

## Nikolai Makarov

Nikolai Makarov (b. 1952, Moscow) is a Russian-born artist whose 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**

2022 Galerie Burkhard Eickelmann, Düsseldorf, Germany

2022 Gallery Estrella, New Orleans, USA

2022 "Artborescence 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 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

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 *Summer Group Exhibition*, JD Malat Gallery, London, UK
- 2024 *Kunstraum Parochial – Twelve Variations on the Resurrection*, Parochialkirche, Berlin, Germany
- 2023 *Private Choice*, Galerie Friedmann-Hahn, Berlin, Germany
- 2022 Art Karlsruhe – Art Gallery Michael Oess, Karlsruhe, Germany
- 2022 Gallery Estrella, New Orleans, 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 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 Pirosmeni*, 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
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- 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

Arnot Art Museum, New York, USA

The Russian Consulate

Sloane Kettering Memorial Hospital, New York, USA

St. Regis Hotel and Museum, San Francisco, USA

Kolodzei Foundation, Russia

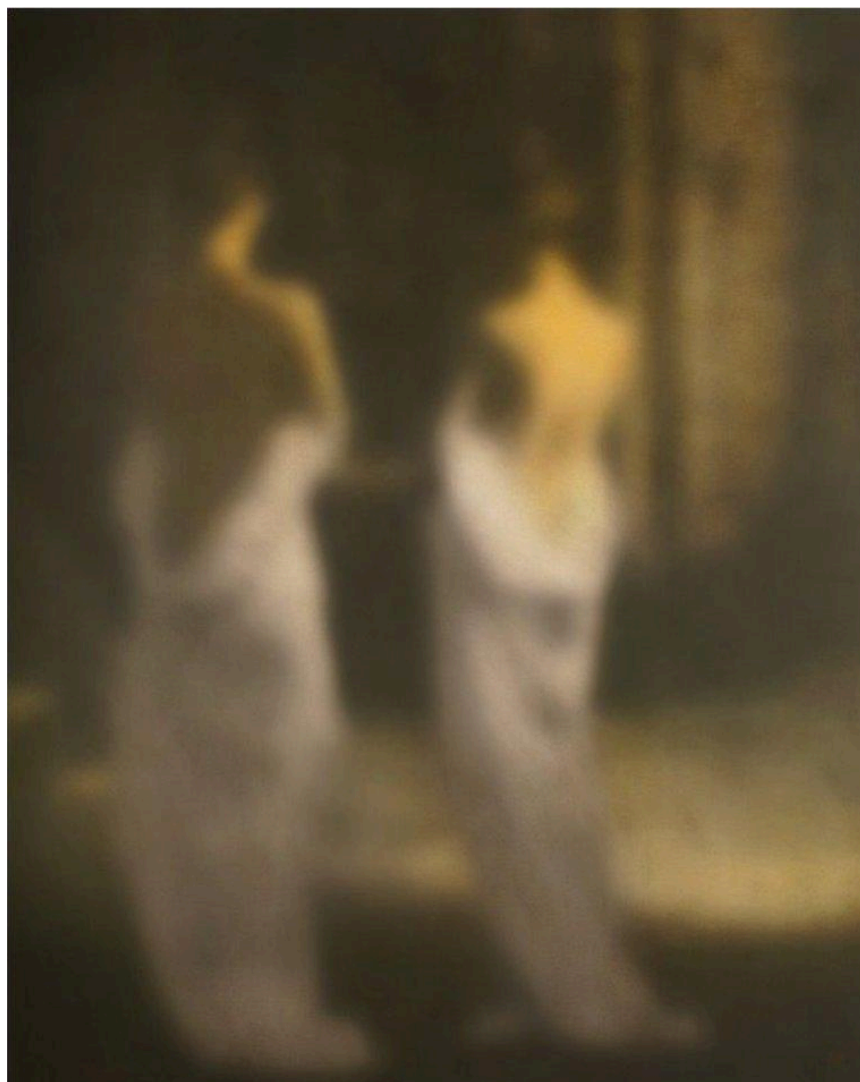
Busch-Reisinger Museum at Harvard University, USA

Museum of Fine Arts, Leipzig, Germany

Tim Allen Private Collection

Richard Gere Private Collection

**Selected works**



**Nikolai Makarov**

*Two Graces*, 2016

Acrylic on canvas

63 x 51 1/8 in

160 x 130 cm

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