

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

2025 *More than Dreams, Less Than Things*. NIKA Project Space, Paris, France

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

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

Group Exhibitions

2025 *OFFSCREEN 2025*. Paris, France

Montréal International Festival of Films on Art. Montréal, Canada

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
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