

Iris Poljan

Visual artist / Art Educator

b. Zagreb, Croatia, 1989

ARTIST STATEMENT

In my artistic practice, I use drawing, collage, painting and mixed media to explore the social aspects of everyday life.

Through two-dimensional works visually defined by raw and linear forms and tactile texture of the surface, I focus on intangible themes such as communication, perception and thought to examine the characteristics of the individual and society. In my work I combine traditional art materials like charcoal, paint and China ink with unconventional materials such as thread, nylon and receipts. My process often involves creating a drawing by printing physical textures of different materials onto the surface of the paper and building layered compositions.

The viewer is invited to come closer and observe the details of the surface. In participative pieces, viewers are encouraged to contribute their thoughts or play a part in the transformation of the work.

Drawing · Stitching · Painting · Mixed media

CV

Artist education

2008-2014 **Painting and Art Education, Academy of Fine Arts Zagreb**
Mentor - professor Ante Rašić

2004-2008 **The School of Applied Art and Design Zagreb**
Graphic Arts department - printmaking

2017 **Art educator specialization**
Museum Education

Solo shows (selection)

2023 **Ćelija**
November 14 / Galerija matice Hrvatske, Zagreb

2023 **Usput**
Artoratorij, Vrbovec, Croatia

2022 **Nepodnošljiva lakoća računa**
Galerija na katu, KIC, Zagreb, Croatia

2021 **Approach**
Galerija Matice hrvatske, Zagreb, Croatia

2019 **Point of View**
Garaža Kamba, Zagreb, Croatia

2016 **Matrice za dialog**
Gradska galerija Fonticus Grožnjan, Croatia

2015 **Na vlastiti račun**
Gradska knjižnica Ante Kovačića, Zaprešić

2015 **Na vlastiti račun**
Galerija VN, Zagreb, Croatia

2013 **Mož se slikat**
POU Zaprešić, Galerija Razvid, Croatia

2012 **Art Thursday: POP/PULP Corn, Culture & Fiction**
Kino Grič, Zagreb, Croatia

Group shows (selection)

2026 **Heat and Drought II**
Period, Amsterdam, NL, 26 September

2026 **Heat and Drought exhibition at Hitte en Roogte Symposium**
The Green Village, Delft University of Technology, Delft, 24-25 September

2026 **Quimera II.**
Procur.arte gallery, Lisbon, 9-10 July

2026 **Memories and Nostalgia, Aco Charity pop-up exhibition**
Kulturhaus Neuperlach, Munich, 18-19 July

2026 **Homo Turisticus**
Gradska galerija Fonticus Grožnjan

2025 **Telephone**
Online: https://telephonegame.art/artists/iris-poljan & at Base Camp Studios, Seattle, WA, USA, 10 October - 13 December

2025 **Kate Studley, Froso Papadimitriou & Iris Poljan: Can You Trace Time?**
Period, Amsterdam, NL, 25-26 October 2025

2025 **3rd Pula Drawing Biennale**
Pula, Croatia

2025 **Global Village the reunion**
8-17 August 2025, Galerie du Nord Amsterdam

2025 **Peti krug oko sunca**
Artoratorij, Vrbovec, Croatia 4.7.-4.8.2025

2025 **The Power of Vulva**
Untergeschoss der Pandora Art Gallery, Kreuzberg, Berlin, 27.-29.6.2025

2025 **SchoK 2025**
Hoeve Camperduin, Schoorl, NL, 19-22.6.2025

2025 **GROŽNJAN 60 / GRISIGNANA 60 selektirani, kolektivni, likovni projekt**
Gradska galerija Fonticus Grožnjan

2025 **Postcards from the Edge**
Berry Campbell Gallery, New York, 24.-26.1.2025

2024 **Percepcije**
Galerija Doma omladine, Beograd, Serbia

2024 **Percepcije**
Galerija Forum, Zagreb, Croatia

2024 **Percepcije**
Galerija Kortil, Rijeka, Croatia, 12.3.-2.4.2024

2024 **Lustrum**
PLAY Room, Zaandam, NL, 5.1.-28.1.2024

2023 **3rd International art exhibition**
Patan Museum, Kathmandu, Nepal

2023 **Otvoreni bijenale crteža u Puli 2023**
16.9. - 18.10.2023

2023 **15 minuta anonimnosti**
Narodni muzej Zadar, CRO

2023 **SchoK, Schoorlse Kunsten biennial manifestation**
Het Oude Postkantoor, Schoorl, NL, 22-25 June 2023

2023 **Percepcije**
Gradska galerija Labin, Labin, Croatia

2022 **Bologna in Lettere, International review of poetry and video art**
Bologna, IT (31/3/2022) - with Rahman Hak-Hagir (Article 27)

2021 **SchoK, Schoorlse Kunsten 25th edition**
Hoeve Camperduin, Schoorl, NL, 24-27 September 2021

2021 **Otvoreni pulski bijenale crteža**
17 Sept - 6 Oct 2021, Pula, Croatia

2021 **Our Plague Year**
Vrijhof, University of Twente, Enschede, NL, 15 April - 27 May 2021

2021 **Telephone**
https://phonebook.gallery, USA

2019 **100% Vrouw / 100% Woman**
Grote of St. Laurenskerk, Alkmaar, NL, 24 -27 October 2019

2019 **ARTsunami**
PLAY Room, Zaandam, NL

2019 **SchoK Schoorlsekunsten**
Hoeve Camperduin, Schoorl, NL, 13 - 16 June 2019

2019 **Komunikacija**
Gradska galerija Fonticus Grožnjan, Croatia

2018 **Global videos - Human Rights**
NL

2018 **Kunst Im Dialog**
Roeklturm, Landshut, DE

2018 **Bridges: NEON**
Kulturni centar Novi Sad, SRB

2018 **21th International exhibition of miniatures**
Vršilnica, Zaprešić, Croatia

2017 **Matkalla Onneen**
Stadtkantine Alkmaar; NL (December)

2017 **Matkalla Onneen**
Tehdas 108, Nokia, FI, & Akkustikka, Ylivieska, FI (June)

2017 **11th Akvareli na skeli exhibition**
Muzej Matija Skurjeni, Zaprešić, Croatia

2016 **19th International exhibition of miniatures**
Kvartirna hiža, Celje, SLO

2016 **Refleksije vremena**
Gradska galerija Fonticus Grožnjan, Croatia

2016 **10th Akvareli na skeli exhibition**
Muzej Matija Skurjeni, Zaprešić

2016 **Retrospektiva - Ova djela mogla bi biti... / Retrospective - This works could be...**
Galerija Prsten, HDLU, Zagreb, Croatia

2016 **19th International exhibition of miniatures**
Vršilnica, Zaprešić

2016 **Global Village 2016**
Art Zaanstadt, Zaandam, NL, Rathaus, Landshut, DE & Kulturhuset Bronden, DK

2016 **17th International exhibition of miniatures**
Academy of Fine Arts, Sarajevo, BIH

2015 **9th Akvareli na skeli exhibition**
Muzej Matija Skurjeni, Zaprešić, Croatia

2015 **17th International exhibition of miniatures**
Vršilnica, Zaprešić, Croatia

2014 **Sadnja knjige / Growing the book, izložba linoreza**
Gradska Knjižnica Ante Kovačića, Zaprešić

2014 **8th Akvareli na skeli exhibition**
Muzej Matija Skurjeni, Zaprešić, Croatia

2014 **Linija krize ili Kriza crte**
Gradska galerija Fonticus Grožnjan, Croatia

2014 **ERSTE FRAGMENTI X**
Galerija Bačva, HDLU, Zagreb, Croatia

2013 **16th International exhibition of miniatures**
Vršilnica, Zaprešić, Croatia

2012 **6th Akvareli na skeli**
Muzej Matija Skurjeni, Zaprešić, Croatia

2012 **15th International exhibition of miniatures**
Vršilnica, Zaprešić, Croatia

Artist Residency

2026 **Quimera II., "Redesenhar o lugar para transformar o mundo"**
LiberArte Palhais, Barreiro, PT, 12-18 July

2022 **Utopia Zero, A construção da utopia**
Cabeço Do Pião, PT, 17 - 24 October

Art Colony

2024 **Art colony Stančić**
Centar za rehabilitaciju, Stančić, 8.6.2024

2017 **11th Akvareli na skeli**
Skela Medsave, Zaprešić

2016 **10th Akvareli na skeli**
Skela Medsave, Zaprešić

2016 **Graphics art colony**
Organised by Udruga Likovnih Stvaralaca Zaprešić and the Academy of Fine Arts / Sarajevo, BIH (2016, Jan)

2015 **9th Akvareli na skeli**
Skela Medsave, Zaprešić

2014 **Summer drawing colony Vis**
Academy of Fine Arts Zagreb at Osnovna škola Vis, Vis

2014 **8th Akvareli na skeli**
Skela Medsave, Zaprešić

2012 **6th Akvareli na skeli**
Skela Medsave, Zaprešić

Featured

2024 **Art kvart, Percepcije**
artkvart/percepcije

2020 **Lobo Del Mar, online gallery**

2019 **ARTICULATE magazine #18 / Jan 2019**