

# Alexander Ugay

Born: Qyzylorda, Kazakhstan, 1978

Lives and works: Almaty, Kazakhstan

## Education

2015 MA, Kazakh National Academy of Arts (KazNAI), Almaty, Kazakhstan

2002 Degree in Law, Kyrgyz National University, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

1997 St Petersburg Naval College, Russia

## Solo Exhibitions

2018 *Topology of Image*, Aspan Gallery, Almaty, Kazakhstan

2017 *More Than an Image, Less Than an Object*, Galeria Labirynt, Lublin, Poland

## Group Exhibitions

2025 *Montréal International Festival of Films on Art*. Montréal, Canada

*More than Dreams, Less Than Things*. NIKA Project Space, Paris, France

2024 *Eluding Capture*, MASS MoCa, Massachusetts, USA

*The 11th Asia Pacific Triennial of Contemporary Art*. Queensland Art Gallery & Gallery of Modern Art, Brisbane, Australia

*Walking Korea: Cut Pieces*. The Willow, Seoul, South Korea

*Eluding Capture*. MASS MoCA, Massachusetts, USA

*The Verbund Collection*, The Albertina Museum, Vienna

2023 *Asia Now Art Fair*, NIKA Project Space, Paris

*Earth and Shape, screening and discussion*, The Centre Pompidou, Paris

*Coded Gestures*, NIKA Project Space, Dubai, UAE

2022 *Busan Biennale 2022*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Busan, South Korea

2021 “12 Seconds” Project, Tselinny Center for Contemporary Culture, Almaty, Kazakhstan

2020 *Dust Clay Stone*, Art Sonje Center, Seoul, South Korea

2019 *Beyond Fragmentation: Contemporary Collage from Central Asia*, Sapar Contemporary, New York

2018 *Phantom Stories: Leitmotifs of Post-Soviet Asia*, Lunds konsthall, Lund, Sweden

*2nd Yinchuan Biennale*, Yinchuan, China

*Focus Kazakhstan: Post-Nomadic Mind*, Wapping Hydraulic Power Station, London

*Eurasian Utopia: Post Scriptum*, Suwon Ipark Museum of Art, Suwon, South Korea

*At the Corner: City, Place, People*, Tselinny Center for Contemporary Culture, Almaty, Kazakhstan

*All the World's a Collage!*, Aspan Gallery, Almaty, Kazakhstan

2017 *Suns and Neons Above Kazakhstan*, Yarat Contemporary Art Space, Baku, Azerbaijan

*Somewhere Now*, Galeria Labirynt, Lublin, Poland

*The Border*, Moscow Museum of Modern Art, Tsereteli Art Gallery, Moscow

2016 *1st Riga Photography Biennial*, Riga, Latvia

*Project 35, Volume 2, The Last Act*, Garage Museum of Contemporary Art, Moscow

- 2015 *Balagan*, Momentum Worldwide, Berlin  
*6th Moscow Biennale of Contemporary Art*, Moscow  
*61st International Short Film Festival Oberhausen*, Oberhausen, Germany  
*Random Memory Machine*, Apollonia Art Space, Strasbourg, France  
*Dissemination*, Stadt Galerie, Brixen, South Tirol, Italy  
*Asia Contemporary Art Week*, New York
- 2014 *2nd Xinjiang International Art Biennale*, Urumqi, China  
*Busan Biennale 2014*, Busan, South Korea  
*E-City*, Strasbourg Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Strasbourg, France  
*Alanika*, North Caucasus Branch of the National Centre for Contemporary Arts, Vladikavkaz, Russia
- 2013 *The Future Comes from All Directions*, 175 Gallery, Seoul, South Korea  
*At the Crossroads*, Sotheby's, London  
*Lost to the Future*, Institute of Contemporary Arts Singapore, Singapore  
*Modern Architecture Works*, Gallery Industrialna 11, Sofia  
*Time Diver*, Thinking Now, 8th Gwangju Biennale, Gwangju, South Korea
- 2012 *The Face of Bride*, Perm Museum of Contemporary Art (PERMM), Perm, Russia  
*Project 35*, Volume 2, Independent Curators International, New York
- 2011 *Sharjah Biennial 10*, Sharjah, UAE  
*Between Heaven and Earth*, Calvert 22, London  
*Asian Art Biennial 2011*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Taipei, Taiwan  
*Between Past and Present*, Archeology of Topicality, Abylkhan Kasteyev Museum of Arts, Almaty, Kazakhstan
- 2010 *Promises of the Past*, Centre Pompidou, Paris  
*Ground Floor America*, Den Frie Centre of Contemporary Art, Copenhagen  
*The Bearable Lightness of Being – The Metaphor of the Space 2*, Venice Architecture Biennale, Venice, Italy  
*Archive 10*, Chandong Open Studio, Seoul, South Korea  
*Yeosu International Art Festival*, Yeosu, South Korea  
*Around the World in 80 Hours*, Suwon Art Center, Suwon, South Korea
- 2009 *Younger Than Jesus*, New Museum, New York  
*Scènes Centrales*, Le Tripostal, Lille, France  
*Changing Climate*, Kunsthalle Exnergasse, Vienna  
*The Making of the New Silk Roads*, BUG Gallery, Bangkok, Thailand  
*Tajama/Translation*, Queens Museum of Art, New York  
*M'ARTIAN FIELDS – COLLABORATION*, MARS Centre of Contemporary Art, Moscow
- 2008 *Tanz auf dem Vulkan*, IFA Gallery, Berlin  
*Parable of the Garden*, College of New Jersey, New Jersey, USA  
*Tracing Roads Through Central Asia*, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, San Francisco, USA
- 2007 *Central Asia Pavilion at the 52nd Venice Biennale*, Venice, Italy  
*Central Asian Project*, Cornerhouse (Manchester), SPACE (London), UK
- 2006 *Plug In*, Exhibition of the New Museum's Collection, Van Abbemuseum, Eindhoven, Netherlands  
*52nd International Short Film Festival Oberhausen*, Oberhausen, Germany

- 2006 *The Dream of Reason*, Temporary/Contemporary Gallery, London  
*E-flux*, Video-Collection Project, New York  
*The Paradox of Polarity*, Bose Pacia, New York
- 2005 *9th International Istanbul Biennial*, Istanbul, Turkey  
The Tamerlane Syndrome. Art and Conflicts in Central Asia, Orvieto, Italy
- 2003 *In the Emergency of Life*, An International Artistic Project, Asia Art+PF,  
*Ular Gallery* (Almaty, Kazakhstan), City of Artists (Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan)
- 2002 *No-Man's Land*, House of World Cultures, Berlin  
*Re-Orientation*, Exhibition for Contemporary Art of Central Asia, ACC Gallery, Weimar, Germany
- 2001 *Look in New Way*, Cinema Festival of Young Cinema-Makers of Central Asia, Almaty, Kazakhstan
- 2000 *Communication. Experiences of Interactions*, Soros Center for Contemporary Art, Almaty, Kazakhstan
- 1999 *Reserved Exit*, House of Culture, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

### Residencies

- 2017 Gaude Polonia, Lublin, Poland
- 2015 Kulturkontakt, Vienna
- 2014 Supposing in Divnogory, Voronezh, Russia
- 2010 MMCA Residency Changdong, Seoul, South Korea
- 2010 CEC ArtsLink, New York
- 2006 SPACE, London

### Works in Collections

- Van Abbemuseum, Eindhoven, Netherlands
- Centre Pompidou, Paris
- Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam
- Galeria Labirynt, Lublin, Poland
- National Museum of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Astana, Kazakhstan
- Lunds konsthall, Lund, Sweden
- Verbund Collection, Austria