

CONNECTIONS

International Art Exhibition



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Winner: Sara del Pilar, "Suspension"

Visualizing the Unseen Bonds

Dear Artists, Collectors, and Art Lovers,

It is our great pleasure to present to you the official catalogue of the "Connections" exhibition. The current exhibition is a truly unique project aimed at showing how deeply human beings can be interconnected regardless of distance, culture, or personal circumstances.

The pieces collected in this catalogue act as a map that shows how connected we all actually are in terms of our empathic ability to feel. By transforming the canvas into a conversation space, the artists manage to share their deeply personal experience and reflections – the moments of vulnerability, memories, and dreams in the language understandable to all of us. Using an amazing variety of styles from raw, energetic abstraction to intricate symbols, the artists demonstrate that nothing inside us exists in isolation.

Our goal at Curatone.art was always to bring different artists and their audiences closer to each other. And "Connections" helps us prove once again that in our divided world people are actually more alike than we think and that art has an amazing power of making us understand each other.

Thank you for joining us on this journey and being a part of celebrating the power of human connections.

With inspiration,
Elizaveta Akimova
Project director & Founder
Curatone.art



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Jury List

In order to maintain complete objectivity and creativity, the selection process for this season was done by following a very stringent procedure of blind jurying. Our highly respected group of jurors looked at each artwork submitted without any identification of the artist in order to give value only to the visual quality of each work. Through this process, we can be assured that the final selected pieces were picked only on their artistic abilities and visual strength. It is our pleasure to feature a select few of what we believe to be the best pieces on the complex subject of Connections.

**Yumei Feng. USA**

Yumei Feng is an award-winning product designer, artist, and AI innovator specializing in human-centered design and healthcare tech. Her internationally exhibited work has been featured at NYCxDESIGN and Art Shopping at the Louvre, earning top honors including the Red Dot and UX Design Awards. With proven experience evaluating thousands of entries for major competitions like the UW Protothon, she brings a powerful blend of artistic vision and industry expertise to the Curatone.art Jury Board.

<https://www.yumei.design/>

**Qichao An. USA**

Visual designer and creative director with over 15 years of experience in brand identity, visual communication, and cross-cultural design. Recipient of nearly 100 international design awards, including Red Dot Award, MUSE Platinum, Graphis, A' Design Award, and New York Design Award. His work has been presented across Europe, Asia, and North America. Served as jury member for Orpetron Design Award, The Fabric of Time exhibition, and Wonder Global Design Awards. Member of multiple professional associations, including CDS, CGDA, ICVA, IDC, and the International Association of Designers.

<https://www.anqichao.com/>

**Xinyue Hope Shen. USA**

Xinyue Hope Shen is an award-winning landscape architect, multidisciplinary designer, and design critic with global project experience at SWA Group. Her work combines ecological planning with artistic spatial research, earning top honors including the National ASLA, IDA, and MUSE Design Awards. Having served as a guest lecturer and design critic at UNLV and the University of Houston, she brings an elite Ivy League background (Cornell) and deep cross-disciplinary expertise to the Curatone.art Jury Board.

<https://xinyuehope.com/>

**Yefan Liu. USA**

Award-winning product designer and interdisciplinary creative whose work bridges design, storytelling, and social impact. Currently working at iSpring Water Systems, she holds an MFA in Industrial Design from SCAD. Her projects have earned prestigious global honors, including the Red Dot, IDA Gold, and DNA Paris Design Awards. Notably, her conceptual project Letters from Animals was exhibited at the Red Dot Miami Exhibition, exploring extinction and human responsibility toward nature.

<https://yefandesign.com/>

**Xijia Cheng. Canada**

Xijia Cheng is a Canadian fashion designer and creative director with international recognition. Her work has been featured on the May 2024 cover story of Harper's Bazaar Vietnam and in leading publications including Cosmopolitan China and Glamour. Her designs have been worn by global figures such as supermodel Coco Rocha and RuPaul's Drag Race stars Yvie Oddly (Season 11 winner), Daya Betty, and Bosco, as well as musical artist Siickbrain, singer Pyra, and actress Celeste O'Connor. Most recently, her work appeared in Glamour Bulgaria, worn by artist and writer Heidi Wong.

https://www.instagram.com/xijiacheng_

**Natalia Yuresko-Bilous. Bulgaria**

Natalia Yuresko-Bilous is an accomplished artist and educator with a Master of Fine Arts and over 25 years of international experience. The founder of successful art schools in Ukraine and the USA, she has held numerous solo exhibitions globally and is a recognized member of the Nashua Area Artists Association (NAAA) and the Hollis Arts Association.

<https://www.instagram.com/urbegallery>

**Summer Roshni Bhullar. USA**

Summer has been exhibiting across the U.S. and internationally since 2011. Her work has been featured in prestigious venues such as The Phillips Collection and exhibitions by the National Association of Women Artists (NAWA), where she is a recognized juried member. Beyond her studio practice, Summer is an accomplished contributor to art publications, including the Pen Women Magazine and The Phillips Collection blog.

<https://www.summerroshnibhullar.com/>

**Yanwen Hang. USA**

Distinguished senior brand designer, visual strategist, and SAIC alumna. Currently spearheading major design initiatives for HashiCorp (an IBM company), she shapes the visual identity for global tech conferences like HashiConf and AWS re:Invent. Her award-winning projects—bridging avant-garde concepts with global commercial standards—have been exhibited across the US, South Korea, and New Zealand, earning prestigious Type Directors Club (TDC) and MUSE Platinum honors.

<https://wenhang.me/>



SARA DEL PILAR

CHILE

SUSPENSION

Sculpture, bonze



IVELINA DAGSVOLD

NORWAY

WOMAN'S ENERGY

Acrylic

Ivelina Dagsvold is a creative artist whose work is deeply inspired by the esoteric and spiritual worlds. Her unique, mystical vision has been showcased in international exhibitions across Norway and Bulgaria.



TANYA FINCH

USA

I WILL BE BACK

graphite

Tanya Finch is a distinguished member of the Aivazovsky Academy and a recipient of its prestigious Gold Medal. A prolific and highly celebrated artist, she is a Grand Prix winner and a 17-time American Art Awards champion, holding numerous first, second, and third-place international titles.



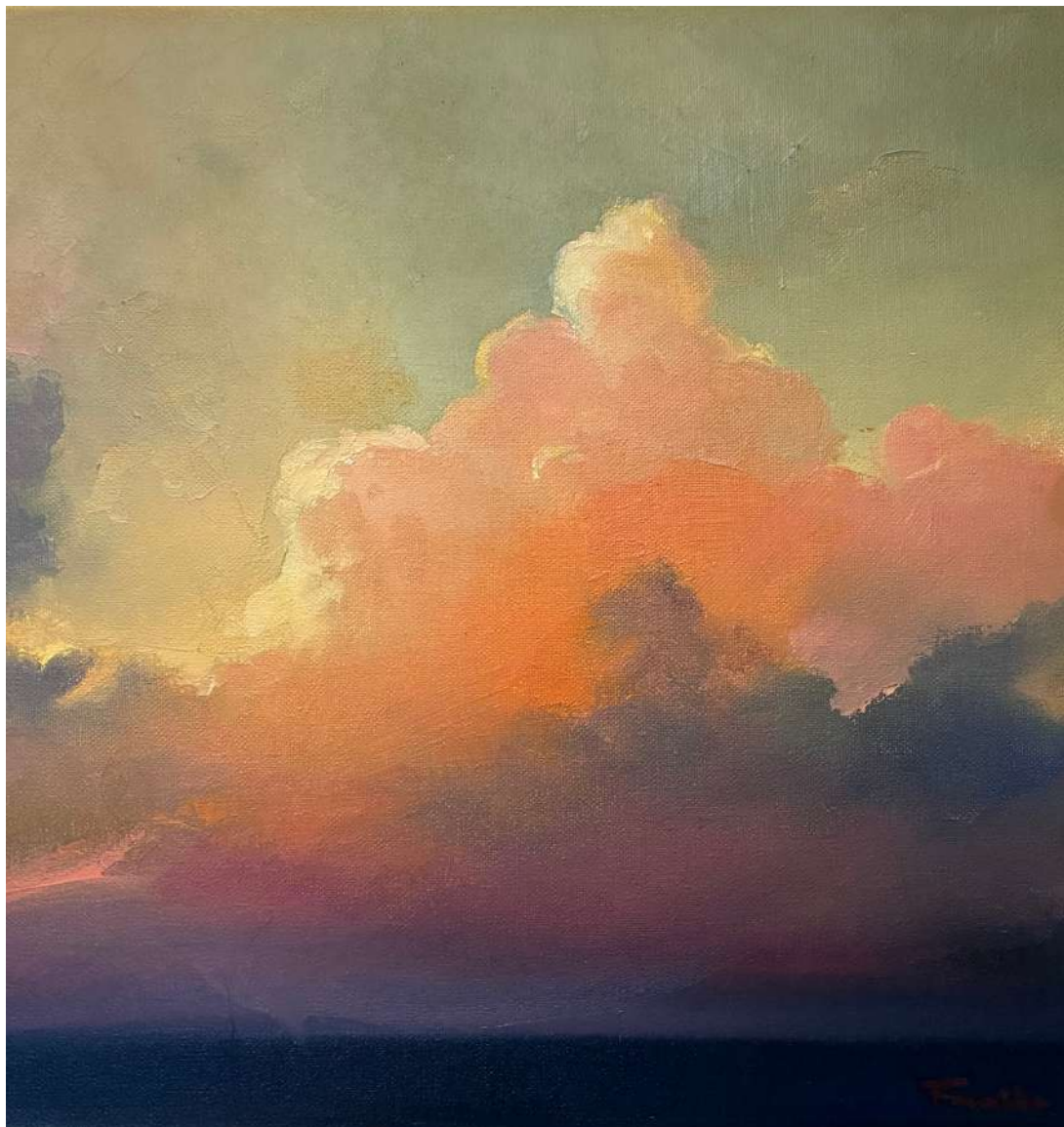
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SAVE ME A PIECE

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NATHALIE FRENIÈRE

CANADA

ENLIGHTEN ME

Oil on canvas

Nathalie Frenière is a contemporary artist whose romantic and delicate style, inspired by Impressionism, evokes semi-abstract landscapes and the vastness of the sky. Her work has been exhibited internationally in galleries and museums across New York, Miami, California, Brazil, Italy, Canada, and Dubai. In 2025–2026, her work was selected for exhibition at the Carrousel du Louvre in Paris. Nathalie was also named a finalist for Artavita's Artist of the Year 2025 and served as a jury member for the Ontario Arts Council in Toronto, Canada, in 2016.



FLORA WHITE

CANADA

HEAVEN'S DOORS

Acrylics

Flora White is an internationally recognized humanitarian artist and AIM member specializing in deeply emotional, multi-disciplinary art that captures the human condition. Painting full-time since 2018, her acclaimed work has been published globally and exhibited across Canada, Europe, and on a prominent billboard in New York's Times Square.



FLORA WHITE

CANADA

YOU ARE AN ETERNAL LIGHT

Acrylics

Backed by a Desjardins grant, Flora White's award-winning career includes top accolades in Quebec and Italy. Her recent achievements feature a first-place win at the 2026 California Collector's Choice Awards, the prestigious Renoir International Prize in Cannes, and an upcoming showcase at the Monaco ART3F art fair.



LIANA

KAZAKHSTAN

MARTIN EDEN'S ROOM

Acrylics 50/70



MARIA VAZQUEZ

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

MADRES DE BORIKÉN

wooden panel, acrylic paint, colored pencils



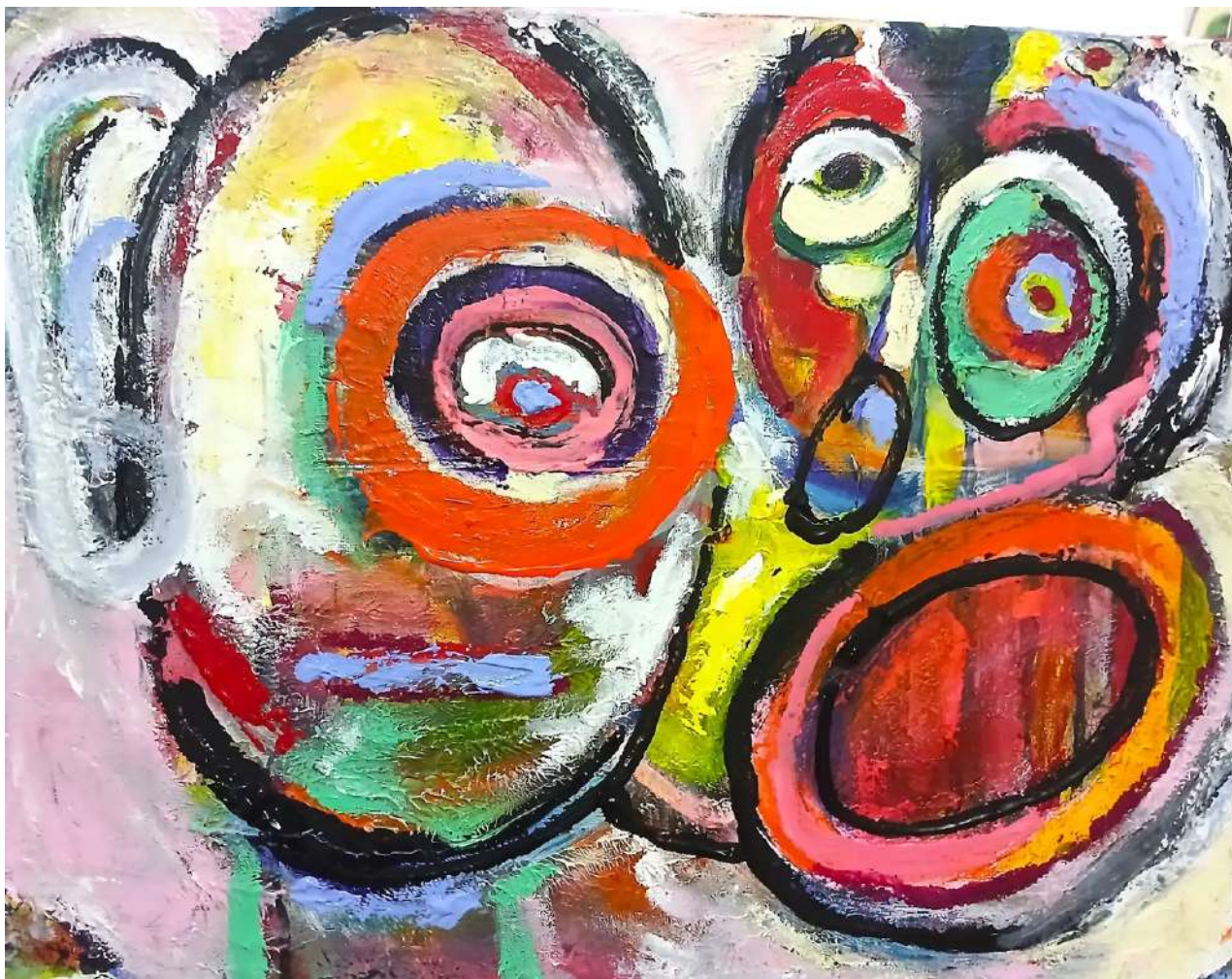
SNEZANA PECUJLIJA

SERBIA

ID EGO SUPEREGO

Acrilic on Canvas

Snezana Pecujlija is an accomplished artist whose vibrant, expressive works capture deep emotional narratives and cultural themes. Her distinctive style has been showcased in numerous solo and collective exhibitions internationally, earning her critical acclaim and a dedicated following in the contemporary art world.



SNEZANA PECUJLIJA

SERBIA

HYPNOSIS

Acrilic on Canvas

Recognized for her technical mastery, Snezana Pecujlija has been featured in prominent art publications and international galleries. Her award-winning portfolio reflects a profound commitment to her craft, establishing her as a compelling and influential voice in the global art community.



INNA VOINICH

USA

SACRED GUARDIAN

Acrylic, resin, gold leaf

Inna Voinich is an artist and art therapist creating intuitive, spiritually inspired artwork centered on growth, resilience, and transformation. Eschewing trends for personal connection, she uses texture and light to craft intentional, original pieces that bring calm and a shifting energy into everyday spaces.



GÖRKEM CAN

USA

INTERLINKED

Acrylic, Coffee, Resin, Modeling Paste, Ink on Canvas

Görkem Can is a Turkish-born abstract artist and creative director based in Los Angeles. Blending her background in media, digital design, and production, she creates texture-rich abstract works that explore memory, identity, and the psychological landscape. Her internationally exhibited practice spans shows in LA, London, and New York, alongside visual direction for fashion and music, all informed by a multicultural perspective and an MBA background.



THEODORE HEUBLEIN

UNITED STATES

ZAMBIA RHINOS

Watercolor

Theodore Heublein is an adventurous artist who paints "in the wild" worldwide—across all hours and even underwater using scuba gear. Working dynamically with watercolors, acrylics, and oils, he captures the fleeting essence of his environments based on what best expresses the scene. His versatile career spans international art residencies, gallery exhibitions, and custom commissions, alongside a passion for teaching introductory art to young students.



RUBART

MGR.NICOL RUBÁ VOŠMÍKOVÁ. ČESKÁ REPUBLIKA

VEKTOR-AZRAEL

*Skulpture on canvas. Hybrid. 140-90-200 depth cm, 4,9 kg, METARON
ZOLDAMEDA Series*

Mgr. Nicol Rubá Vošmíková (RUBART) is a contemporary artist whose work bridges the structural discipline of architecture and law with mystical, immersive art rooted in sacred geometry and elemental materials. Creating large-scale, transformative "guardians" of space rather than mere decoration, her highly disciplined practice has earned rapid institutional validation across Europe. Her top accolades include being named one of "The New Faces of Contemporary Art" at the MAXXI Museum in Rome (2026), official selections at the MUST Museum in Lecce and the London Contemporary Art Fair, a personal critique at the Premio Brera in Milan, a double finalist spot at Curatone.art in Berlin, and ranking in the top 40 of over 1,100 applicants at the Premio Artista d'Europa in Venice.



KERRIGAN REYES

UNITED STATES

A SUMMER DAY WITH YOU

Digital Photography

Kerrigan Reyes is an award-winning artist and photographer recognized for striking visual storytelling. Her notable achievements include winning statewide first place for best cover art, receiving a prestigious Photography Merit Award from Midwestern State University, and earning a first-place victory in Tulsa, Oklahoma.



STEPHEN VON MASON

USA

GUARDIANS OF LIGHT

oil on canvas

Stephen Von Mason is an award-winning, established contemporary artist whose evocative, narrative-driven works explore identity, history, and the complexity of the human experience. Celebrated for his technical mastery and extensive exhibition history, his practice blends rich visual storytelling with cultural commentary, earning his portfolio prestigious accolades, critical acclaim, and a dedicated international following.



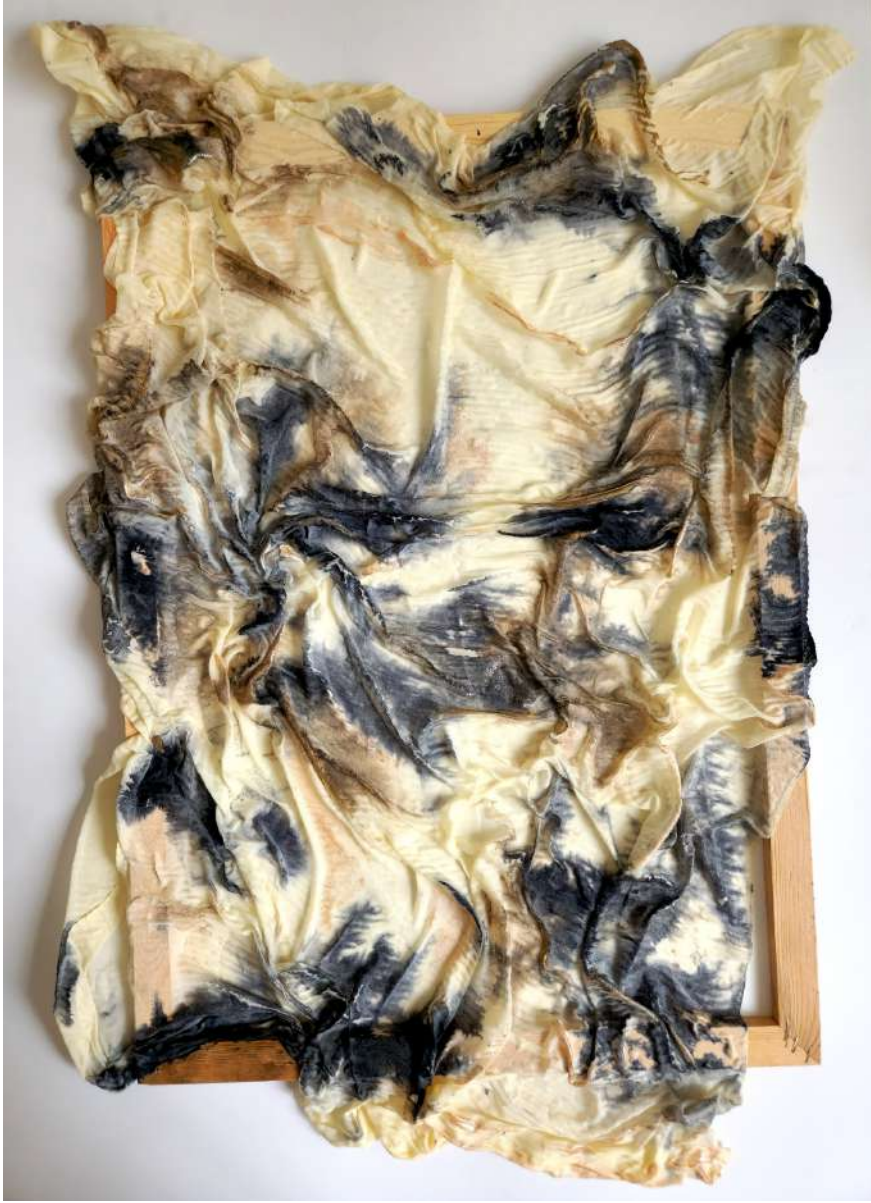
STEPHEN VON MASON

USA

STILL RISING

oil on canvas

Stephen Von Mason has been widely exhibited in prominent galleries, and his significant impact on contemporary visual culture is reflected in his institutional recognition. Notably, his artwork is held in prestigious permanent collections, including the San Francisco Palace of the Legion of Honor and the Crocker Art Museum in Sacramento, California.



KADER UZUN

TÜRKİYE

TRACE PROJECTION

2025, Mixed media on fabric, 50 × 70 cm

Kader Uzun is a Turkish artist with a Bachelor's (2022) and a Master's degree (2025) in Painting from Atatürk University. She has rapidly built a strong exhibition profile, showcasing her work at the Baksı Museum Utopia Workshops, major art fairs like Fresh Ankara and Artcontact Istanbul (2026), and earning the Hayal Melodileri Art Project Exhibition Award in 2026.

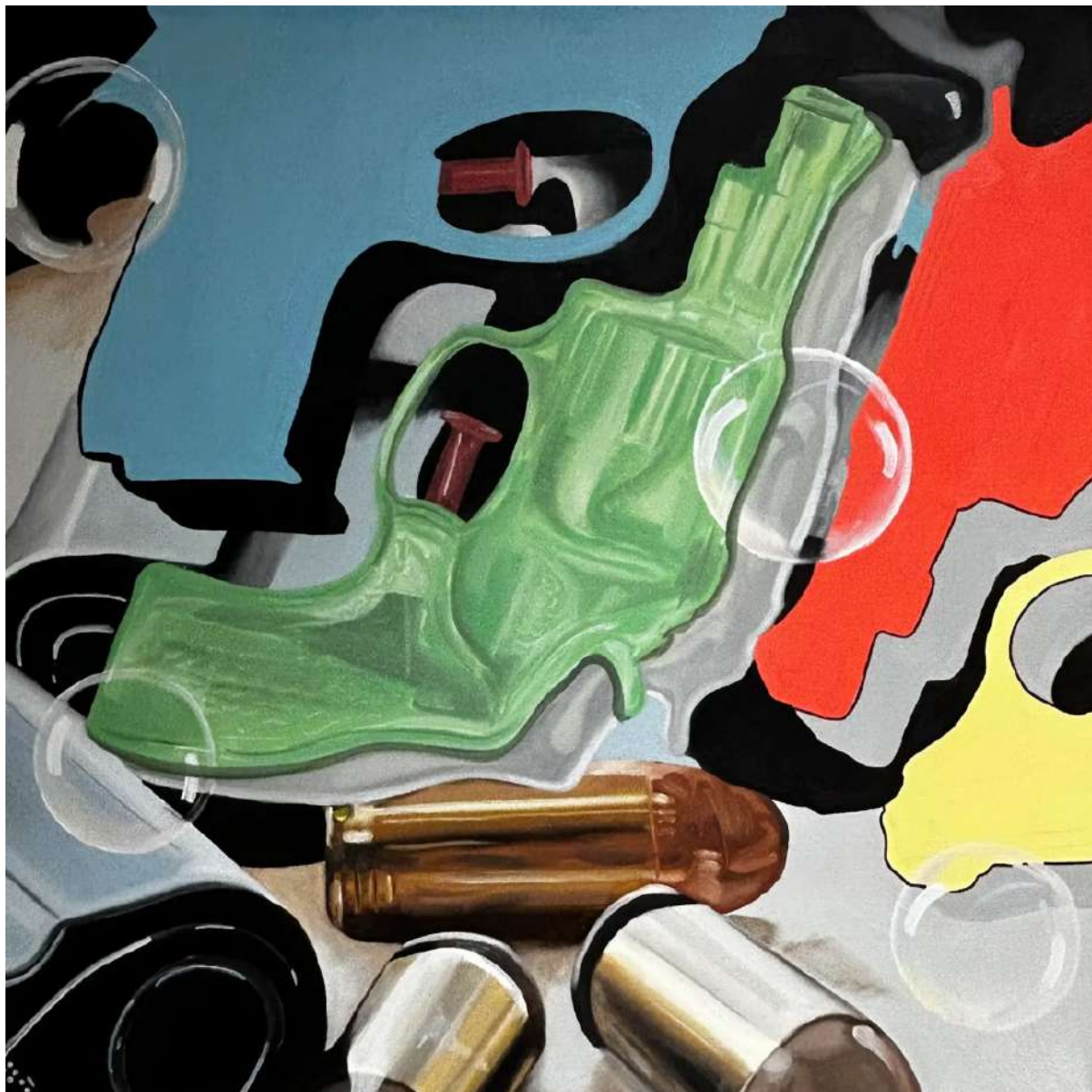


BERNARD RAIFER

UNITED STATES

PURE OR POISON

Oil Paint on 12x16 inch canvas board



BERNARD RAIFER

UNITED STATES

FRIEND OR FOE

Oil paint on 20x20 inch canvas



DIANA DIMOVA TRAXI

BULGARIA

PREDICTION

Acrylic on Canvas

Diana Dimova – TRAXI is an established Bulgarian abstract artist whose practice combines fluid acrylics, a signature pouring technique, and classic graphics to explore humanism, nature, and technology. Since 2018, she has created dynamic compositions defined by movement, light, and provocative social commentary, earning widespread recognition across global curation platforms.



DIANA DIMOVA TRAXI

BULGARIA

CONNECTED TO THE INTERNET

Oil on Canvas

Diana Dimova – TRAXI has participated in over 70 international exhibitions and developed multiple curated series. Her technical mastery has won numerous prestigious accolades, notably the 2026 Bronze Award at the "Shades of Blue" contest by Camelback Gallery (USA), alongside a Distinction Award from Gallery 4% in San Francisco and Honorable Mentions from Teravarna Gallery in Los Angeles.



JUSTIN FASEHUN

NIGERIA

LOST IN THE RHYTHM

Charcoal on Paper

Justin Fasehun is a Nigerian multidisciplinary artist whose practice explores places, identity, culture, and human emotion through portraiture and conceptual drawing. He has participated in several group exhibitions in Nigeria, had his work published in New York's Arttells Magazine (2023), and earned nominations for "Visual Artist of the Year" at the Young Writers & Creative Award (2020) and the All Varieties Awards (2021).



PEJMAN NOROUZI

IRAN

WHITE EIGHTH NOTE

Pencil on paper



KATIE MCNEAL

UNITED STATES

INSIDE OUT

Watercolor

Katie McNeal is a visual artist and the creator of Art On Twine. Her artistic journey began unexpectedly during a rainy weekend getaway, where a simple dollar-store watercolor palette transformed her life and became a powerful medium for personal healing. Driven by a passion to find beauty in the chaos and spread happiness, she creates both original and commissioned works that deeply connect with and inspire others.



ANNA KAZARYAN

REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

*IN THE SEASON OF BLOSSOMING (INSPIRED
BY JAPANESE TANKA POETRY)*

oil on linen, 50 x 60 cm, 2024

Member of the Creative Union of Artists of Russia



NORM ELLIS

CALIFORNIA, USA

FANTASY 50

Mix Media

Norm Ellis draws inspiration from nature, pre-1800s Native American culture, and personal experiences. Fascinated by Surrealism's boundless possibilities, he creates work that expresses what words cannot. He often employs empty spaces, allowing the imagination to roam freely, celebrating the transformation of the imaginary into visual reality.



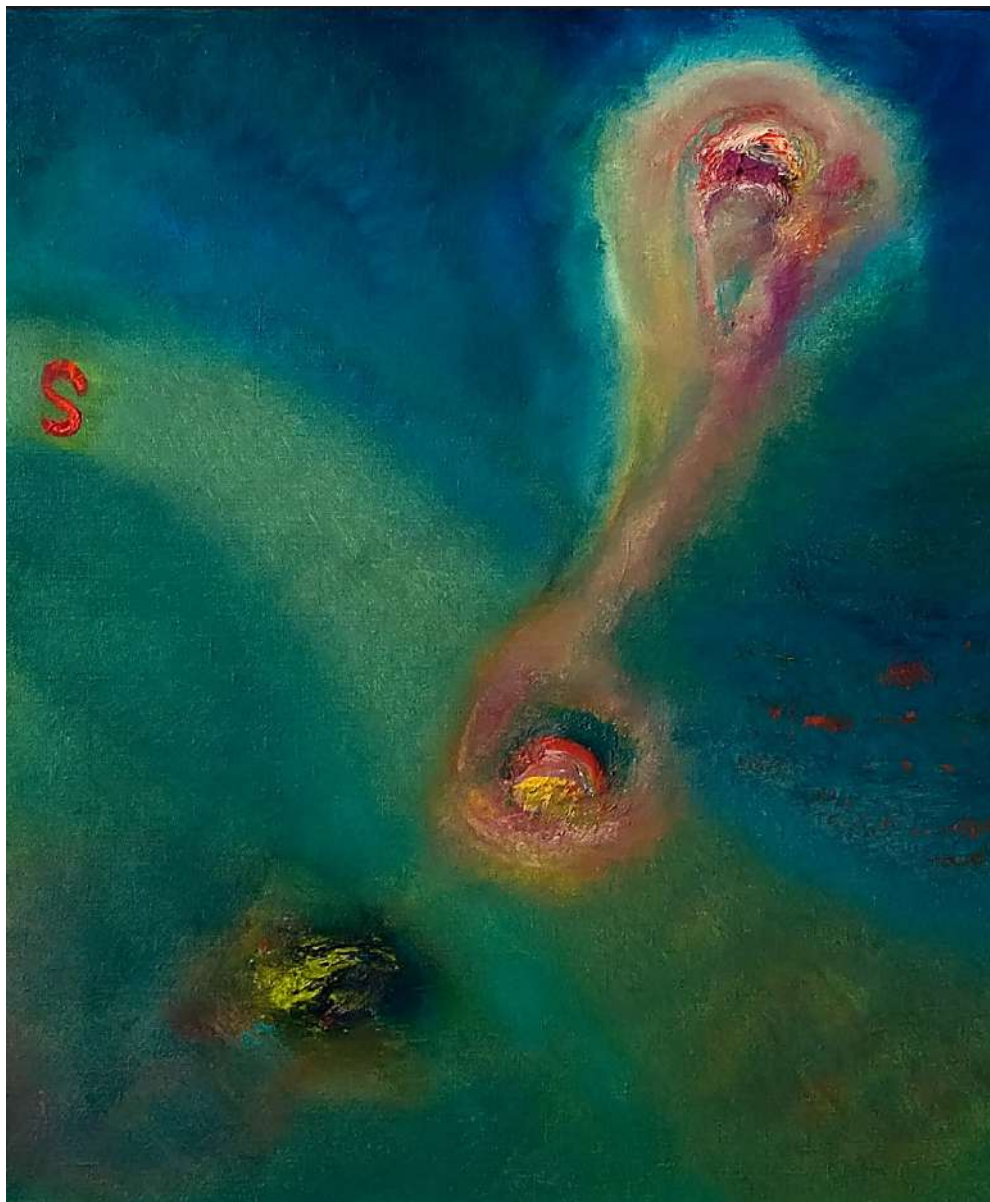
TAMARA PERUSIC

CROATIA

MOORING - A PLACE WHERE THINGS HOLD

Acrylic on Canvas

Tamara Perusic is a Zagreb-based Croatian painter with a degree in fine arts who works primarily in acrylic and oil. Her style blends figurative and abstract expressionism, using a unique pixel effect and vibrant colors to depict nature, animals, and the sea. A member of HDLU Zagreb and the Croatian Fine Arts Society, she has exhibited widely from 2023 to 2026, including a solo show in Zagreb and international exhibitions across Peru, Slovenia, Zimbabwe, and various global platforms.



SUSANNA ARUTYUNYAN

REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

ON THE WAVES OF MUSIC

Oil on canvas, 60 × 50 cm, 2014

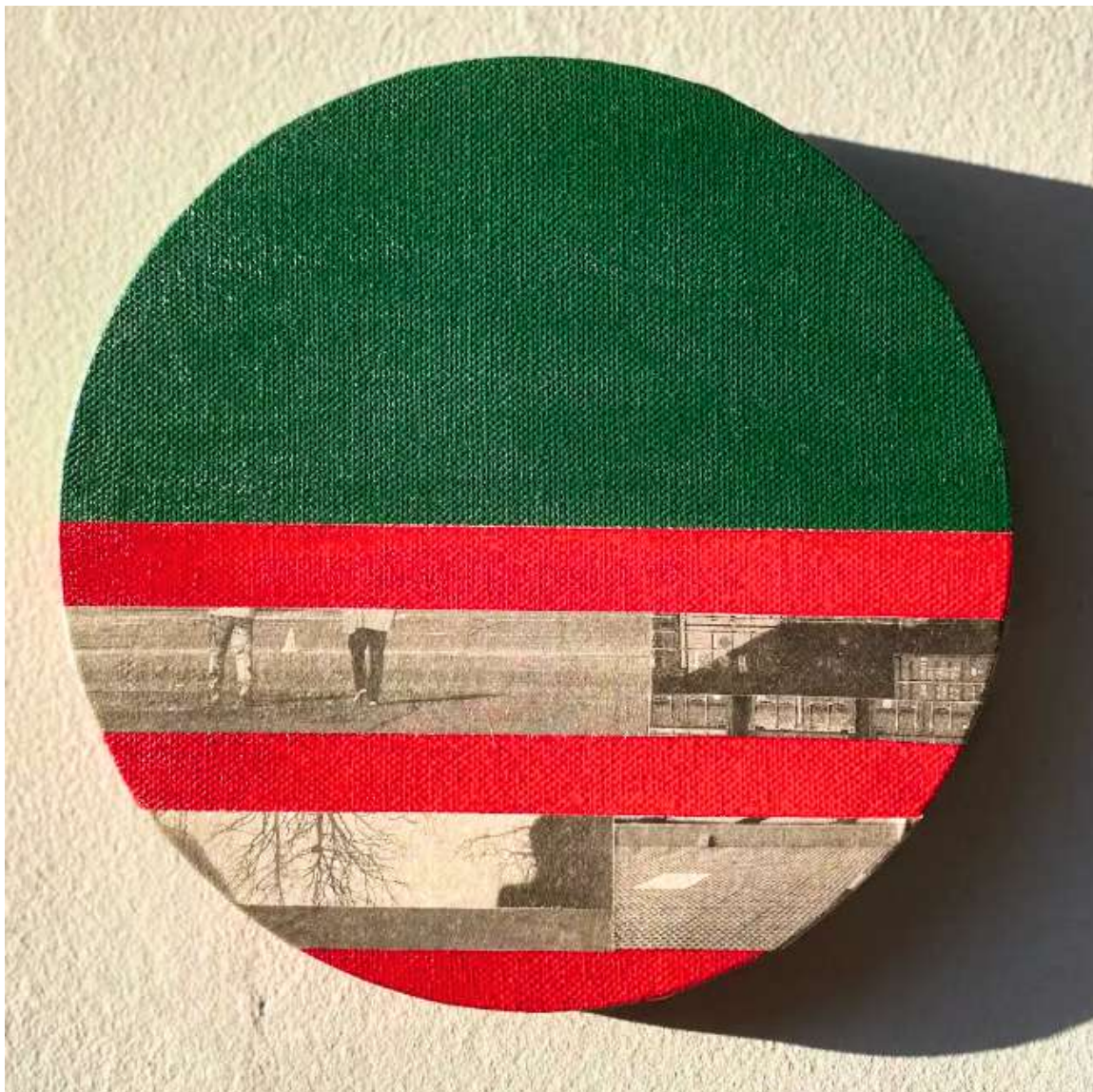


GERRY CHAPLESKI

USA

ADAM AND EVE

Oil on canvas



LIZA MITS

RUSSIA

BALANCE

Acrylic and collage on canvas



GABRIEL CARMICHAEL HALIM

INDONESIA

YADNYA KASADA AT MOUNT BROMO (II)

Ink, gouache, and Japanese watercolor on xuan paper

Gabriel Halim is an Indonesian artist who blends traditional East Asian painting techniques with his country's natural and cultural heritage. Working in ink, watercolor, and gouache, he creates panoramic compositions exploring the ties between people, place, and tradition, bridging regional themes with contemporary expression.



GABRIEL CARMICHAEL HALIM

INDONESIA

LAKE TOBA IN MORNING MIST (I)

Ink and Japanese Watercolor on xuan paper

Gabriel Halim has won top honors in major international competitions, including the 2026 Grand Prize at the "Fuqing in My Heart" competition and Champion at the IYCEA International Ink Rhythm Chinese Painting Competition. His work has also earned key awards at the SG60 World Charity Painting Competition, Teravarna Art Gallery, and Light Space & Time Gallery.



ASHLEY LOVICK

UNITED STATES

TOUCH

Acrylic

CONNECTIONS

International Art Exhibition

Connections is an international celebration of the human spirit, showcasing a curated selection of 36 final artworks that offer the most profound and original interpretations of the theme. This collection examines the invisible threads that tie us together—the shared memories, empathy, and emotional resonance that unite our individual paths. From raw abstract expressions to meticulous symbolic imagery, the works featured here masterfully translate the intangible complexities of human relationships into a powerful visual experience.

International Reach

The exhibition highlights the cross-cultural nature of our research, showcasing a diverse global dialogue between artists from 15 countries:
Chile • Norway • USA • Indonesia • Czech Republic • Iran • Canada •
Kazakhstan • Nigeria • Turkey • Bulgaria • Serbia • Russia • Croatia •
Republic of Armenia.

About the Publication

Produced by Curatone.art, this publication serves as a testament to the power of visual storytelling and the enduring strength of human empathy. We invite you to explore these unique perspectives, look beyond the surface, and join our global dialogue on contemporary art.

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