

Inessa Kalabekova

Artist Statement:

In vibrant colours, and dream-like sceneries, Inessa explores the canvas with curiosity, spirit and beauty. She sees the liveliness and potential in mundane experiences, communicating these impressions of the world into her paintings. Making art is a way for her to record and express her emotional journey between her internal self and the nature of life. When Inessa makes art, she creates a whole, complete world to share with others.

A collector of memorabilia, Inessa incorporates these physical pieces and ideologies into her work. From artifacts, postcards, maps, musical scores, to mythology, folktales, and legends, she tells a story with her experimentative approach. Inspired by her childhood memories, Inessa paints about these distant times, merging the imaginary with the extraordinary. Using collaging techniques, she brings together the richness of colours and diversity of materials through layering.

Inessa's paintings capture a feeling and a moment at its peak, like a flower in bloom. Her work is a vision textured with movement and expressive, eloquent brushstrokes woven into a perspective that evolves. Through the language of feelings, she carefully balances pieces of herself and the world into a scene that is unbound by time, weaving a collection of stories into the fabric of reality/into the seams of a canvas.

Bio:

Formerly from Kazakhstan and Russia, Inessa has travelled extensively in pursuit of her art. She sharpened her skills under renowned artists at Central St. Martin's College of Arts in London, the Ruskin School University of Oxford, and the Russian Academy of Arts, and has called Singapore her home for the last 17 years.

Inessa had over 19 exhibitions. Her artworks are in public museums and private collections in South Korea, UK, Singapore, Russia, Kazakhstan, Japan, Australia, Portugal, Austria, India, and Dubai.

Museum collections:

- Part of the permanent collection of Haegeumgang Theme Museum, South Korea

Solo and group exhibitions:

- "Seven Colors of Laughter: positive art" Singapore Philatelic Museum, Singapore & Arena Design Center, London, UK, 2010
- "Alice In Wonderland, the way I see it", Vintage, Singapore, 2011
- "Under Seven Veils: Dance of Art", Shanghai & Singapore, 2011
- "Creative Singapore", group exhibition, 2013
- "How do I love you? Let me count the ways" Make-A-Wish Children & Inessa K, One East ArtSpace Gallery, Singapore, 2013
- "Expressions" INSEAD Business School, Singapore, 2013
- Affordable Art Fair, Singapore, 2014

- St. Petersburg Art Week, Russia, 2014
- Affordable Art Fair, Singapore, 2015
- "Portraits Extraordinaire", Singapore, 2015
- "Tea party", Dome café, Singapore Art Museum, 2016
- "Golden touch: Birth of the Painting", Hotel Vagabond, 2016
- Affordable Art Fair, Singapore, 2016
- "Let Me Take You to Where the Magic Happens", Visual Arts Centre, Singapore, 2018
- "Marathon of Arts", IZO Art Gallery, Moscow, 2019
- "Ethno-city", Dual Exhibition, NPE Art Residency, Singapore, 2019
- "Slow Art", ArtSafe Gallery, Singapore, 2020
- "Singapore 56th National Day", group exhibition, Living with Art Gallery, Singapore, 2021
- "Fauna Allegoria", group exhibition, Art Agenda S.E.A. Gallery, Singapore, 2021
- "Art Connects Women", group exhibition, Dubai, UAE, 2022
- "8th International Art Festival", Haegeumgang Theme Museum, South Korea, 2022
- "ArtWord" Group Exhibition, Singapore, 2022
- "Nature of Art", Botanic Gardens, Singapore, 2022

Awards and Art Residencies:

- Bronze winner, International Art Competition "St. Petersburg Russian Art Week", St. Petersburg, Russia, 2014
- Gold winner, International Art Competition "Blue Art" St. Petersburg. Russia, 2018
- NPE Art Residency, Singapore, 2019
- Additional winner, "ALL Water/Seascape", Contemporary Art Gallery Online, 2020
- Honourable Mention, International Art Competition "Waters", Art Room Gallery, 2020
- Finalist of STARVD ART Prize International, Singapore, 2020
- Finalist of Prisma Art Prize international, Rome, Italy, 2020

Contributions to charities:

- "Beauty In Front Of Me" commissioned artwork for ACRES Charity Auction at Orchid Country Club, 2011
- Artworks donated to Make-A-Wish Foundation, Charity Golf Tournament & Gala Dinner with Guest of Honor President of Singapore, Singapore Island Country Club, Singapore, 2012
- Donation of hand-made Artist Bears to Charity Gala Dinner, Serangoon Gardens Country Club, Singapore, 2012
- Few artworks from series "Seven Colours of Laughter" were donated to add colours and happiness to lives of patients, Bright Vision Hospital Art Project, Singapore 2012-2013

- "From the Land of Owls" commissioned artwork for ACRES Charity Auction at Orchid Country Club, 2013
- "Egyptian Dream" commissioned artwork for ACRES Charity Auction at Orchid Country Club, 2014 • Affordable Art fair - SG50 Feature Wall, 2015
- Donation of watercolour painting to Charity Gala Dinner, Serangoon Gardens Country Club, Singapore, 2015
- Artwork "Yoshimi" donated to Make-A-Wish Foundation® , Charity Golf Tournament & Gala Dinner, 2016
- Artwork "The Morning guests" donated to Make-A-Wish Foundation® , Charity Golf Tournament & Gala Dinner, 2017
- "The song of two whales" " commissioned artwork for ACRES Charity Auction at Orchid Country Club, 2017ity Night • World Belly Dance Festival 2016 Gala Show & Sian Chay Charity Night Hotel Fort Canning, Singapore 2017
- Artwork "Sweet Lavender dreams" donated to Make-A-Wish Foundation® , Charity Golf Tournament & Gala Dinner, 2018
- Artwork "The Journey" donated to Make-A-Wish Foundation®, Charity Gala Dinner, 2018
- Artwork "The Last Kampong" donated to HAGAR, Charity Gala Dinner, 2019
- Artworks for “Self-care Journal for our healthcare community”, Be Kind SG, 2021