

DUPPINI ASSOCIATION

Duppini Art Group | Duppini Art Center & Residency

Curriculum Vitae

Duppini Art Group was founded in 1999 in Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria and is the result of many years of cooperation between visual artists. The group unites artists living in different parts of the country and abroad.

In 2000, the group was transformed into the DUPPINI Association - non-governmental organization for private benefit, working in the field of arts and culture. In 2013, the association was registered as NGO working for public benefit.

DUPPINI Association is a voluntary, non-political, self-governing non-profit legal entity.

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Members of Duppini Art Group:

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GOALS OF THE ASSOCIATION:

- Creating an original artistic product and environment for the realization of individual and common creative activities;
- Realization and popularization of artistic performances in directions such as Land art and other forms of art in nature;
- Creating an environment for multicultural dialogue and exchange of good artistic practices and participation in various artistic forms of contemporary culture and communications;
- Creation of an active art center with its own collection, creation and development of an Outdoor Sculpture Park;
- Generating and developing of new forms for cultural communication, organizing and conducting through various cultural events in cooperation with other institutions (private and state).

MAIN ACTIVITY:

- Development, implementation and promotion of projects in the field of visual arts and organizing original artistic events under the trademark of DUPPINI Art Group
- Running an international symposium for art in nature and an Open Door Day – open air event with micro festival program for the broad audience, event with free entry;
- Organizing presentative exhibitions, art events and installations in urban spaces;
- Organizing workshops, seminars, meetings and other cultural forums in the art field;
- Developing of an Art Center with diverse program. Maintaining working and social spaces, according to the events;
- Participation and collaboration in projects in the country and abroad with other associations in the fields of science, art and culture;
- Partnership for development and implementation of art projects in accordance with the goals of the association;
- Sustaining and maintaining of an art collection: archives from Duppini Art Center, Sculpture Park Gabrovtsi and DUPPINI Art Fund;
- Launching public presentations and distribution of catalogs, brochures and other printed or electronic publications, related to the activities of the group;
- Providing opportunity for debut performance for art students, integrating them into the professional art community;
- Providing opportunity for after-graduated student internships;
- Organizing various creative workshops for children.

SUMMARY

Since 2000, the association has organized **10 consecutive international annual symposia** in Dolni Duppini (later renamed to Dolni Enevets) – a village in Tryavna region of the Balkan mountain, Bulgaria. The symposiums gathered participants from Bulgaria, Macedonia, Serbia, Romania, Turkey, Netherlands, Switzerland, France, Italy and Sweden. The participants are established professional artists, working in numerous contemporary art fields such as performances, installations, media arts, plastic arts, music, theatre, photography. The objective of such performances is to revive that place and establish conditions for active cultural dialogue between artists, to create new art products, based on exchange and communication.

Since 2012, the group annually organizes **Gabrovtsi ART-NATURE Symposium** in the village of Gabrovtsi, Veliko Tarnovo area, Bulgaria. The symposium is a sustainable Bulgarian event without analogue in the country, with participants from Japan, Korea, Germany, Italy, France, Mexico, Taiwan, South Africa, England, Romania, Macedonia, Serbia, China, Norway, Belgium, Turkey, USA, Hungary, Israel and Bulgaria with assistants from University of Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria. The event also includes seminars, artist`s presentations, children's creative workshops, exhibitions, open door days.

Since 2013, Duppini Art Group is a partnering organisation of the Global Nomadic Art Project of YATOO Art Group - South Korea. ([The World Nature Art Catalogue](#), pp. 18–21). **In 2017**, Duppini Art Group was co-organizer of Global Nomadic Art Project, Eastern Europe.

Since 2014, Duppini Art Group has been working on the transformation of a former Labor and Educational School in the village of Gabrovtsi, Veliko Tarnovo area, turning it into an active center with a residence for contemporary arts and culture. Now the location is known as Duppini Art Center & Residency.

Awards and prizes:

The activities of Duppini Art Group were noted with several awards:

- First prize at Eco-festival Veliko Tarnovo for a documentary film by Zornitsa Ilieva (2000)
- First prize for Duppini Art Group at the Youth exhibition, Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria (2002)

SELECTED ACTIVITIES of Duppini Association

Duppini Art Group organizes over 200 presentational solo exhibitions and performances. The Group is the organizer and curator of two festivals of contemporary art in Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria and participates in over 300 exhibitions, projects, workshops, symposiums and events in Bulgaria and abroad.

SYMPOSIUMS

- [Gabrovtsi ART - NATURE Symposium 2021, 10th Edition](#) (July 06 – July 18, 2021) at Duppini Art Center, Gabrovtsi, Bulgaria. The event marks the 10th anniversary of the international symposium in Gabrovtsi Village. Guest participants are artists from Bulgaria and abroad, and the Duppini Art Group.
- [Gabrovtsi ART - NATURE Symposium 2020, 9th Edition](#) (June 25 – July 10, 2020) at Duppini Art Center, Gabrovtsi, Bulgaria. The event marks the 20th anniversary of the Association with guest participants living in Bulgaria and members of the Duppini Art Group.
- [Gabrovtsi ART-NATURE Symposium 2019, 8th Edition](#) (July 08-July 19, 2019) at Duppini Art Center, Gabrovtsi, Bulgaria.
- [Gabrovtsi ART-NATURE Symposium 2018](#) - Patika & Duppini, **7th Edition** (June 30 - July 7, 2018), together with Art Group Patika (Turkey) at Duppini Art Center in the village of Gabrovtsi, Bulgaria.
- [Gabrovtsi ART-NATURE Symposium 2016, 5th Edition](#) (July 11-July 25, 2016) - Duppini Art Center, Gabrovtsi, Bulgaria and children's workshop with Marie Gayarti in the village of Dolen, Bulgaria.
- [Gabrovtsi ART-NATURE Symposium 2015, 4th Edition](#) (July 27-August 10, 2015), part of Duppini project SPIRIT OF NATURE, Duppini Art Center, Gabrovtsi, Bulgaria. (catalogue)
- [Gabrovtsi ART-NATURE Symposium 2014, 3d Edition](#). Special guests for the event are Canadian critic John K. Grand and Swiss journalist Erika Aherman, at Duppini Art Center, Gabrovtsi, Bulgaria.
- [Gabrovtsi ART-NATURE Symposium 2013, 2d Edition](#). International Forum for Art in Nature with guest artists from seven countries, including students from the University of Veliko Tarnovo, Children's Creative Workshop, exhibitions. (catalog)
- [Gabrovtsi ART-NATURE Symposium 2012, 1st Edition](#). International Forum for Art in Nature with guest artists from five countries, including students from the University of Veliko Tarnovo, Children's Creative Workshop, exhibitions. (catalog)

DUPPINI`S PROJECTS

- [FRAGILE \(2019\)](#) - project of Duppini Art Group, idea - Rumens Dimitrov - POPA, open urban spaces, Asparuhovo district, Varna, Bulgaria.
- [SPIRIT OF NATURE \(2015-2016\)](#) - a project of Duppini Art Group in partnership with the Center for Multiethnic Dialogue and Tolerance AMALIPE. Including symposium, children's workshop, residency program, Bulgarian translation of a book by John Grand (catalog).
- [Mini-festival Duppini LIKE 2013](#) (July – Nov, 2013), Old Post Office, Veliko Tarnovo. Including:
 - o Seminar for art in nature “ART – NATURE” at “Radical” Gallery, Sculpture Building, Veliko Tarnovo University, Bulgaria;
 - o Exhibition "1 + 1 = 1" by Larisa Ilieva and Nikolay Panayotov, Old Military School, Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria;
 - o Interactive dance performance "Cadaver" by Martin Ivanov and Stanislav Genadiev, open spaces of Art Gallery "Boris Denev", Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria ;
 - o "Fadromal cosmology of the excavator" - art project of Duppini Art Group, Old Post Office, Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria;
 - o "Duppini LIKE - The Old Post Office and the modern means of communication" - Screenings of an art video selection of the Open Call with international participation, according to public FB voting (likes), the Old Post Office, Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria;
 - o "ART - MESSAGE" – art project of Duppini Art Group and students from VTU "St. St. Cyril and Methodius ", open urban spaces, Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria;
- [Mini-Festival of Contemporary Art “The old post office or modern means of communication”](#) (Sept 6-Oct 3, 2012) -, Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria. Including:
 - o Children's creative workshop with Katerina Milusheva (member of Duppini Art Group).
 - o Exhibition of artworks from the Duppini Foundation.
 - o "Master, journeyman and apprentice" - Debut exhibition of students from VTU, Faculty of Fine Arts.
 - o "Old mail or modern means of communication" - an exhibition of leading Bulgarian artists living abroad.
 - o Workshop on cultural policies with Mariana Nikolaeva and Maya Krasteva from “FABRIKATA” Regional Resource Center.
 - o Presentation of the EU initiative European Capitals of Culture - presentation by Mariana Nikolaeva from Regional Resource Center “FABRIKATA”.

- o “The Bronze House vs. The Samovod Bazaar, or Contemporary Art in Architectural Reserves ”- Open debate with citizens and guests of Veliko Tarnovo, moderated by Plamen Pavlov.
 - o Screening of the film by Georgi Vassilev "ART- NATURE VELIKO TARNOVO 2012” and presentation of the catalog of the symposium “ART-NATURE Gabrovtsi 2012”, Bulgaria
 - o Presentation of the International Video Art Festival “Videoholica”, Varna, Bulgaria
 - o Presentation of the festival for contemporary art “Water Tower Art Fest”, Sofia, Bulgaria.
 - o Screening of the film “A Trip Between Two Movies” and presentation of the book by Rangel Valchanov “Hooray! Mute at last!” - The event is opened by Iva Saykova and Kalin Terziiski.
- **Pan in the moonlight** - video-art performance (2010) - part of the parallel program of the Seventh Biennial of Visual Arts “August in Art” – Varna,Bulgaria.
 - [Duppini & Miro](#) - performance (2010) – Night of museums and galleries, Dobrich, Bulgaria.
 - **3D baroque** - art installation (2009), Autumn Salon, Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria.
 - **TRUPTENIE - In memoriam of IVAN TURPANOV an artist and our friend** - performance (2008), Terra art gallery, Plovdiv, Bulgaria.
 - **Project TRACES-PROJECTIONS** (2005) in the neighborhood of Duppini village, financially supported by the Swiss Cultural Program in Bulgaria "ProHelvetia", presented at the Publishing House "Rafael Mihailov", Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria.

PROJECTS in PARTNERSHIP

- [Summer Scriptwriting Base “Escape from School” 2021](#) Chief Organizer [Arte Urbana Collectif](#), at Duppini Art Center, Gabrovtsi, Bulgaria
- [Nomadic stay of Ambulans Théâtre \(2019\)](#) at Duppini Art Center, Gabrovtsi, Bulgaria.
- [River project \(2018-2019\)](#) - main organaizer Youth Home Pazardzhik, Bulgaria - realized of three Land art installations in open urban spaces. Plovdiv and Pazardzik, Bulgaria.
- [Global Nomadic Art Project \(GNAP\) Rural stages, Eastern Europe 2017](#) (Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary) – Chief Organizer for Eastern Europe 2017: Institute of Fine Arts at Eszterházy Károly University, Eger, Hungary, in partnership with Duppini Art Group, Gyergyószárhegyi Kulturális és Művészeti Központ-Centrul Cultural și Arte - Center for Culture and Art in Lazareja

(Romania) and Art Association Farkaskő, Nozvaj, Hungary. In Bulgaria (01.07 - 10.07) it was held at three locations: Duppini Art Center (Gabrovtsi, Veliko Tarnovo area), the outfall of the Kamchia River and the Pobiti Kamani area, Varna region.

- [QUARANTINE 8 \(2016\)](#) - Duppini Art Group in Garlsdorf, Germany and an exhibition within Garlstorfer Kunstfest 2016, organized by the QUARANTÄNE Artist Collective.
- [QUARANTINE 7 \(2015\)](#) - a collaborative project with QUARANTÄNE Artist Collective at Duppini Art Center, Gabrovtsi, Bulgaria.
- [Summer Scriptwriting Camp "House for Disobedients" 2016](#) - Chief organizers and curators of the academy are Silvia Petrova, Gergana Dimitrova (36 Monkeys) and Dimitar Uzunov (Arte Urbana Collectif) at Duppini Art Center, Gabrovtsi, Bulgaria.

SELECTED GROUP SHOWS and ORGANIZED EVENTS

- [Artists residency of Karin van der Molen and Pat van Boeckel \(2017\)](#) in Duppini Art Center- stage of the Nomadic Art Project of the artists.
- **DUPPINI AND FRIENDS** (Sept 16, 2015) - exhibition marks the 15th anniversary of the Duppini Association, together with the QUARANTÄNE Artist Collective and the guest artists from the Resident Program SPIRIT OF NATURE 2015, Rafael Mihailov Publishing House, Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria.
- **Children's creative workshop for art in nature** and an exhibition (June 23 – June 29, 2014), Apartment 101, ONE DESIGN WEEK festival, Plovdiv, Bulgaria.
- **Residence of the Dutch architect Jan Doms** and a lecture within the European Architecture Students Assembly (EASA) (July 16 - August 5, 2014), Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria.
- **Master, journeyman and apprentice** (2013) - a representative exhibition of Mini-Festival of Contemporary Art project's part at "Gabreski" gallery, Tryavna, Bulgaria.



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