



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 lakoča 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**