

ATANAS
MATSOUREFF

watercolour exhibition

2021

«Layers of Time»

Nuance
ART GALLERY



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Watercolor Artist, Realist, Magic Realist. Self Taught. Living and working in Sofia, Bulgaria.

1975 - Born in the town of Bansko, Bulgaria.

1994 - Graduated from the woodcarving class in his native town.

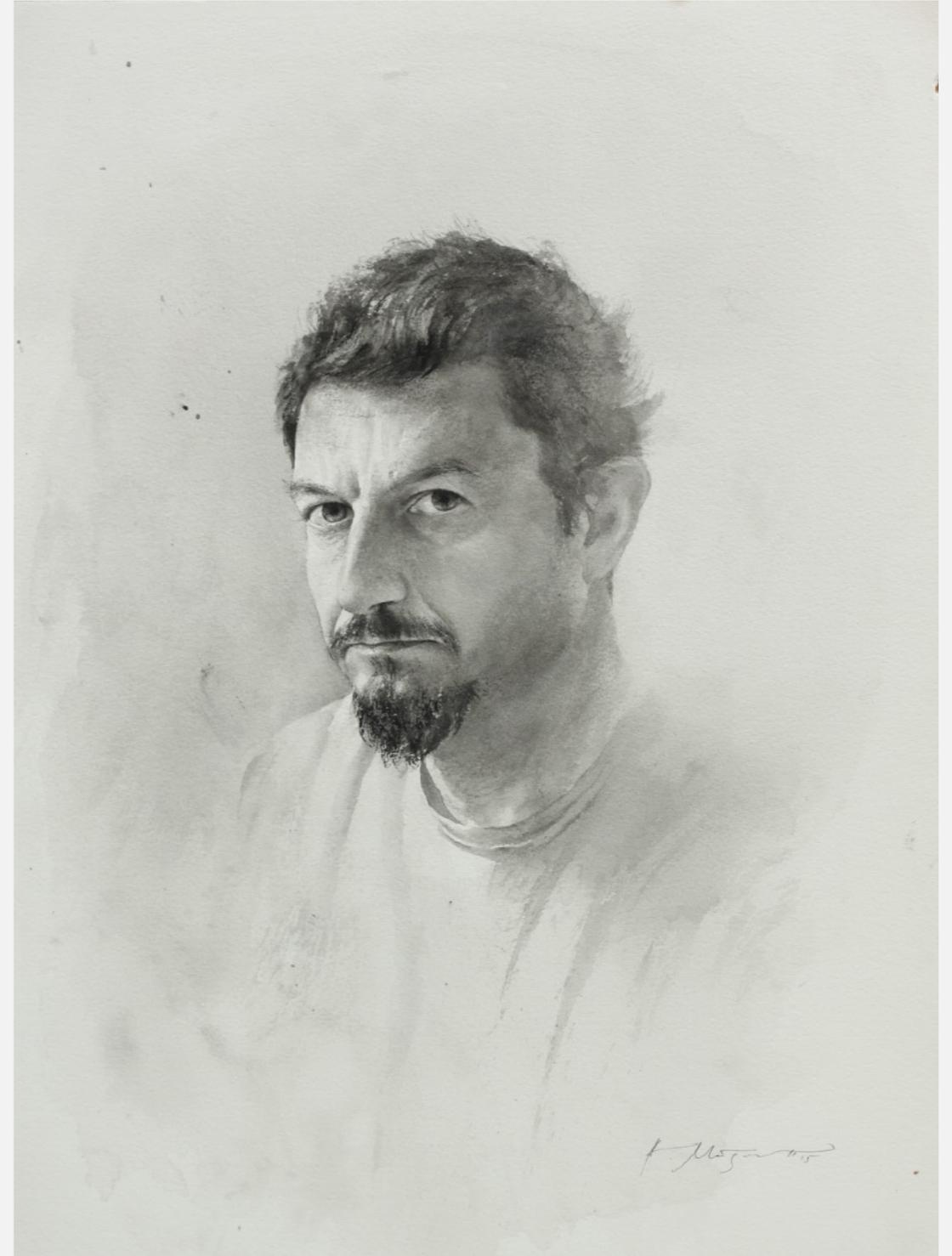
1996 - Moved to live in Sofia, Bulgaria.

1998 - Discovered watercolour as a means of expression.

Member of IMWA (International Masters of Watercolor Alliance) and country representative for Bulgaria.

He has 16 solo exhibitions and many joint exhibitions in all over the world, he is a winner of prestigious awards in Bulgaria and abroad, and his creative biography is rich and varied.

Works of the artist are owned by private collections and museums in Bulgaria, Spain, Turkey, England, Greece, Canada, Netherlands, Belgium, Norway, France, Hungary, Italy, China, Thailand, Russia, Germany and USA.



AWARDS:

2020 - Outstanding Watercolor Award for August, BoldBrush Painting Competition
2020 - Thomason, Hedekin, Hedman in Memory of Donna Kieselbach Award from the San Diego Watercolor Society's 40th International Exhibition.
2020 - Honorable Mention Award in the Landscape category of the 37th Artist Magazine Annual Art Competition.
2020 - Jury's favorite 15% of the entries, March BoldBrush Painting Competition
2020 - Jury's favorite 15% of the entries, February BoldBrush Painting Competition
2020 - Jack Bowen Award, 43rd International Watermedia Exhibition, WASH, Houston, USA
2020 - Second Place, December 2019 in BoldBrush Painting Competition
2019 - The Honor Finalist, September 2019 in BoldBrush Painting Competition
2019 - Honorable Award, 2nd place on Abu Rawash Prize 3rd International Watercolor Contest
2018 - First Place (Architect Seraj Grand Award) on Abu Rawash Prize 2nd International Watercolor Contest.
2018 - Excellence Award, Winsor&Newton's choice on the 1st Universal Watercolor Exposition 2018, Zhuji City, China
2018 - First Place in Premio Biennale Internazionale "Marche d'Acqua", Fabriano Watercolour 5th Edition, Italy
2016 - Art Gallery Le Papillon's Award of Excellence, Bulgaria
2013 - Best Watercolor of the Month, March - Istanbul Watercolour Society

2012 - Sennelier Watercolor Contest, L'Artisan des Couleurs book Award

2011 - First Place in International Watercolour Contest, Izmir, Turkey

SOLO EXHIBITIONS:

2017 - "Drawings" at Nuance Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria
2017 - "Terra Magica", one-day Exhibition at Bogomil Raynov Graphic Cabinet, Sofia, Bulgaria
2016 - "Mirror" at Le Papillon Art Gallery, Varna, Bulgaria
2015 - "Awakening" at Rakursi Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria
2013 - "To You" at Le Papillon Art Gallery, Varna, Bulgaria
2010 - "Landscapes" at A & B Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria
2009 - "Timelessness" at Rakursi Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria
2008 - "Realism" at Atelier Nikolai Shmirgela, Sofia, Bulgaria
2006 - "Rooms of Silence" at Grita Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria
2005 - "Landscapes" at Grita Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria
2005 - "13 Nudes" at Astry Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria
2004 - "My World" at Astry Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria
2002 - "States" at Astry Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria
2001 - "Landscapes" at Festa Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria
2001 - "Secrets" at Sharon Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria
2000 - First show at Festa Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria

PICTURE BOOKS ILLUSTRATED:

- 2004 - The Lost Island, E. Pauline Johnson, Publisher: Simply Read Books, Canada
- 2005 - Rancour (Cover), James McCann, Publisher: Simply Read Books, Canada
- 2007 - Pyre (Cover), James McCann, Publisher: Simply Read Books, Canada
- 2008 - The Woman who married a Bear, Elizabeth James, Publisher: Simply Read Books, Canada

ARTICLES:

- 2021 - Artists Magazine - January/February, Special Issue
- 2020 - Masters of Watercolor - All about Plein air, book
- 2020 - Selected Artist Magazine, Issue 1
- 2019 - Artit Magazine, Issue 7
- 2019 - Economy Magazine, Issue 93, November/December
- 2018 - Artit Magazine, Issue 3
- 2018 - Glenfiddich's "Mission Maverick" (online)
- 2016 - The Art of Watercolour Magazine, 24th Issue, September/November
- 2016 - Suluboya Sanati, book
- 2015 - The Art of Watercolour Magazine, 18th Issue, March/May
- 2014 - Bansko Magazine, Issue 18
- 2014 - International Artist Magazine, Issue 94 - December/January
- 2013 - Masters of Watercolor, volume I, book
- 2012 - The Art of Watercolour Magazine, 6th Issue, March/May

- 2012 - Le grand livre de l'Aquarelle, Secrets and Confessions of 15 Watercolour Masters, book
- 2001 - Egoist Magazine

JOINT EXHIBITIONS:

- 2020 - The 2nd Universal Watercolor Exposition (100 finalists), China (online)
- 2020 - California Watercolor Association 51st National Exhibition, USA (online)
- 2020 - Osten Biennial of Drawing, Skopje 2020 at the National Gallery of N. Macedonia Cifte Hamam
- 2020 - 40th International Exhibition, San Diego Watercolor Society, USA (online)
- 2020 - Iridescent Flows - Watercolor Exhibition of Central and Eastern European Countries, Ningbo Museum of Art, Ningbo, China (online)
- 2020 - American Watercolor Society, 153rd Annual International Exhibition, Salmagundi Club, New York, USA
- 2020 - Watercolor Art Society-Houston, 43rd International Watermedia Exhibition, WASH Gallery, Houston, USA
- 2019 - Universal Watercolor Maestro Biennale, Oriental Beauty Valley, Shanghai, China
- 2019 - International Watercolor Exhibition. 16 World Renowned Masters, Nuance Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria
- 2019 - Second International Invitational Exhibition of Watercolor Artists in Luxu Blue Zhuang Nationality Watercolor Town, China
- 2018 - Watercolor International IV Biennial, EMS Gallery, Thessaloniki, Greece
- 2018 - Second International Watercolor Society China Exhibition, Ming Gallery of Art, Suzhou, China

2018 - The First Universal Watercolour Exposition 2018, Zhuji City, China
2018 - Impressioni di Settembre, Toscolano Maderno, Italy
2018 - Premio Biennale Internazionale "Marche d'Acqua", Fabriano Watercolour 5th Edition, Fabriano, Italy
2017 - The First DAVID International Watercolor Grand Prix and Invitational Exhibition Of International Watercolor Masters, Jinan, Shandong, China
2017 - Guest Lecturer in The 7th Chinese Watercolor (International) High Research Class, Liuzhou, China
2015 - "Rebuss", Annual Common Exhibition at Papillon Gallery, Varna, Bulgaria
2015 - Annual Gala for the Charity Pratham USA, Waldorf Astoria, New York, USA
2015 - Exhibition in Zhongyoung Art Museum, Guilin, China.
2015 - 18th West Lake International Art Fair, Hangzhou, China
2015 - "Re - Interpretation", International Contemporary Watercolour Exhibition Tour, China
2015 - "Masters of Watercolor", St. Petersburg, Russia
2014 - "Allegories" at Papillon Gallery, Varna, Bulgaria
2014 - First Qingdao International Watercolor Salon Exhibition, China
2014 - "Drawing" at Absinthe Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria
2013 - Shenzhen Watercolour Biennial, China
2013 - 3e Biennale Internationale de L'Aquarelle, Centre d'Art Sebastien, Saint Cyr sur Mer, France
2012 - "To 20" at Grita Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria
2012 - Affordable Art Fair, New York, USA
2012 - "The Works" at Tazza Gallery, New York, USA
2011 - Exhibition at Bulgarian Cultural Institute, London, UK
2011 - "To 20" at Grita Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria

2011 - 16th Revay's Art Camp, Nagykorös, Hungary
2010 - "To 20" at Grita Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria
2010 - "By the Drawing You will Recognize Them" at Grita Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria
2009 - "By the Drawing You will Recognize Them" at Grita Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria
2009 - Art Centre Forum, Sofia, Bulgaria
2009 - "Small Format" at Grita Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria
2008 - "In Front of and behind the Window" at Grita Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria
2007 - "St. Nicholas' Day" at Grita Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria
2007 - "Forming the Emptiness" at Astry Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria
2006 - "St. Nicholas' Day" at Grita Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria
2003 - "AquaTerra" at Vidima Gallery, Sevlievo, Bulgaria

«I fell in love with watercolour many years ago and dedicated all my time to this beautiful, versatile and really difficult medium»

Layers of Time
46,5 x 62 cm, 2020





«I want my paintings to reflect everything I see or feel, to bring me closer to the essence to things»

Afternoon

54 x 76 cm, 2020



Echoes from the Past

56 x 76 cm, 2020

«I paint from nature and I bow before the beauty and the forces of the Nature and the simple, ordinary things around us. Try to catch the spirit of each material and to touch the things beyond reality»

*End of August
40 x 66,5 cm, 2020*





AWARD 2020: Thomason, Hedekin, Hedman in Memory of Donna Kieselbach Award
from the San Diego Watercolor Society's 40th International Exhibition

Silence
55,5 x 75,5 cm, 2019



Winter Morning

27,5 x 37,5 cm, 2020



Neighbours
81 x 81 cm, 2020

«I usually see something I like, and the composition just becomes visible to my inner eye. Very often the composition is ready when I see it and I don't change anything. Don't like cluttered compositions; I prefer something simple, sometimes minimalistic and the same time rule breaking»

Shelter from Wind

57 x 76 cm, 2020





Stones and Salt Water 2020

61,5 x 80,5 cm



Sea Bird II

21 x 27 cm, 2020



Calm

50 x 72,5 cm, 2020



Land along the Sea

51,5 x 71,5 cm, 2020



Sea Bird I

21 x 27 cm, 2020



Floating

43 x 61 cm (sepia), 2018 / 2019



River in Luzhi 2020

59 x 69 cm

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