

# ATANAS MATSOUREFF

watercolour exhibition

2021

«Layers of Time»

*Nuance*  
ART GALLERY





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Watercolor Artist, Realist, Magic Realist. Self Taught. Living and working in Sofia, Bulgaria.

1975 - Born in the town of Bansko, Bulgaria.

1994 - Graduated from the woodcarving class in his native town.

1996 - Moved to live in Sofia, Bulgaria.

1998 - Discovered watercolour as a means of expression.

Member of IMWA (International Masters of Watercolor Alliance) and country representative for Bulgaria.

He has 16 solo exhibitions and many joint exhibitions in all over the world, he is a winner of prestigious awards in Bulgaria and abroad, and his creative biography is rich and varied.

Works of the artist are owned by private collections and museums in Bulgaria, Spain, Turkey, England, Greece, Canada, Netherlands, Belgium, Norway, France, Hungary, Italy, China, Thailand, Russia, Germany and USA.



## AWARDS:

2020 - Outstanding Watercolor Award for August, BoldBrush Painting Competition  
2020 - Thomason, Hedekin, Hedman in Memory of Donna Kieselbach Award from the San Diego Watercolor Society's 40th International Exhibition.  
2020 - Honorable Mention Award in the Landscape category of the 37th Artist Magazine Annual Art Competition.  
2020 - Jury's favorite 15% of the entries, March BoldBrush Painting Competition  
2020 - Jury's favorite 15% of the entries, February BoldBrush Painting Competition  
2020 - Jack Bowen Award, 43rd International Watermedia Exhibition, WASH, Houston, USA  
2020 - Second Place, December 2019 in BoldBrush Painting Competition  
2019 - The Honor Finalist, September 2019 in BoldBrush Painting Competition  
2019 - Honorable Award, 2nd place on Abu Rawash Prize 3rd International Watercolor Contest  
2018 - First Place (Architect Seraj Grand Award) on Abu Rawash Prize 2nd International Watercolor Contest.  
2018 - Excellence Award, Winsor&Newton's choice on the 1st Universal Watercolor Exposition 2018, Zhuji City, China  
2018 - First Place in Premio Biennale Internazionale "Marche d'Acqua", Fabriano Watercolour 5th Edition, Italy  
2016 - Art Gallery Le Papillon's Award of Excellence, Bulgaria  
2013 - Best Watercolor of the Month, March - Istanbul Watercolour Society

2012 - Sennelier Watercolor Contest, L'Artisan des Couleurs book Award

2011 - First Place in International Watercolour Contest, Izmir, Turkey

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS:

2017 - "Drawings" at Nuance Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria  
2017 - "Terra Magica", one-day Exhibition at Bogomil Raynov Graphic Cabinet, Sofia, Bulgaria  
2016 - "Mirror" at Le Papillon Art Gallery, Varna, Bulgaria  
2015 - "Awakening" at Rakursi Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria  
2013 - "To You" at Le Papillon Art Gallery, Varna, Bulgaria  
2010 - "Landscapes" at A & B Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria  
2009 - "Timelessness" at Rakursi Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria  
2008 - "Realism" at Atelier Nikolai Shmirgela, Sofia, Bulgaria  
2006 - "Rooms of Silence" at Grita Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria  
2005 - "Landscapes" at Grita Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria  
2005 - "13 Nudes" at Astry Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria  
2004 - "My World" at Astry Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria  
2002 - "States" at Astry Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria  
2001 - "Landscapes" at Festa Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria  
2001 - "Secrets" at Sharon Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria  
2000 - First show at Festa Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria

## PICTURE BOOKS ILLUSTRATED:

2004 - The Lost Island, E. Pauline Johnson, Publisher: Simply Read Books, Canada

2005 - Rancour (Cover), James McCann, Publisher: Simply Read Books, Canada

2007 - Pyre (Cover), James McCann, Publisher: Simply Read Books, Canada

2008 - The Woman who married a Bear, Elizabeth James, Publisher: Simply Read Books, Canada

## ARTICLES:

2021 - Artists Magazine - January/February, Special Issue

2020 - Masters of Watercolor - All about Plein air, book

2020 - Selected Artist Magazine, Issue 1

2019 - Artit Magazine, Issue 7

2019 - Economy Magazine, Issue 93, November/December

2018 - Artit Magazine, Issue 3

2018 - Glenfiddich's "Mission Maverick" (online)

2016 - The Art of Watercolour Magazine, 24th Issue, September/November

2016 - Suluboya Sanati, book

2015 - The Art of Watercolour Magazine, 18th Issue, March/May

2014 - Bansko Magazine, Issue 18

2014 - International Artist Magazine, Issue 94 - December/January

2013 - Masters of Watercolor, volume I, book

2012 - The Art of Watercolour Magazine, 6th Issue, March/May

2012 - Le grand livre de l'Aquarelle, Secrets and Confessions of 15 Watercolour Masters, book

2001 - Egoist Magazine

## JOINT EXHIBITIONS:

2020 - The 2nd Universal Watercolor Exposition (100 finalists), China (online)

2020 - California Watercolor Association 51st National Exhibition, USA (online)

2020 - Osten Biennial of Drawing, Skopje 2020 at the National Gallery of N. Macedonia Cifte Hamam

2020 - 40th International Exhibition, San Diego Watercolor Society, USA (online)

2020 - Iridescent Flows - Watercolor Exhibition of Central and Eastern European Countries, Ningbo Museum of Art, Ningbo, China (online)

2020 - American Watercolor Society, 153rd Annual International Exhibition, Salmagundi Club, New York, USA

2020 - Watercolor Art Society-Houston, 43rd International Watermedia Exhibition, WASH Gallery, Houston, USA

2019 - Universal Watercolor Maestro Biennale, Oriental Beauty Valley, Shanghai, China

2019 - International Watercolor Exhibition. 16 World Renowned Masters, Nuance Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria

2019 - Second International Invitational Exhibition of Watercolor Artists in Luxu Blue Zhuang Nationality Watercolor Town, China

2018 - Watercolor International IV Biennial, EMS Gallery, Thessaloniki, Greece

2018 - Second International Watercolor Society China Exhibition, Ming Gallery of Art, Suzhou, China

2018 - The First Universal Watercolour Exposition 2018, Zhuji City, China  
2018 - Impressioni di Settembre, Toscolano Maderno, Italy  
2018 - Premio Biennale Internazionale "Marche d'Acqua", Fabriano Watercolour 5th Edition, Fabriano, Italy  
2017 - The First DAVID International Watercolor Grand Prix and Invitational Exhibition Of International Watercolor Masters, Jinan, Shandong, China  
2017 - Guest Lecturer in The 7th Chinese Watercolor (International) High Research Class, Liuzhou, China  
2015 - "Rebuss", Annual Common Exhibition at Papillon Gallery, Varna, Bulgaria  
2015 - Annual Gala for the Charity Pratham USA, Waldorf Astoria, New York, USA  
2015 - Exhibition in Zhongyoung Art Museum, Guilin, China.  
2015 - 18th West Lake International Art Fair, Hangzhou, China  
2015 - "Re - Interpretation", International Contemporary Watercolour Exhibition Tour, China  
2015 - "Masters of Watercolor", St. Petersburg, Russia  
2014 - "Allegories" at Papillon Gallery, Varna, Bulgaria  
2014 - First Qingdao International Watercolor Salon Exhibition, China  
2014 - "Drawing" at Absinthe Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria  
2013 - Shenzhen Watercolour Biennial, China  
2013 - 3e Biennale Internationale de L'Aquarelle, Centre d'Art Sebastien, Saint Cyr sur Mer, France  
2012 - "To 20" at Grita Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria  
2012 - Affordable Art Fair, New York, USA  
2012 - "The Works" at Tazza Gallery, New York, USA  
2011 - Exhibition at Bulgarian Cultural Institute, London, UK  
2011 - "To 20" at Grita Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria

2011 - 16th Revay's Art Camp, Nagykorös, Hungary  
2010 - "To 20" at Grita Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria  
2010 - "By the Drawing You will Recognize Them" at Grita Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria  
2009 - "By the Drawing You will Recognize Them" at Grita Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria  
2009 - Art Centre Forum, Sofia, Bulgaria  
2009 - "Small Format" at Grita Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria  
2008 - "In Front of and behind the Window" at Grita Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria  
2007 - "St. Nicholas' Day" at Grita Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria  
2007 - "Forming the Emptiness" at Astry Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria  
2006 - "St. Nicholas' Day" at Grita Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria  
2003 - "AquaTerra" at Vidima Gallery, Sevlievo, Bulgaria



*«I fell in love with watercolour many  
years ago and dedicated all my time to this  
beautiful, versatile and really difficult  
medium»*

*Layers of Time  
46,5 x 62 cm, 2020*







*«I want my paintings to reflect  
everything I see or feel, to bring me  
closer to the essence to things»*

*Afternoon*

*54 x 76 cm, 2020*





*Echoes from the Past*

*56 x 76 cm, 2020*



*«I paint from nature and I bow before the beauty and the forces of the Nature and the simple, ordinary things around us. Try to catch the spirit of each material and to touch the things beyond reality»*

*End of August  
40 x 66,5 cm, 2020*







AWARD 2020: Thomason, Hedekin, Hedman in Memory of Donna Kieselbach Award  
from the San Diego Watercolor Society's 40th International Exhibition

*Silence*  
55,5 x 75,5 cm, 2019





*Winter Morning*

*27,5 x 37,5 cm, 2020*



*Neighbours*  
81 x 81 cm, 2020





*«I usually see something I like, and the composition just becomes visible to my inner eye. Very often the composition is ready when I see it and I don't change anything. Don't like cluttered compositions; I prefer something simple, sometimes minimalistic and the same time rule breaking»*

*Shelter from Wind*

*57 x 76 cm, 2020*







*Stones and Salt Water 2020*

*61,5 x 80,5 cm*





*Sea Bird II*

21 x 27 cm, 2020





*Calm*

*50 x 72,5 cm, 2020*





*Land along the Sea*

*51,5 x 71,5 cm, 2020*





*Sea Bird I*

21 x 27 cm, 2020





*Floating*

43 x 61 cm (sepia), 2018 / 2019





*River in Luzhi 2020*

59 x 69 cm



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