

**STEFAN NIKOLAEV**

Born in 1970 in Sofia  
Lives and works in Paris & Sofia  
Founder of Glassbox in 1997

**Education**

**1989 - 1994**

Ecole Supérieure Nationale des Beaux-Arts de Paris, France

**1992**

Winchester School of Art, Winchester University, UK

**Solo Exhibitions**

**2021**

Minouk, Le poisson peintre, 1994/2003 video installation, Galerie Vellutini, France  
Small Sculptures, Michel Rein Brussels, Belgium

**2019**

Be Yourself No Matter What They Say, SARIEV Contemporary, Plovdiv

**2018**

Rien ne va plus, Michel Rein, Paris  
Sculpture Project, Art Brussels, Tour & Taxis, Brussels

**2017**

I Walk a Labyrinth Which is a Straight Line, SARIEV Contemporary, Plovdiv

**2016**

Bronze, sweat and tears, Michel Rein, Brussels

**2015**

Business, Model, Sculpture, SARIEV Contemporary, Plovdiv

**2013**

If Things Are Not As You Wish, Wish Them As They Are, Galerie Michel Rein, Paris  
Half-Life, SARIEV Contemporary, Plovdiv, Bulgaria

**2010**

Holy Spirit Rain Down, Les Eglises Centre d'Art Contemporain, Chelles, France  
Stefan Nikolaev, I hate America and America hates me, Galerie Traversee, Munchen, Germany

**2009**

NEW WORKS OLD DREAMS, Galerie Michel Rein, Paris, France

**2007**

Prestige, ARC Projects, Sofia, Bulgaria  
Minouk Le Poisson Peintre, (1994-2005), The Crouch(klek)-art Basement Project, Sofia, Bulgaria

**2006**

Powerful Tips, Centre de Creation Contemporaine, Tours, France  
Sickkiss, Galerie Michel Rein, Paris, France

More, Galerie Traversee, Munich, Germany

**2005**

Bad Lux, Zoo Galerie, Nantes, France

Come to where the Flavour is, CCA, Glasgow, Scotland

**2004**

My Room, Centre de Creation Contemporaine, Tours, France (C)

Balkanton, Galerie ATA (cur. Hou Hanru), Sofia, Bulgaria (C)

**2003**

Frontalunterricht, (with Robert Stadler) Espace Paul Ricard Paris, France

One for the Money Two for the Show, Galerie Michel Rein, Paris, France

**2002**

Perfect Day, Temple Bar Gallery, Dublin, Ireland

Under Reconstruction, Galerie Michel Rein, Paris, France

Ket muvész - ket kurator / Two artists - two curators, Budapest, VIII. Brody Sandor u. 15. fszt. 6. Hungary

**2001**

A Studio Remix Bravo Party, Gallery by night, Budapest, Hungary

**2000**

VTO Gallery, London, UK

Zwemmer Art, London, UK

**1998**

Next Stop, Kunstmuseum Thun, Thun, Switzerland

**1997**

Musee des Cartes. Inauguration du nouveau Musee français de la carte a jouer, Issy-les-Moulineaux, France

**1994**

Running with the King, Winchester Art Gallery, Winchester, UK

**1990**

Phone your friend, Galerie Artemide, Paris, France

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**Selected Group Exhibitions**

**2021**

UNDER DECONSTRUCTION, Sarieva @ DOT, Sofia (curator Vesselina Sarieva)

In Defence of Solid Material, Sarieva, Plovdiv (curator Vesselina Sarieva)

**2020**

Glass, Gas and Electricity, Sariev Gallery, Plovdiv, Bulgaria (curator Vesselina Sarieva)

Souvenirs from the Future, ICA-Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria (curators committee)

25 Years ICA-Sofia, The National Art Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria (curators committee)

#sarievselfisolation (online project), Sariev Gallery, Plovdiv, Bulgaria

**2019**

Open Art Files: Notes and footnotes, Kapana gallery, Plovdiv, organized and initiated by Open Arts Foundation (curator Vera Mlechevska) (c)

Smoke. Tobacco stories, SKLAD, Plovdiv

Pas de printemps pour Marnie, GDM Paris

**2018**

Art Bureau, Structura

On a clear day you can see forever, Goethe-Institut Bulgaria, Sofia  
FIAC Projects, Sculptures and installations in situ during FIAC week, Paris  
Sculpture Now, Credo Bonum Gallery, Sofia (curator Vessela Nozharova)  
Present, Musée & Jardins Van Buuren, Uccle, Belgium (curator Michel Van Dyck)

**2017**

Palais Potemkine: A selection of artists who have been nominees or winners of the Prix Fondation d'entreprise, National Gallery / the Palace, Sofia, Bulgaria.

**2016**

Transformation, Cobo House, Hong-Kong

**2015**

Project Focus Bulgaria at viennacontemporary (project by Open Arts Foundation)  
Variofocus – ARTISTS, curated by Iara Boubnova and Vessela Nozharova, group exhibition for Focus Bulgaria at viennacontemporary 2015, organized by Open Arts Foundation and Sariev Contemporary

**2014**

LUX, Le Fresnoy, STudio National des Arts Contemporains, Tourcoing, France (curator Michel Nuridsany)  
Know Thyself, Institut of Contemporary Art – Sofia, Sofia, Bulgaria (curator Iara Boubnova)  
Mais avant de mourir, j'aimerais savoir qui vous êtes, Cortex Athletico, Bordeaux, France  
Beyond the Grid, Galerie Michel Rein, Brussels

**2013**

Dress up, ICA-Sofia Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria  
Si l'art de la parure m'était conté, Château du Rivau, France  
Walk on the Wild Side, GDM, Paris, France  
Talkie Walkie, Galerie Michel Rein, Paris

**2012**

Suddenly Last Years, GDM Tokyo, Palais de Tokyo, Paris  
A Possible History, Sofia Art Gallery, Bulgaria  
Un Bel Été, Un cabinet d'amateur, Olivier Boissier LTD, Sofia, Bulgaria  
Why Duchamp?, Sofia Arsenal Museum, Bulgaria (curator Maria Vassileva)  
Winter-Show, Un Cabinet d'Amateur, Sofia, Bulgaria  
Magnet et Antimagnet, ICA-Sofia Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria

**2011**

N Minutes Video Art Festival, Shanghai, China (curator Li Ningchun)  
Festival APART 2011, Alpilles-Provence Art, France

**2010**

Beyond Credit, Contemporary Art and Mutual Trust, Istanbul, Turkey (curators Maria Vassileva, Iara Boubnova, Luchezar Boyadjiev)  
Breaking Walls – Building Networks, Macedonia Museum of Contemporary Art, Thessaloniki, Greece (curator Iara Boubnova)

**2009**

Periodic table, Traversee, Munchen, Germany (curator Katalin Timar)  
From Ideology to Economy. Contemporary Bulgarian Art – 20 years later, The State Central Museum of Contemporary History of Russia, Moscow (curator Iara Boubnova)  
Technics, ICA-Sofia Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria (curator Iara Boubnova & Maria Vassileva)  
Rideaux sur Loire, Candes Saint Martin et Montsoreau, France

**2008**

Le mois de l'image: L'Image fabriquée, Musée des Beaux-arts Ho Chi Minh Ville, Vietnam (curators Philippe Piguet, Nguyen Xuan Khanh et Bertrand Peret) (C)  
WATCH YOUR STEP!, Sofia University St. Clement of Ohrid, Institute of Contemporary Art, Sofia, Bulgaria (curator Iara Boubnova)  
Transfert, Lyon Septembre de la Photographie, BF15, Lyon, France  
MoleculART, Gallery Raiko Alexiev, Sofia, Bulgaria (curator Boris Kostadinov)

**2007**

Promenade au Zoo, Biennale de Lyon 2007, France (curators Valerie Chatrain & Saadane Afif) (C)  
Du machinique et du vivant, La Reserve, Pacy-sur-Eure, France (curator Regis Durant) (C)  
Roomers, Galerie Traversee, Munchen, Germany  
52 Biennale di Venezia, Bulgarian Pavilion, Italy (C)  
Selest Art, 17e biennale d art contemporain, Selestat, France (curator Philippe Piguet)  
Sublimes objets / sublime objects / objecte sublime, Collections sans frontieres VI, Muzeul National de Arta Contemporanea, Bucarest, Romania (curator Mihnea Mircan) (C)

**2006**

Important announcement, Sofia Art Gallery, Bulgaria (curators Maria Vassileva, Daniela Radeva)  
Verstehst du das? Neue-Medien-Kunst aus Sudosteuroopa, Ausstellungshalle Zeitgenössische Kunst Munster, Germany  
Videotheque mobile, special programmation of Le Plateau, espace Landowski, Boulogne, France  
Transat video, Eglise du Vieux Saint-Sauveur, Caen, France  
Same Same but Different, Tina b., festival of contemporary art, Prague, Czech Republic (curator Pascal Beausse)  
Sol System, la Passerelle, Brest Institut Français de Barcelone, Barcelona, Spain (curators Patrice Joly, Jean Max Colard)

**2005**

Joy, Casino Luxembourg, Luxembourg (curators Iara Boubnova & Enrico Lunghi) (C)  
Coalesce: the remix, Redux, London, UK (curator Paul O'Neill)  
Parker s International Art Market , Brooklyn, New York, USA  
Donumenta, Regensburg, Germany  
Statement, opening exhibition, Galerie Traversee, Munchen, Germany  
Ca ne se representera plus, Ecole des Beaux-arts de Rennes, France (C)  
FIAC 05, Galerie Michel Rein, Paris

**2004**

Prosismic, Espace Paul Ricard, Paris, France (curator Evelyne Jouanno)  
Self-Portrait Part 2, Galerie Michel Rein, Paris, France  
Playlist, Palais de Tokyo, Paris, France (curator Nicolas Bourriaud) (C)  
Tonight, Studio Voltaire, London, UK (curator Paul O'Neill)  
Shifting time / space, Kunstraum Walcheturm, Zurich, Switzerland

**2003**

Transit, Chur, Switzerland  
Smoking / no smoking, Kunsthall, Rotterdam, The Netherlands (curator Benno Tempel)

**2002**

Double Bind, Irida gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria (C)  
4th Cetinje Biennial, Cetinje, Montenegro (curator Iara Boubnova)  
20/20 The show, Deptford X, London, UK  
Jacques Damase collector, Passage de Retz, Paris, France  
Gwangju Biennale 2002, Gwangju, South Korea  
Domino party, Attitudes, Geneva, Switzerland  
Arte Bologna, Bologna, Italy / VTO Gallery London, UK

**2001**

Double Vie, Galerie Clark, Montreal, Canada  
A timely place, or, getting back to somewhere, London Print Gallery, London, UK (curator Paul O'Neill)

**2000**

Kunst 2000 Zurich, Switzerland, Kunstraum Walcheturm Zurich, Switzerland  
Oktoberfest, VTO Gallery, London, UK  
La nuit americaine, Rappersvil, Switzerland  
High Fidelity, White Box, Downtown Arts Festival, New York, USA (curator Julien Fronsacq)  
A Shot in The Head, Lisson Gallery, London, UK  
Psycho Park, Erban, Nantes, France

**1999**

Nous nous sommes tant aimés, Ensba, Paris, France (C)  
Videothèque auf zeit, Neues Museum Wesserburg, Bremen, Germany  
ZAC 99, ARC Musée d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris, France (C)  
Cote Ouest – Global Motion, University Art Museum, Contemporary Arts Forum, Santa Barbara, USA  
Heartbreak Hotel, Thune, Switzerland  
Clin d'oeil, Gallery Fotohof, Salzburg, Austria  
Glassbau, Soirées Nomades, Fondation Cartier pour l'Art Contemporain, Paris, France

**1998**

Multiples, Temple Bar Gallery, Dublin, Ireland (C)  
Les folies du quotidien, Neuer Berliner Kunstverein, Berlin, Germany  
Videothèque auf zeit, kunstmuseum Bonn, Germany  
Videothèque auf zeit, Medienhaus für Kunst & Kultur, Hanover, Germany  
In vitro e altro, Cabinet des Estampes, Musée d'Art et d'Histoire, Geneva, Switzerland  
Andere sichten, In Vitro, Kunsthaus Zurich, Concept Field, Switzerland  
Ascension, Glassbox, Paris, France  
Messagers du XXI<sup>ème</sup> siècle, exposition itinérante, Chronopost, France

**1997**

Ne me quitte pas, Glassbox, Paris, France

**1996**

Video flash, Gallery Hohenthal und Bergen, Cologne, Germany  
Caravan 96, Taegu Art & Culture Hall, Taegu, South Korea (C)  
The Richard Demarco European Art Foundation, Edinburgh, Scotland

**1994**

Pause, Duck Won Museum of Art, Seoul, South Korea (C)

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**Art Fairs**

**2018**

FIAC, group show, Michel Rein Gallery

**2016**

Art Cologne, group show, SARIEV Gallery

**2015**

Artinternational Istanbul, group show, SARIEV Gallery

**2014**

Viennafair, group show, SARIEV Gallery  
Artinternational Istanbul, group show, SARIEV Gallery

**2013**

Viennafair, group show, SARIEV Gallery

**2005**

Art Cologne 2005, group show, Galerie Michel Rein

**2004**

FIAC04, group show, Galerie Michel Rein

**2002**

FIAC02, group show, Galerie Michel Rein  
Liste 2002, group show, VTO Gallery

**2001**

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**1999**

Liste 99, group show, Glassbox & Feeld

**Award**

**2002**

UNESCO Prize for the Art, 4th Cetinje Biennial, Cetinie, Montenegro

**Festivals & Special Screenings**

The Screensaver / The hard-disk / The disk, Transat video, Lux Cinema, Caen, France