

Borjana Ventzislavova (borjana.net) is a Vienna based and Sofia born artist and filmmaker. She holds a master in visual media arts from the University of Applied Arts in Vienna, Austria.

Borjana is a cross-disciplinary artist who works in the fields of film/video, installation, photography, performative and media art. In her works she analysis stereotypical roles and models of representations and the impact of political and social structures and control mechanisms on our existence. Her work addresses issues of mobility and crossing of socio-geographical and cultural borders and deal with the complex process of communication and translation.

Her prize-winning cross-disciplinary works have been exhibited internationally in numerous solo and group shows as well as at media art and film festivals such as , National Gallery Sofia, Belvedere 21, MAK Vienna, MAK Los Angeles, Lentos Linz, Salzburger Kunstverein, Museum of Modern Art Salzburg, Museum of Modern Art Carinthia, Museum of Modern Art - Esterházy Foundation, MUSA, Museum of Contemporary Art, Sofia City Art Gallery, Landesgalerie Linz, Essl Museum, k/haus, quartier21, Kunstraum Kreuzberg/Bethanien, Austrian Cultural Forum Washigton DC and London, ICA London, ICA Sofia, Art Today Plovdiv, Hunt gallery, St. Louis, US, Cologne Conference, IDFA, Diagonale, Graz, EMAF, Osnabrück, transmediale, Berlin, filmwinter, Stuttgart, Rencontres Internationales Paris/Berlin, Berwick Film and Media Arts Fest., Moscow Int. Filmfest., Int. Short Film Fest. Istanbul, Split Film Fest., etc.

Borjana Ventzislavova's work was granted many awards. grants and she received a number of international scholarships. She received the promotion award by the City of Vienna 2017, the Austrian State Scholarship for Fine Art 2013, Start Scholarship for Fine Art 2009, winner of Top Ten Nonfiction film Award at Cologne Conference 2006, Otto Prutscher Fonds Award 2006, Susmannstiftung Award 2005, recognitions at Art in Motion 2002, Los Angeles, Ars Electronica, 2002, Linz, CYNETart 2001, Dresden.

She was artist in residence in London (ACF), Rom (BKA), Newcastle (ISIS Arts), Berkeley (CEC Artslink), Los Angeles (MAK Schindler), Chicago (BKA), Athens (Snehta), Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity (BKA), NYC (ISCP / BKA), CCA Andratx, Mallorca a.o.

Her works are part of private and public collections (among others. Belvedere21, Bundsammlung - BKA, Arthotek, MUSA, Estherhazy, Angerlehner Collections, Collection Essl/Albertina, Lentos).

She has been granted honorable Austrian citizenship for her achievements in visual arts.