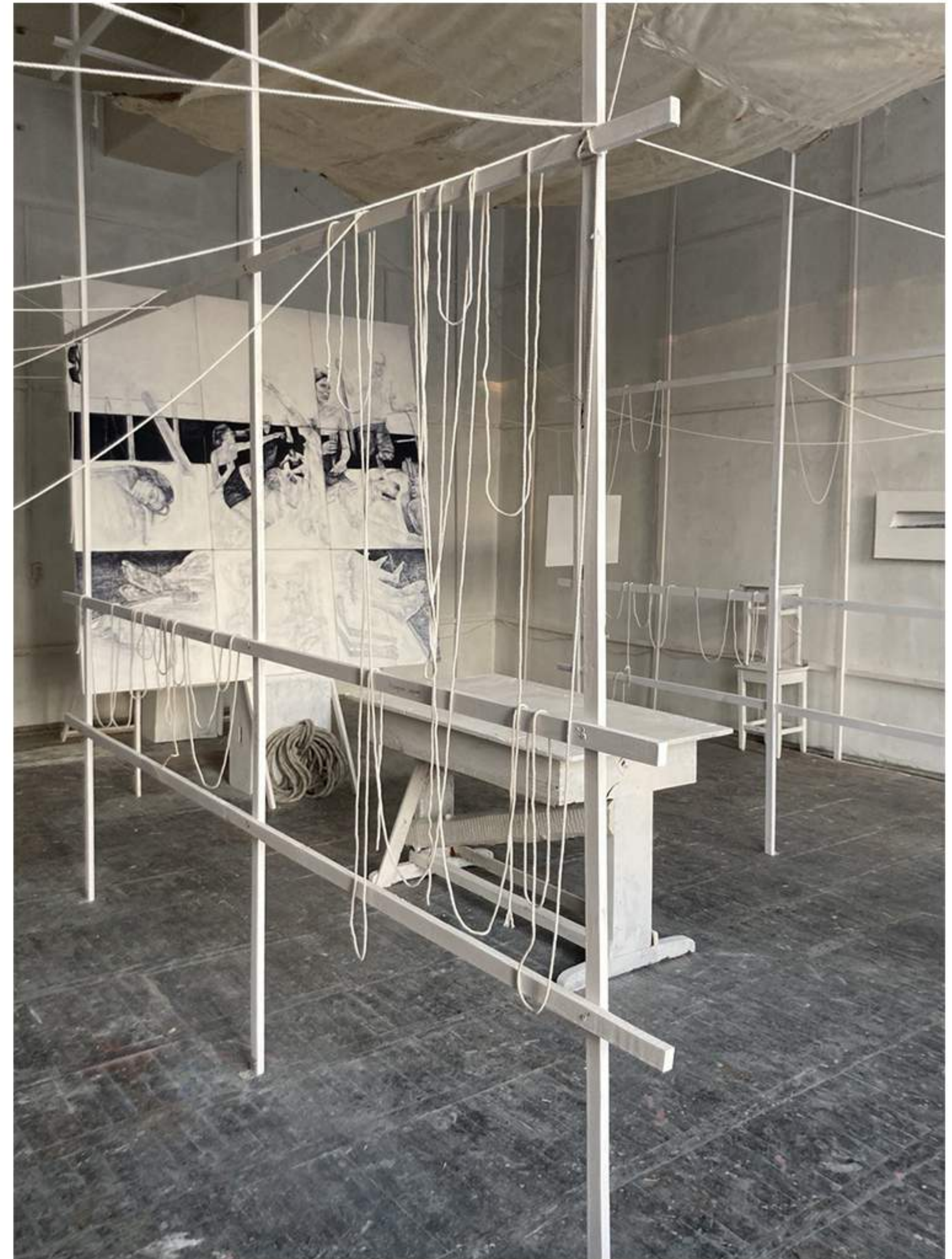
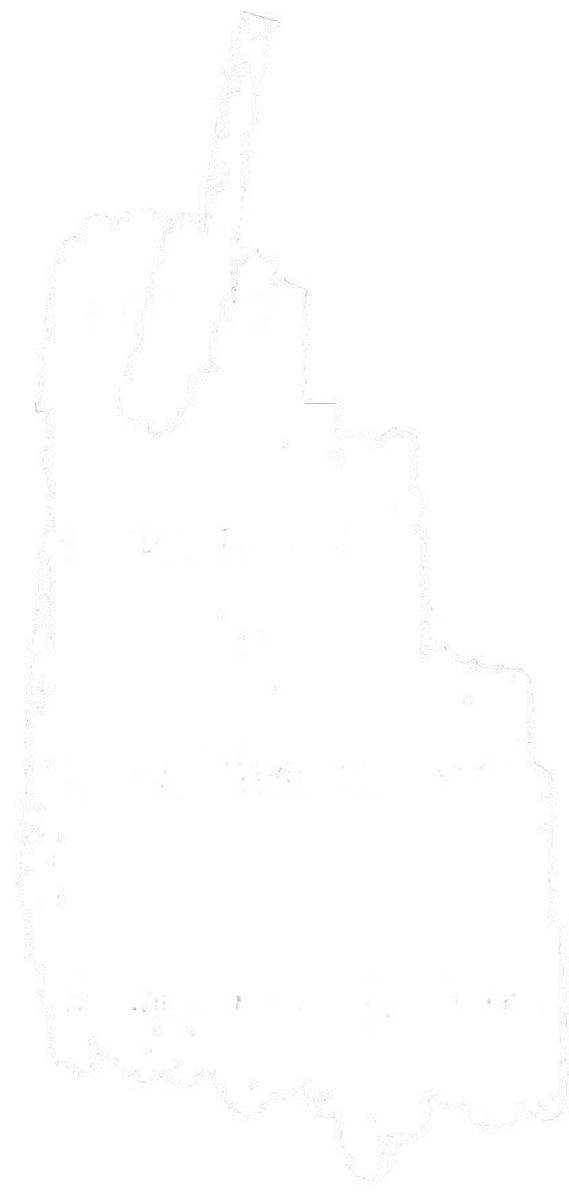


Julia Samson

I am a Ukrainian film / voice actress and photographer from Odesa. Half a year before the war my ambitions brought me to Kyiv, where I had a chance to study, meet new people and try going more international in my acting career. Since the war began I managed to escape to Germany as I was already familiar with it as a student. The survivor's syndrome grew and I put my German and English skills into translation and dubbing work for those who needed it. Now I'm getting more and more acquainted with the film industry members and seek to give the best of Ukrainian acting to the world. And I feel Berlin is the best place to start!



Sofia Golubeva



Sofia Golubeva was born in Odesa, Ukraine in 1997.

Sofiia studied Fine Art in Odessa Art College of Grekov and got a magister degree in the National Academy of Fine Arts and Architecture in 2021. She graduated from Kiev Academy of Media Arts (Contemporary Artist), in 2020.

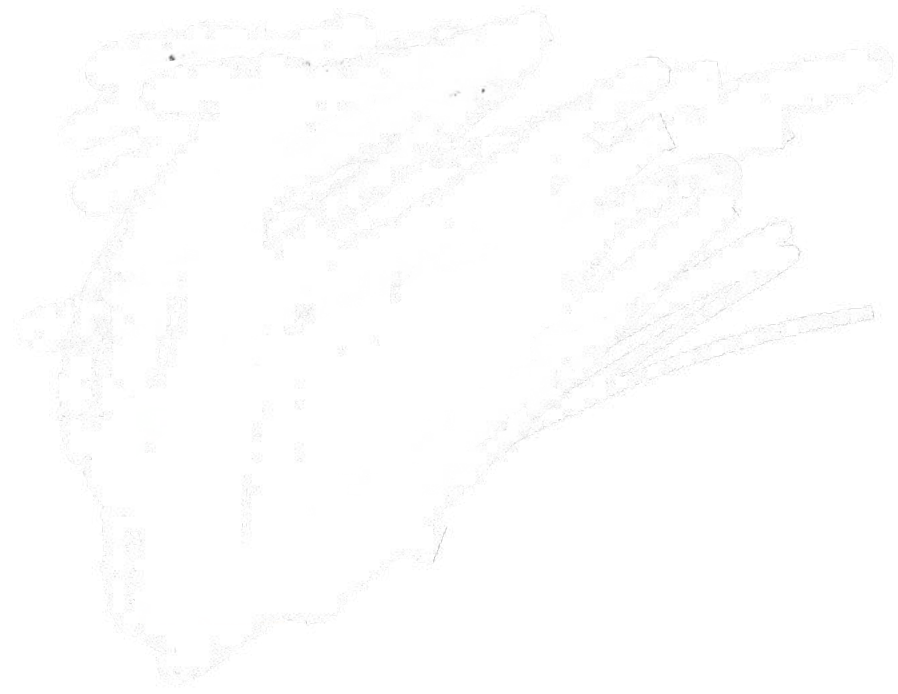
Sofiia explores the social, psychological and political aspects of human existence today. She is interested in issues of truth, responsibility, subjective and objective.

She works in different media like fine art, graphics, performance, installation, photo, digital art, sound and video.

When the war began the artist was in Uzhhorod, Ukraine. Now in Berlin, Germany.

Alina is a fashion designer and illustrator from Kiev, Ukraine. In her projects, she combines digital and visual art with clothing design. She makes art projects that border the commercial and creative direction of modern fashion design. She likes to create new images both on paper, and in digital and fashion format. Alina has been working for the past 6 years as a fashion designer and print artist with various Ukrainian brands. Part of her skills set are drawing, painting, creating digital designs, 3D graphics for clothing and photography editing. In 2016 Alina done her masters at the university of Kharkov State Academy of Design and Arts.

Alina Coma



Julia Levitska

I am a painter, restorer from Kyiv. For the last half a year, I have been working on a new series of my works on the simple values of peacetime. After the start of the war, life changed and plans, too, like all Ukrainians. I would like to continue to paint, make exhibitions and communicate with creative people. Now I am in Kyiv, I am looking for an opportunity to get into an art residence and continue my work. It would be great to create in an art residence in Berlin, in a city where there are a large number of art galleries and creative people.



sofiia skat

FILM PHOTOGRAPHER

Sofiia Skat is from Mariupol, she loves to photograph people and everything that happens around her on film. For the first time she took a film camera in her hands at the age of 15, since then 7 years have passed since she is addicted to cameras and film





Maria Kebu



I am a Ukrainian vocal artist from Kyiv. I consider unique people around to be the greatest value, which is why I usually create music in collaboration with other musicians and producers. New combinations of sounds and genres burst from such collective creativity and friendly atmosphere. Also I'm a creator and tutor of Kyiv based Honest Vocal Circles project, where I teach people to improvise and create music out of silence. My first passion is choir singing and improvisation, so my music always comes from improvised vocals. I am experienced in project management, hosting art spaces. And as a soulful storyteller I am good at creative copywriting.



Alexandra has three years of experience as an exhibition curator at the Kharkiv Literary Museum. She worked on the concept of exhibitions, their decoration and physical embodiment. Oleksandra also has experience in organizing literary festivals, and has twice co-organized the International Night of Museums event in Kharkiv, Ukraine. She also worked as a coordinator of the charity fund of the famous Ukrainian writer and poet Serhiy Zhadan. The Charitable Foundation has been supporting children from Eastern Ukraine since 2014. From 2020 to 2022 she worked as an administrator of the art studio Aza Nizi Maza

Alexandra



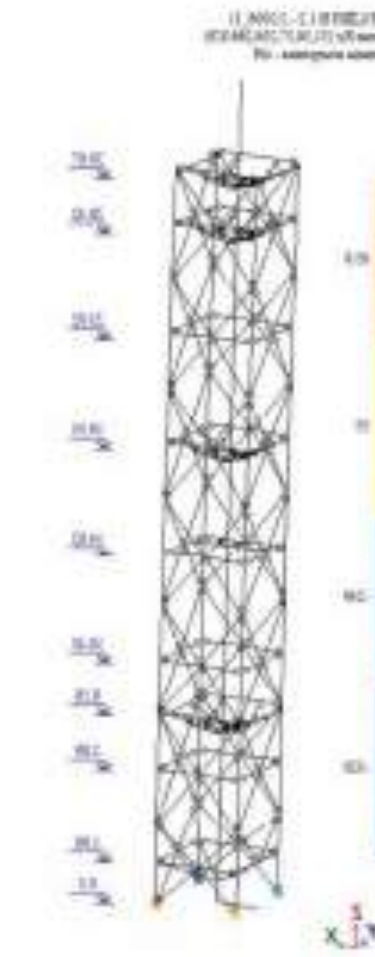
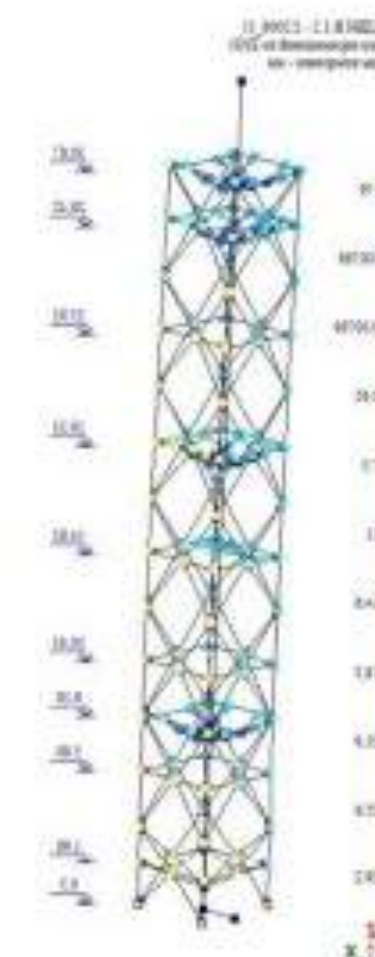
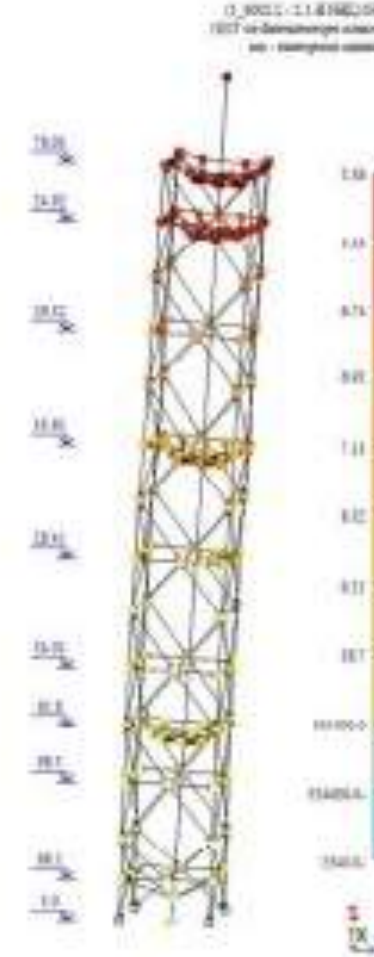
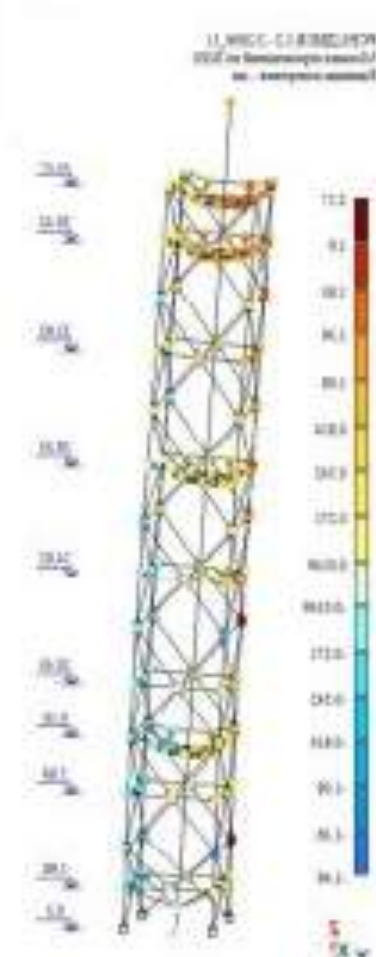
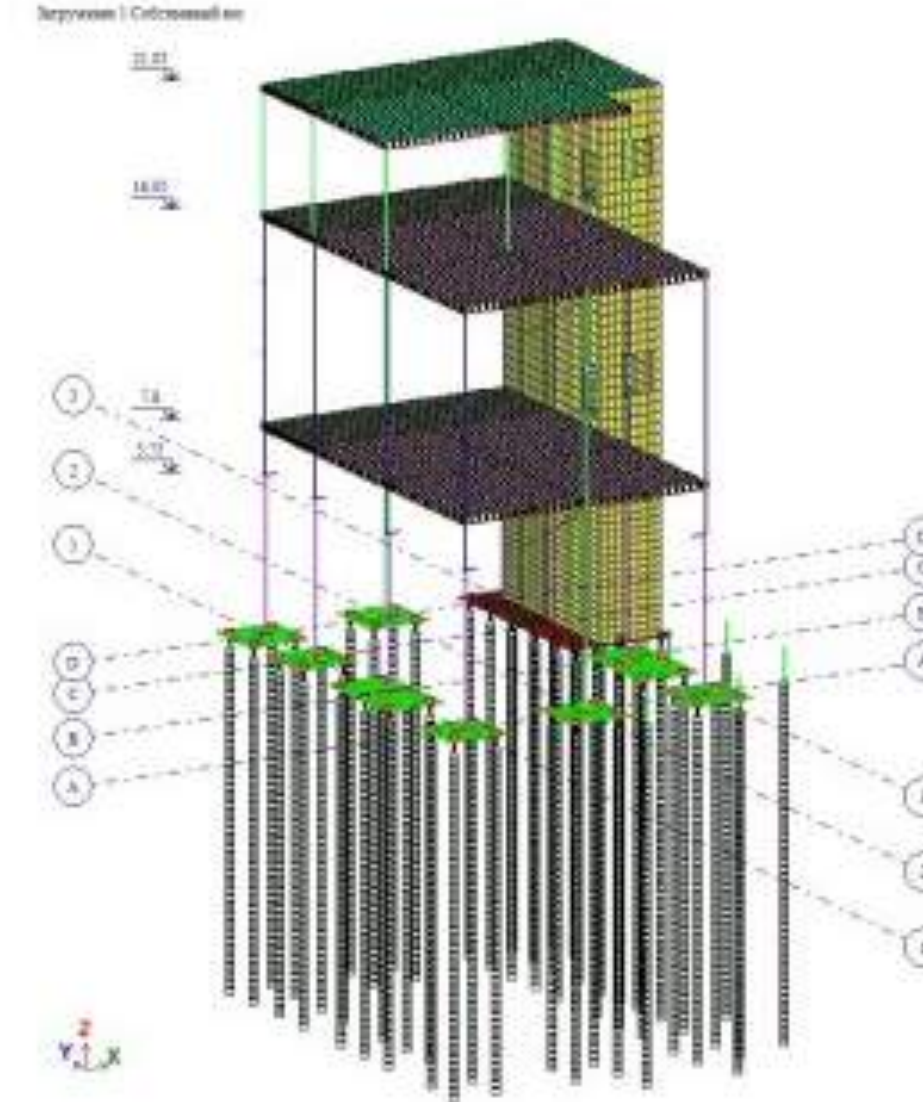
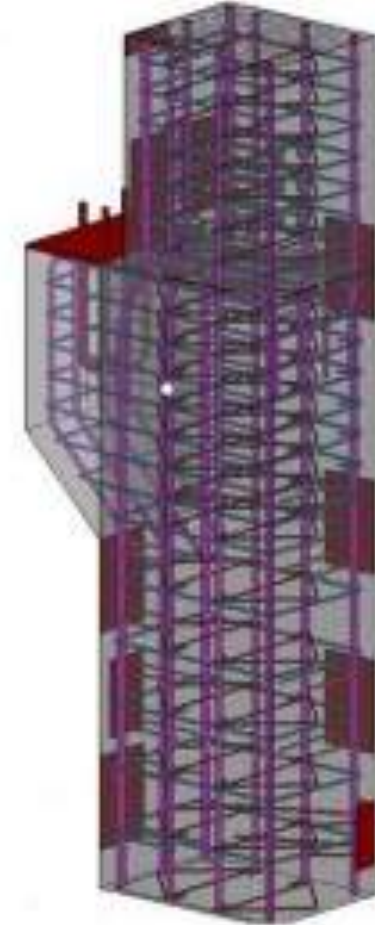
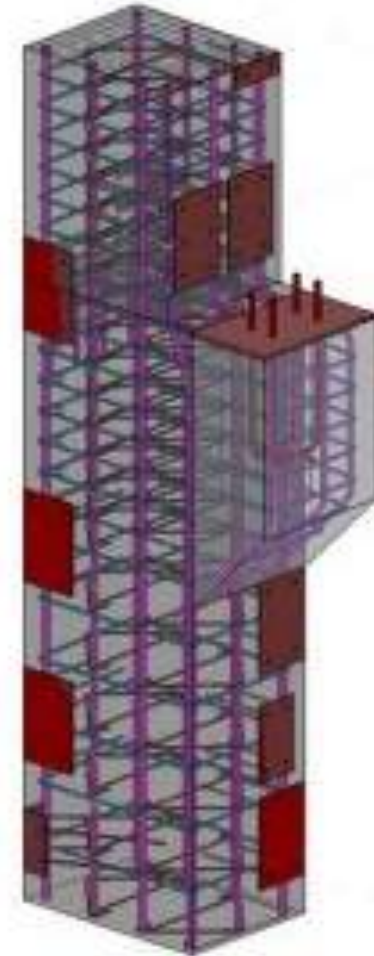
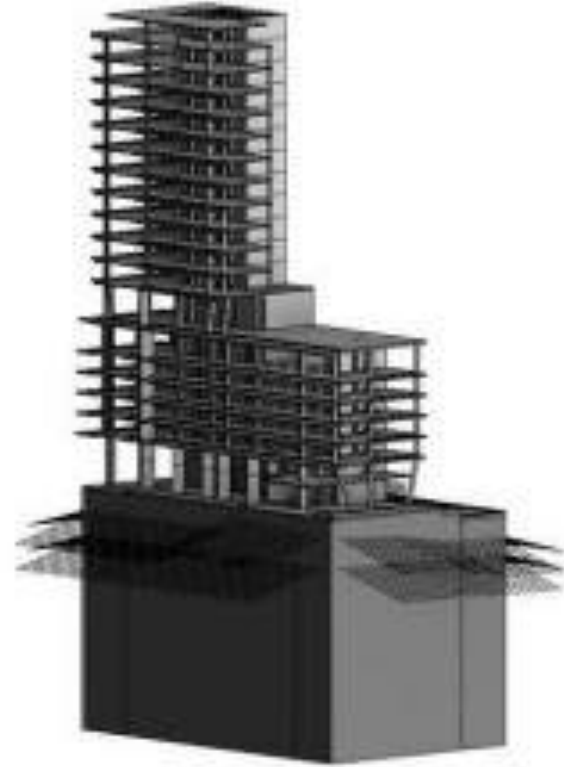
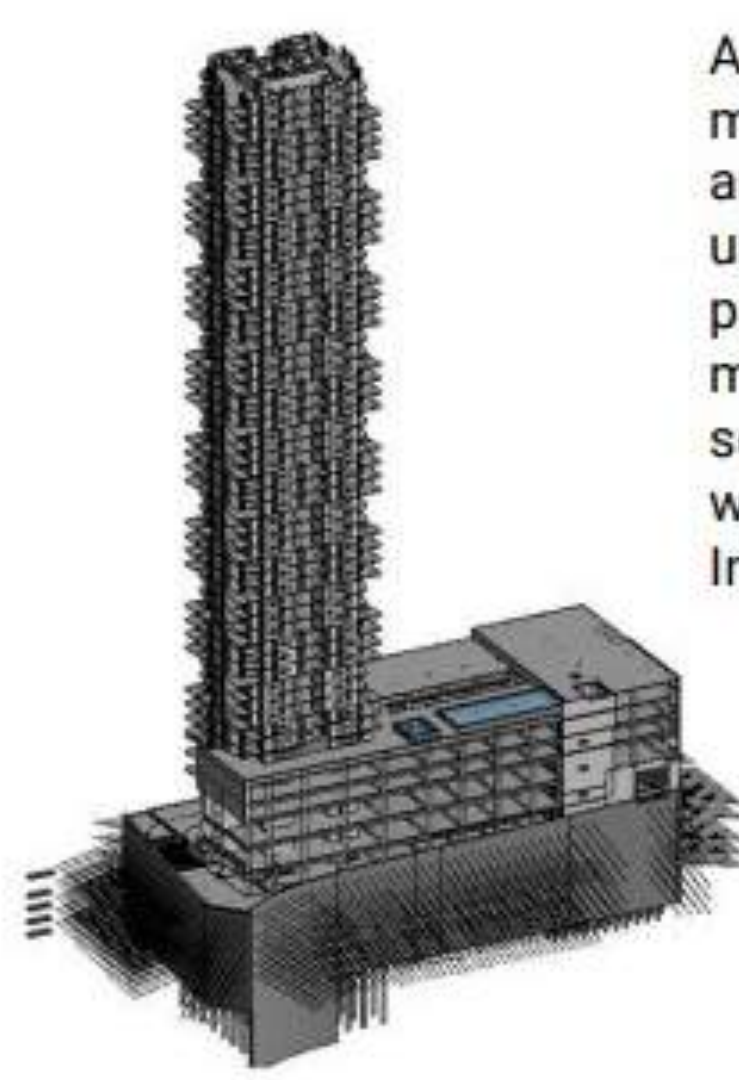


Victoria Temnova

Photographer from Kherson, who moved to Kyiv in 2013. From the very childhood, photography was her main passion, which ended up being her profession. Her works were published in such magazines as Naked magazine, Vogue Italia, Vogue Ukraine, L'Officiel Ukraine and Marie Claire. In 2022, after the start of the Russo-Ukrainian war, Viktoriia was temporarily relocated to Berlin.

Viktoriia's works contribute mainly to fashion photography, but her style lies on the border with art experiments. She gained her popularity because of the original aesthetics - play with color and silhouettes, theatrical stylization of images and dynamic composition of the shot. She researches a post-soviet soul in new conditions of Ukrainian reality and manifests a flow of life in the city and citizens' attempts to survive in it.

Aleksandr Zelenkov is 24 years old, was born and lived all his life in Kyiv. He works as a civil engineer and has more than 2 years of experience. He also had experience in designing residential and office buildings for Israel and industrial complexes for the Ukrainian market. Projects that were intended for the Ukrainian market, unfortunately, cannot be implemented due to the war, and some of them are shown in the photograph. In parallel with work and university, I have always been interested in modern art, brutalist architecture and minimalism of the 20th century. He is sure that the path of modern art of the 21st century is the unification of scientific and conceptual. Using our experience in building design and Sofia Yesakova's experience in art, we would like to implement a joint project that we have been thinking about in Kyiv since the beginning of the war. In a rational, scientific manner, to think about the over-emotional.



SOMARI

Post graffiti and street artist

MURALS



Berlin,
Kreuzberg

Switzerland



LIVE PAINTING

Gamedev conference, Kyiv



Group exhibition, Berlin



Live performances, draw at exhibitions, festivals and contemporary art events.

CHARACTER PTICHKA



The author of the Ptichka character, which is mascot and is drawn on the streets of many countries and cities.

Vika Berg comes from Kharkiv, Ukraine. She has been doing tufting rugs for one and a half year already. It's another interesting form of visual art. She worked with numerous famous artists, street artists and designers. Some of artists artworks made in tufting has been represented on exhibitions in foreign countries and cities.



**Viki
Berg**

Anastasia Pasechnik

Actress, artist and musician. All her childhood she traveled all over Europe with an orchestra. She graduated from Kharkiv National University n.a. Kotlyarevsky with a degree in Drama Theater and Film Actress. Played in the theater "P.S".

Organizer of large-scale events and corporativs for such companies as "Philip Morris", "Jim Beam", "Privat Bank", "Enpam". She worked as an art director in the company "Philosophy of the Holiday".

Anastasia has extensive experience in cinema, starred in films, commercials and videos. She worked as a casting director for the Apache 207 rapper.

Organizer of exhibitions and jazz parties in Kyiv.

2020-2022 Realized three exhibitions of her paintings and upcycling clothes.

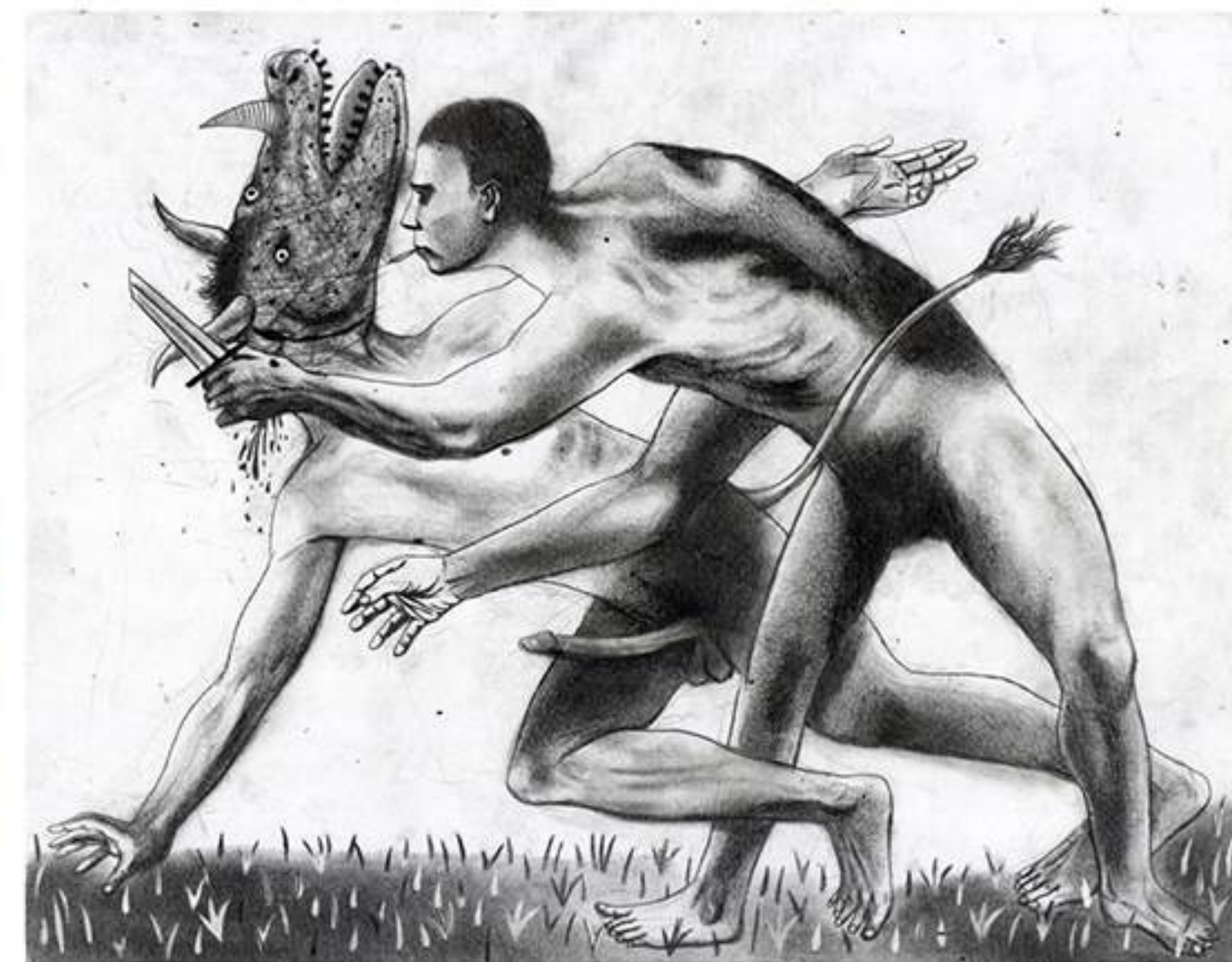
Anastasia Pasechnik is a brand. A person to whom you can contact in the implementation of ideas.





Antony Reznik

Antony is creative and passionate artist with over 6 years in art teaching practice, participation in art festivals, creating art exhibitions. He has experience in creating book covers, book illustrations. He has already revealed one comic, successfully accepted by critics and already presented in several book festivals and professional comics festivals. He considers himself as a highly crafted artist, skilled in a great variety of techniques and artistic styles, which helps him to feel confident in any kind of projects.





Sofiia Yesakova

Multi-disciplinary artist. 23 y.o.
Currently live and work in Berlin.

Now I work a lot with gesso. It inspires me when the work gives a feeling of non-manufacturedness. Accordingly, the total ecological crisis mobilizes the efforts of both scientists and artists. I support Hegel's statement that the Pride of Generic Exclusivity must be replaced by the understanding that humans are only one of the "natural formations." A philosophical and scientific rethinking of what man is in general and what his role is on this planet is necessary.

I use the language of minimalism, but I also focus on expressing my thoughts and emotions, reflecting and conveying the atmosphere, that is, what minimalism has tried to deny and possibly suppress. For me, the balance between emotionality and rationality is important (the direction that prefers the mind to the senses in cognition, even turns away from sensory reality).



Alex Ashtawi is an artist and musician from Kyiv. He works in various printing techniques such as engraving, etching and monotype.



Alex

Music:
<https://morwan.bandcamp.com/>
Artworks:
<https://salon.io/alexashtai>

He is also the author of two musical projects Morwan and Liteplo. Prefers such styles as post-punk, punk, indie music and folk music.

