

SARIEV CONTEMPORARY



Sariev Contemporary
First Bulgarian gallery at
Shanghai Contemporary Art Fair

7-9 September 2012
Preview: 6 September

Booth - W26
Artists presented: Pravdoliub Ivanov (BG),
Stefania Batoeva (BG)

Shanghai Exhibition Centre
No.1000 Yan An Road, Shanghai, China
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Sariev Contemporary has the pleasure to be the first Bulgarian gallery at the prestigious Shanghai Contemporary art fair and at the same time the only gallery from Eastern Europe at the sixth edition of the fair that will take place during September 7-9, 2012 at the Shanghai Exhibition Centre.

Sariev Gallery will present two of its main artists: Pravdoliub Ivanov and Stefania Batoeva, with twelve works from varied techniques: paintings, photography, objects and a video-installation. The selected exhibits include signature works of the artists and also others especially made for the gallery presentation in Shanghai.

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SARIEV CONTEMPORARAY was founded by Katrin Sarieva and Vesselina Sarieva in 2009 in Plovdiv, the second largest city in Bulgaria. The gallery's mission is to establish a model of commercial contemporary art gallery in Bulgaria and to promote Bulgarian contemporary artists abroad.

The annual exhibition program of Sariev Gallery - Contemporary includes mainly solo exhibitions based on a clear curator's or artist's conception developed for Sariev Contemporary. The presented artists are internationally recognized Bulgarian authors; authors of crucial importance for the art of transition in the 1980's and 1990's in Bulgaria; young artists in the beginning of their career. Since its foundation the gallery has maintained an annual exhibition "Background: Young Artists".

The need for creating a context and knowledge for contemporary art in Bulgaria motivates Sariev Contemporary to develop in partnerships with curators and art critics two annual para-platforms – an educational course for contemporary art - "An Introduction to Contemporary Art" 2010, and the first international event for contemporary art collectors in Bulgaria – Collectors' Forum, September 2011.

Together with the development of Sariev Contemporary Katrin and Vesselina Sariev established two other organizations, independent, but closely connected to the idea of the gallery – Open Arts Foundation, 2007 and a coffee house with library – artnewscafe, 2008

The curators who have developed projects for Sariev Contemporary include: Iara Boubnova, Jacob Racek, Svetlana Kuyumdzieva, Vera Mlechevska, Vessela Nozharova, and Vladia Mihaylova.

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STEFANIA BATOIEVA was born in 1981 in Sofia. She graduated from the Architectural Association School of Architecture, London. In 2012 she will begin an MA in Sculpture at the Royal College of Art, London. Since 2009 she has been actively present on the art scene. She has taken part in a number of prestigious international shows such as "Art Box", (2010) at the Macedonian Museum of Contemporary Art, Thessaloniki; "Photo I – Photo You" at Calvert 22 Gallery, London. In 2009 she won the "Gaudenz B. Ruf" Award, she was nominated for the "Baza" Award in 2010 and 2011, and she was short listed for the M-tel Award in 2011. Stefania Batoeva's works are part of collections such as Vehbi Koç Foundation, Istanbul; Esterhazy Foundation, Austria; Sofia City Gallery, Sofia;

Artworks

Give and Take (steel), 2012, steel/rubber ball, 25 x 25 x 28 cm, unique work

Weather Piece, 2011, mixed media/distilled water, 172 x 37 x 37cm, edition 1/3

Volts, 2012, mixed media / video, 68 x 62 x 20 cm, unique work

Deloop, 2012, pool balls / rubber, 92 x 85 x 4cm, unique work

Shades, 2012, polyurethane paint on found photograph, 33 x 37 cm, framed, unique work

Elasticity, 2011, wax paper, 150 x 100 cm, unique work



PRAVDOLIUB IVANOV was born in 1964 in Plovdiv. He lives and works in Sofia. He graduated from the National Art Academy, Sofia, Bulgaria, where he is currently a lecturer. In 1995 he became a Founder Member of the Institute of Contemporary Art – Sofia. Pravdoliub Ivanov has a strong presence on the international art scene. In 2007, together with Ivan Moudov and Stefan Nikolaev he participated in Vessela Nozharova's curatorial project "A Place You Have Never Been Before" – the Bulgarian official participation at the 52nd Venice Biennial. His works were also presented at the 4th Istanbul Biennial in 1995, at the 14th Sydney Biennial, Australia in 2004 and at the 4th Berlin Biennial in 2006. Pravdoliub Ivanov's works are part of collections such as: ERSTE Bank, Austria; European Investment Bank, Luxembourg; European Patent Office, Munich, Sofia City Art Gallery, Vehbi Koc Foundation, Istanbul and Art Vintage Collection, Israel; private collections of René Block, Berlin, Nedko Solakov and Slava Nakovska, Sofia. Pravdoliub's works have been reproduced in magazines such as Frieze, Flash Art, Kunstforum, Artforum etc., as well as in publications such as East Art Map.

Artworks

From the series Non-Works, started 2007, colour photo, 60 x 40 cm, framed, edition 1/10

From the series "Disasters", 2012, drawings, tempera and aquarelle on paper, 57 x 60 cm each, framed, unique works

Thought Within a Thought, Within a Thought, 2008, object of laser-cut steel, powder coated in black, 133 x 167 cm, edition of 5 + 2AP