

Maria Kubysh **CV**

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bio

Maria Kubysh is a Canadian painter based in Berlin. Born in Russia in 1985, she lived in Kazakhstan, Canada, USA and Germany. Kubysh studied Graphic Design at Ontario College of Art and Design. She was a filmmaker and digital designer before settling on painting.

Kubysh creates colourful, large, minimal abstract paintings, often on loose raw canvases. Her work seeks to capture elusive emotions and sensations just beyond verbal reach. Kubysh's process focuses on lightness, sincerity and playful curiosity. She often uses crayons, markers, graphite and other writing tools. Her influences are Henry Matisse, Cy Twombly, Giorgio Griffa, and Laura Owens.

Kubysh is a recipient of Canada Council for the Arts and Ontario Arts Council grants as well as Mark McCain Travel Scholarship, George A. Reid Award and Millennium Excellence Award. She participated in residencies at Banff Centre for the Arts, SIM Icelandic Artists Association, and Pilotenküche Artist Residency in Leipzig.

shows

- 2020 Hard Fluid Betrayal, Pilotenküche Artist Residency, Leipzig, Germany
- 2020 Almost Tension, Altes Handlesschule, Leipzig, Germany
- 2012 *Snowflakes*. SIM Centre for Visual Artists, Reykjavik, Iceland
- 2011 *Across the Mountain* (collaboration with Fiona Williams). The Banff Centre for the Arts, Banff, Canada
- 2008 *Sushi* (*solo*). Dundas Square, Toronto, Canada

film + video festival screenings

- 2011 *Just Met*. The 8 Fest, Toronto, Canada
- 2010 *Life Magic*. Washougal International Film Festival, Washougal, USA
- 2010 *Life Magic*. San Diego International Children's Film Festival, San Diego, USA
- 2010 *Just Met*, One Take Super 8 Event, Images Festival, Toronto, Canada
- 2009 *Intergalactic Space Travel*. The Streaming Festival, Hague, Netherlands
- 2009 *Intergalactic Space Travel*. Pleasure Dome, Toronto, Canada
- 2006 *The Alphabet*. One Minute Film and Video Festival, Toronto, Canada
- 2006 *Shy*. Kino'05, 24-hour Film Challenge, Toronto, Canada

grants + awards + residencies

- 2020 Pilotenküche international artist residency, Leipzig, Germany
- 2012 SIM international art residency. Reykjavik, Iceland
- 2012 Ontario Arts Council travel grant
- 2011 BANFF Centre for the Arts visual art residency
- 2011 Canada Arts Council travel grant
- 2006 Mark McCain travel scholarship, OCAD
- 2006 George A. Reid Award, OCAD
- 2006 Millennium Excellence Award, OCAD

press + exhibition catalogues

- 2020 Artist Spotlight, Pilotenküche 42, *Precious Paintings*
- 2011 The 8 Fest catalogue, *Just Met*
- 2010 Images Festival 2010 catalogue, *Just Met*
- 2009 GIGUK videoART festival catalogue, *Intergalactic Space Travel*
- 2008 Toronto Sun, *Sushi*
- 2006 The One Minute Film and Video Festival catalogue, *The Alphabet*

education

- 2008 Ontario College of Art and Design, Toronto, Canada. Bachelor of Design in Graphic Design.