

Nikolai Makarov

Nikolai Makarov (b. 1952, Moscow) paintings are suffused with mystery and stillness. Makarov moved with his family to East Berlin in the 1970s, studying history at Humboldt University before pursuing art at the Academy of Arts in East Germany. Originally self taught, Makarov, under the influence of Austrian painter Rudolf Hausner, shifted his practice towards acrylics. Now living and working in Berlin, Makarov has become known for his depictions of nudes, ballerinas, and atmospheric landscapes, surrounded by a diffused, luminous blur.



Trained in the traditions of European Old Masters, Makarov has innovated his own elaborate process with acrylic paint and airbrush techniques. Beginning each canvas with monochromatic underpainting, Makarov's layering of water-diluted acrylic allows him to create translucent and blurry veils of colour, creating a soft, smoky sfumato effect.

In his practice, Makarov seeks to transcend the purely material, crafting atmospheric spaces that evoke vastness and inner contemplation. His art invites viewers to pause, look deeply, and escape the tumult of everyday life into serene, contemplative realms. This pursuit of silence and reflection culminated in his founding of the Museum der Stille (Museum of Silence) in Berlin, a space where his works harmonise with architectural design to create a space of stillness amid urban chaos.

Outside of his practice, Makarov is currently director of the art association StilLeben e.V. in Berlin, and President of the Sergej Mawrizki Foundation as of 2000. His works have been displayed in museums and galleries worldwide, and famous collectors of his work include Richard Gere, Pierce Brosnan, and Tim Allen.

Nikolai Makarov CV

b. 1952, Moscow, Russia

Education

1987 Masters, Academy of Arts, East Germany

1980 History, Humboldt University, Berlin

Solo Exhibitions

2025 MAKAROV, Galerie Friedmann-Hahn, Berlin, Germany

2022 Galerie Burkhard Eickelmann, Düsseldorf, Germany

2022 Gallery Estrella, New Orleans, USA

2022 *Arthorescence Paris*, Neue Kunst Galerie Karlsruhe, Karlsruhe, Germany

2018 *Be Still*, Waterfall Mansion Gallery, New York, USA

2018 *History of National Football*, Triumph Gallery, Moskau, Russian Federation

2018 Kunsthalle Am Arlberg, St. Anton, Austria

2018 CWC Gallery, Berlin, Germany

2018 Camera Work, Berlin, Germany

2018 Triumph Gallery, Moscow, Russia

2018 24beaubourg & Mario Bermel, Paris, France

2017 Luxburg Art & Mario Bermel, Berlin, Germany

2017 *Fernab liegt die Welt*, Neue Kunst Gallery, Karlsruhe, Germany

2016 *Spuren des Lichts*, Galerie Commeter, Hamburg, Germany

2016 Galerie Friedmann-Hahn, Berlin, Germany

2015 Museum der Stille, Berlin, Germany

2015 Neue Kunst Gallery, Karlsruhe, Germany

2015 Burkhard Eickelmann Galerie, Düsseldorf, Germany

- 2015 Nikolai Makarov: James Bond, Burkhard Eikermann Gallery, Düsseldorf, Germany
- 2014 *Nikolai Makarov*, Galerie Friedmann-Hahn, Berlin, Germany
- 2014 *Wiedereröffnung: Das Stille Museum*, Das Stille Museum, Berlin, Germany
- 2014 Neue Kunst Gallery, Karlsruhe, Germany
- 2014 *Architexture*, Mimi Ferzt Gallery, New York, USA
- 2013 *On Stage*, Mimi Ferzt Gallery, New York, USA
- 2012 *Nikolai Makarov*, Galerie Friedmann-Hahn, Berlin, Germany
- 2009 Tretjakow Galerie, Moskau, Russian Federation
- 2009 Triumph Gallery, Moskau, Russian Federation
- 2009 *Traces of Light*, Galerie Noordeinde, Den Haag, Netherlands
- 2008 *White Makarov*, Mimi Ferzt Gallery, New York, USA
- 2008 *Romantic Urbanism*, Triumph Gallery, Moskau, Russian Federation
- 2006 *Moskau-Berlin*, ARD Hauptstadtstudio, Berlin, Germany
- 2005 Schoen and Nalepa Gallery, Berlin, Germany
- 2005 *Horizonts*, Mimi Ferzt Gallery, New York, Germany
- 2004 *Europe*, Mimi Ferzt Gallery, New York, USA
- 2003 *Nikolai Makarov*, Kurt Foert/Garanin, Berlin, Germany
- 2003 *New York Revisited*, Mimi Ferzt Gallery, New York, USA
- 2001 *New Works*, Mimi Ferzt Gallery, New York, Germany
- 2000 *New Works*, Mimi Ferzt Gallery, New York, USA
- 2000 Print-Triennale, Grenchen, Switzerland
- 1999 Infobox, Berlin, Germany
- 1997 *New Paintings and Meditation Room*, Mimi Ferzt Gallery, New York, USA
- 1996 American Business Center, Berlin, Germany
- 1996 *Raum der Stille*, Schloss Kröchlendorff, Brandenburg, Germany
- 1995 *Nikolai Makarov*, Mimi Ferzt Gallery, New York, USA
- 1995 Art Box, Waregem, Belgium
- 1994 Das Stille Museum, Berlin, Germany

1991 *Dialog mit Rembrandt*, Akademie der Künste, Berlin, Germany

1990 *Die Verschwörung*, Avantgarde Galerie, Berlin, Germany

1986 *Die späte Freiheit*, Weidendamm Galerie, Berlin, Germany

1986 Palast Museum, Hoyerswerda, Germany

Group Exhibitions

2025 *Group Exhibition*, Galerie Friedmann-Hahn, Berlin, Germany

2025 *Summer Group Exhibition*, JD Malat Gallery, London, UK

2024 *Kunstraum Parochial – Twelve Variations on the Resurrection*, Parochialkirche, Berlin, Germany

2024 *Private Choice: Part IV*, Galerie Friedmann-Hahn, Berlin, Germany

2024 *Landscape II*, Schmalfuss Berlin, Berlin, Germany

2024 *Wolfgang Stiller & Nikolai Makarov*, Benjamin Eck Projects, Munich, Germany

2023 *Private Choice - II*, Galerie Friedmann-Hahn, Berlin, Germany

2023 *Private Choice*, Galerie Friedmann-Hahn, Berlin, Germany

2022 *Urban Life*, Michael W. Schmalfuss Gallery, Marburg, Germany

2022 *Art Karlsruhe – Art Gallery Michael Oess*, Karlsruhe, Germany

2022 *Gallery Estrella*, New Orleans, United States

2022 *Such Things: Reflections of Nature*, Waterfall Gallery, New York City, United States

2021 *Headless*, Schmalfuss Berlin, Berlin, Germany

2021 *Aron Demetz & Nikolai Makarov*, Benjamin Eck Projects, Munich, Germany

2021 *Light House*, Waterfall Gallery, New York City, United States

2020 *15 Jahre*, Galerie Friedmann-Hahn, Berlin, Germany

2020 *Bermel von Luxburg*, Gallery, Berlin, Germany

2019 *Sound of Silence*, Neue Kunst Gallery, Karlsruhe, Germany

2019 *Kunstessenzen XX*, Galerie Friedmann-Hahn, Berlin, Germany

2018 *Nikolai Makarov, Michel Wirthle, Elvira Bach*, Kunsthalle Arlberg, St. Anton, Austria

- 2018 *Be Still*, Waterfall Gallery, New York City, United States
- 2018 Group Show, Bermel von Luxburg Gallery, Berlin, Germany
- 2018 *Art Capital*, 24beaubourg & Mario Bermel, Grand Palais, Paris, France
- 2016 *Paris Calling!*, Mario Bermel & 24beaubourg, Paris, France
- 2009 Klassik trifft Moderne, Fasanengalerie, Berlin, Germany
- 2008 Visioni per la Città, Chiesa dell'Incoronata, Naples, Italy
- 2007 *Kopfgefäße (Helmets)*, Staatliche Museen zu Berlin, Museum für Vor- und Frühgeschichte, Berlin, Germany
- 2006 *Meeting Pirosmani*, National Museum, Tbilisi, Georgia
- 2006 *Modern Landscapes*, Burkhard Eikermann Galerie, Düsseldorf, Germany
- 2006 *Animal's City*, Kunstverein Wolfsburg, Wolfsburg, Germany
- 2006 Mimi Ferzt Gallery, New York, United States
- 2005 Mimi Ferzt Gallery, New York, United States
- 2004 *Portraits*, Mimi Ferzt Gallery, New York, United States
- 2000 Hilgemann Galerie, Berlin, Germany
- 1999 *Ten Years After the Fall of the Berlin Wall*, Parliament Gallery, Berlin, Germany
- 1999 *Nudes*, Mimi Ferzt Gallery, New York, United States
- 1998 *Symposium on Spirituality in Art*, Arnot Art Museum, Elmira, New York, United States
- 1997 *Re-presenting Representation III*, Arnot Art Museum, Elmira, New York, United States
- 1997 Graphic-Triennale, Grenchen, Switzerland
- 1997 *Celebrating the Still Life*, Mimi Ferzt Gallery, New York, United States
- 1996 *Art & Money*, Galerie Schoen + Nalepa, Berlin, Germany
- 1986 *Die späte Freiheit*, Thomaskirchhof Galerie, Leipzig, Germany
- 1986 *Die späte Freiheit*, Weidendamm Galerie, Berlin, Germany

Selected Collections

Museum of Fine Arts, Leipzig, Germany

Arnot Art Museum, New York, USA

Busch-Reisinger Museum at Harvard University, USA

Sloane Kettering Memorial Hospital, New York, USA

St. Regis Hotel and Museum, San Francisco, USA

Busch-Reisinger Museum at Harvard University, USA

Kolodzei Foundation, Russia

The Russian Consulate

Pierce Brosnan Private Collection

Tim Allen Private Collection

Richard Gere Private Collection

Selected works



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Two Graces, 2016

Acrylic on canvas

63 x 51 1/8 in

160 x 130 cm

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