

BEKIM HASAJ

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EDUCATION AND TRAINING

2010-2014: **Bachelor degree** in Painting from Brera Academy of Fine Arts, Milan (Italy), obtained a score of 110/110, with the thesis '*Tutte le facce dell'Io*'. Skills in visual arts, art history and painting.

2005-2009: **Diploma** from J. Misja High School of Art, Tirana (Albania), obtained with a score of 10/10 in Painting.

ARTIST RESIDENCY

Artist residency curated by Artist Residency Swap & Finnish Institute in UK and Ireland, Dublin, Ireland, March 2022.

Upcoming residency:

Artist residency with Moskosel Creative Lab, Moskosel, Sweden, 2024.

GRANTS (selection)

Närpes City Cultural Grant, **project grant**, mural opening event, 2023; Svensk-Österbottniska Samfundet (SÖS), project grant, **public art**, 2022; Taiteen edistämiskeskus-Taike, **working grant** (two months), 2022; Svenska Kulturfonden, **project grant**, 2022; Bröderna Gröndahls Stiftelse, **project grant**, 2022; Svenska Kulturfonden/Frans Henriksson fond, development project grant, **public art**, 2022; Svensk-Österbottniska Samfundet (SÖS), **project grant**, 2021-2022; Vaasa City Cultural Grant, **installation/public art**, 2021; Svenska Kulturfonden, **installation/public art**, 2021; Svenska Kulturfonden, **working grant**, 2021; Svenska Kulturfonden, **project grant**, 2020; Vaasa City Cultural Grant, **project grant**, 2020.

HONOURS AND AWARDS (selection)

Top ten Finalist, Exhibart Prize 2022-23 (Rome, Italy); **Selected**, '*RINart*', Tirana International Contemporary Festival 2022 (Tirana, Albania); **Selected**, '*Who I am*', *VIZart International Biennale 2019* (Tirana, Albania);

Winners, CCSA (under 35) open call, Crema Municipality with the collective La Faretra, (Crema, Italy, 2019).

EXHIBITIONS

Solo Exhibitions (selection):

'Challenging the Support', G.A.P.-Globe Art Point (Helsinki, Finland, November-December 2021); 'Untitled', Black Box Genesis art space (Vaasa, Finland, April-May 2019).

Group Exhibitions (selection):

*Collision Festival, Gammal Brandkårshuset (Jakobstad, Finland, May 2023); Yö Fest vol.3 'Video Makasiini', Yö Galleria (Helsinki, Finland, March-May 2023); 'Dripping Cavities', duo exhibition, curator Anni Fahler, Galleria Albert IX (Helsinki, Finland, January 2023); 'New Beginnings' Festival, Malakta art Factory (Malax, Finland, September 2022); **Konstrundan 2022**, Malakta art Factory (Malax, Finland, September 2022); 'Offside #1', Offside, curator Marcus Lerviks, **pop-up space** in Varastokatu 6, 65100 Vaasa (Finland, May-June 2022); 'RINart', Tirana International Contemporary Art Festival, VIZart, National Historical Museum & COD (Tirana, Albania, May 2022); Pasila Urban Art Center (Helsinki, Finland, March-April 2022); **Finish Painters' Association Art Fair**, online & at Cable Factory (Helsinki, Finland, February-April 2022); 'Dripping Cavities', **Makers' Gallery** (Vaasa, Finland, December 2021); **Konstrundan 2021**, online exhibition Virtual Walls? Virtual Murals by Black Box Genesis / Open Studio, Malakta art Factory (Malax, Finland, September 2021); 'The Body Language', Itsliquid Group, at **The ROOM Contemporary Art Space** and **Palazzo Albrizzi Capello** (Venice, Italy, March 2021); **Konstrundan 2020**, open studio, Black Box Genesis art space (Vaasa, Finland, September 2020), 'Wall Mania', **Black Box Genesis art space** (Vaasa, Finland, 2020); 'Terminal', curator Stefano Monti, **Sale Agello** (Crema, Italy, December 2019); 'Who I Am', VIZart International Biennial 2019 of Self-portrait, **National Historical Museum** (Tirana, Albania, September 2019); 'Le Forme Dell'Uomo', curator Giuliana Nuvoli, **La Casa delle Artiste** (Milan, Italy, November 2018); 'Le Bestie di Brera', collective La Faretra, **Sala Birolli** (Verona, Italy, September 2018).*

Upcoming Exhibitions:

'Dripping Cavities', duo exhibition, Vaasa City Art Gallery (Finland, November 2023-January 2024).

COLLABORATIONS/PROJECTS (selection)

'Awake' mural painting for D.P.A.R.A. pilot (Övermark, Finland, April-June 2023); 'Unfolding thoughts - Requiem of a phoenix', public art installation for 'Book-the Lafkan project' (Vaasa City Library, Finland, 2021-22); 'Click', mural painting for WIC-Wasa Innovation Center (Vaasa, Finland, August-September 2021 / June 2022); 'Mural Rural' Festival 2021, selected artist, Art in Malakta ry (Malax, Finland, autumn 2020, postpone on spring 2021); Vaasa Arts Night 2020, mural painting for the 30° anniversary (Finland, August 2020); Vaasa Arts Night 2019, art installation 'Glitch-sorry, there is interference' (Finland, August 2019); Burning Art Festival 2018, performance 'Deep Smoke', Malakta Art Factory (Malax, Fin-

land, September 2018); *Vaasa Arts Night 2018*, performance 'Living Painting', Black Box Genesis art space and on outdoor (Finland, August 2018); Creation of sacred painting 'La Madre Nostra' in collaboration with *Fondazione Michetti* and the *Academy of Fine Art of Brera* (Italy, 2013-2014).

BIBLIOGRAPHY (selection)

'Exibart Prize 2022-23', finalists' digital catalog, publisher - Exibart (27th July 2023); 'Offside #1', online exhibition archive (May 2022); 'RINart', Tirana Contemporary Art Festival, exhibition catalog, publisher - VIZart (Tirana, Albania, May 2022); **Globe Art Point** exhibition archive (17th December 2021); Interview and article about 'Mural Rural' Festival by Clara Amodeo, **Another Scratch In The Wall** (Milan, Italy, 31st August 2021); Interview and online article by Luca Curci, **Itsliquid Group** (8th April 2021); Interview and photo documentation about 'Growing' mural painting, 'Mural Rural' project, for the **Vaasa Museum Archive** by Silvia Rinne (Vaasa, Finland, May 2021); Interview and photo documentation about Arts Night Mural Painting for the **Vaasa Museum Archive** by Silvia Rinne (Vaasa, Finland, September 2020); Participation in the television program, workshop and interview for **Yle Strömsö** (Finland, 7th October 2020); Interview, article and video documentation by **Vaasa City cultural department**, about the Mural for Vaasa Arts Night 2020 (Vaasa, Finland, 1st September 2020); Radio interview and article by **Yle cultural section** (Vaasa, Ostrobothnia, Finland, 31st July 2020); 'Who I Am', **VIZart International Biennial 2019 of Self-portrait** catalog (Tirana, Albania, September 2019); Video documentation by **Crem@online** and article by *Cultura Crema* about 'Terminal' group exhibition (Crema, Italy, December 2019).

ARTIST TALKS AND WORKSHOP

Artist Talks, three meetings with the students of **Vasa övningsskola**, about the mural commissioned by the Vaasa City (Vaasa, Finland, September 2020); Online Workshop '**Monotype**', co-host *Susanne Marins*, *Art Saturday*, Art in Malakta rf (2nd May 2020); **Handmade Paper** Workshop, co-host *Valentina Gelain*, *Art Saturday*, Art in Malakta rf (Malakta Art Factory, Malax, Finland, 14th December 2019); Artist Talk, **Malakta Art Factory** (Malax, Finland, 27th June 2019).

ORGANIZATIONS

November 2022-Present, **Member** of *Yö ry* (Finland)
August 2022-Present, **Vice Board Member** of the Board for G.A.P-Globe Art Point (Finland);
February 2022-Present, **Artists Bank** of *Rakennustieto rts sr*;
January 2022-Present, **Member** of *Finnish Painters' Union* (Finland);
February 2021-Present, **Full Member** of G.A.P-Globe Art Point (Finland);
January 2021-Present, **Client** of *Kuvasto ry Visual Arts' Copyright Society* (Finland);
May 2019-Present, **Board Member** for *Malakta Art Factory rf/ry* (Malax, Finland).

WORK EXPERIENCE (selection)

August 2021-present: **Co-manager** and **Co-curator** of *Black Box Genesis Art*

Space (online and pop-up events).

May 2018-Present: **Founder** of Black Box Genesis.

September-October 2022: **Manager** of Mural Rural project and **Assistant Curator** of New Beginnings Festival exhibition by Art in Malakta rf (Malax, Finland).

October-November 2021: **Art Course** in collaboration with Art in Malakta rf, at Malakta art Factory (Malax, Finland).

April 2020-August 2021: **Co-organizer** and **Artists Coordinator** for Mural Rural Festival by Malakta ry/rf project (Malax, Finland).

June 2018-July 2021: **Co-manager** and **Co-curator** of Black Box Genesis Art Space (Vaasa, Finland).

September 2020: **Guest Artist** in Yle Strömsö for an episode on monotype technique (Vaasa, Finland).

2014-2017: **Freelance Artist** (Milan, Italy).

2011-2014: **Assistant** for Remo Salvadori (Milan, Italy).