

# Elmira Shemsedinova (Ельміра Шемседінова) Artist, painter based in Graz, Austria

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Elmira Shemsedinova was born in in 1989 (Kyiv, Ukraine). Graduated Master's Degree National Academy of Fine Arts and Architecture in 2017. Artist, teacher, and explorer of the art. Exhibiting since 2009. Member of the National Union of Artists of Ukraine since 2013. With a solid academic background and a deep understanding of art principles from the Renaissance to Modernism, Elmira is skilled in a wide range of techniques. Elmira draws inspiration from the masters of classical art, yet she innovates by blending this inspiration with modern knowledge to create an authentic, personal language of expression. One of her signature achievements is a technique she developed for imitating the delicate translucency of watercolor using oil paint. Her process is continually evolving, as she remains committed to exploring new approaches and ideas. Her approach, rooted in contemplative existentialism, seeks to engage viewers through empathy and compassion. She believes that beauty lies in the everyday and speaks directly to the soul through its unique forms. Held 7 personal exhibitions and participated in more than 37 collective projects, auctions and art fairs in Ukraine and abroad. Artworks become a part of different collections in Europe, the USA, and China. Actively participated in competitions, international art residencies, and contemporary art symposiums.

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### Personal exhibitions:

2024 – personal exhibition "Tense Horizon" Crimea-Tatar Culture Center, Kyiv, Ukraine.

2023 – personal project "TENSE HORIZON", performance. QL-galerie Graz, Austria.

2019 – Personal exhibition "Portrait of sketch" Invogue Art. Odessa, Ukraine.

2018 – Snapshot (in collaboration with Yuriy Zubrin), Institut français d'Ukraine. Kyiv, Ukraine.

2017 – personal project "Last Crimean album", Bereznitsky Foundation Gallery. Kyiv, Ukraine. 2016 – personal exhibition Child of China, Suzhou Middle Art School №6 Museum. China, Suzhou.

2014 – personal exhibition "Landscapes", Art Mix Gallery. Kyiv, Ukraine.

## • Education:

1999 – 2007 – Taras Shevchenko Kyiv State Art Lyceum, Ukraine.

2007 – 10/2013 – National Academy of Fine Arts and Architecture, Kyiv. (Mykola Storozhenko monumental painting studio. Magistracy) Kyiv, Ukraine.

# • Art residences:

2023 – participate in "Artist in Residence program", Stieglerhaus – Gemeinnützige, St. Stefan ab Stainz, Austria.

2022 – Residensy in QL Gallery and Afro-Asian Institute Graz, Austria.

2021 – Art Residency in Radisson Blu Hotel with Spilne.art, final exhibition "Room with a view". Kyiv, Ukraine.

2019 – Project «Exodus» on BIRUCHIY International Art Residency, Ukraine.

2018 - BIRUCHIY Art Residency and symposium of Contemporary Art, Ukraine.

2018 – Velykyi Pereviz Residency. Poltava region, Ukraine.

2017 – BIRUCHIY Art Residency and symposium of Contemporary Art, Ukraine.

2016 – BIRUCHIY Art Residency and symposium of Contemporary Art, Ukraine.

2012 – Velykyi Pereviz Residency. Poltava region, Ukraine.

## Main group exhibitions and collective art projects:

2024 – collective project Art and exchange in diaspora with ANN Verein, Gallery Exhibit Eschenbachgasse, Vienna, Austria.

2024 – collective project "The WAVES" in gallery Akbild, Vienna, Austria.

2024 – collective pop-up exhibition with Ziegel community in Graz, Austria.

2023 – collective media art project "Records of resistance" Oberhausen, Germany.

2022 – collective exhibition "Art War", Dom Innowacji, Warsaw, Poland

2022 – collective exhibition "Lost Land", Akademie Graz, Graz, Austria.

2022 – collective exhibition "Revelation", Brulhart Gallery. Geneva, Switzerland.

2021 – mixed media art project and residency "Shljax\Yol", Crimea House of Kyiv, Lviv & UCF, Museum Ivana Honchara and NAAFA. Kyiv, Ukraine.

2020 – project «Who am I today?» by MOKONSHU. MITETS Gallery. Kyiv, Ukraine.

2020 – project «Boys by girls» of Gallery 39.9., Auction house Korners. Kyiv, Ukraine.

2020 – KYIVART WEEK'20. Kyiv, Ukraine.

2018 – Museum project "Milky Way", Museum of Ukrainian diaspora. Київ, Україна.

2018 – Trans mimesis, Voloshyn Gallery. Kyiv, Ukraine.

2018 – Underground Contemporary, Golden Section Auction House. Kyiv, Ukraine.

2018 – Neoshamanizm, on Residency of BIRUCHIY,

2017 – Kyiv Art and Film Biennale. Worpswede, Germany.

2016 – Botanica, Gallery Lavra. Kyiv, Ukraine.