

TBILISI ART FAIR

2019 MAY
16-19
REPORT

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The Tbilisi Art Fair conveys its gratitude to each visitor, guest, artist, gallery, exhibitor, participant, speaker, journalist, partner, that have made the second edition of TAF a complete success.

The number of visitors especially foreign has increased by about 15%, the sales have close to tripled, and TAF is now the number one event in the media and social network in Georgia.

TAF was attended by 12000 visitors, guests, collectors, curators, museums, critics, dealers, and other art professionals from Germany, France, Russia, USA, UK, Belgium, Italy, Austria, Sweden, Switzerland, Spain, Hungary, Russia, Armenia, Iran, Turkey, Ukraine, Azerbaijan, UAE, India and a few more. Thanks to you, TAF has built its place on the international art world calendar and in the cultural landscape of Georgia and its entire region as the

main event to discover an exciting regional art scene.

TAF exhibitions (galleries, editions, solo artists, commissions, collaborations and talks) were showcased in six pavilions of ExpoGeorgia, while the gardens hosted sculptures, performances and parties all through the 4 days of the fair. TAF was part of a rich Art Week in multiple venues across Tbilisi, such as the Museum of Modern Art,

the Silk Museum, Stamba Hotel, Open Space of Experimental Art, House of Writers, Wine Factory #1, Marjanishvili Theatre, and the art Galleries. Stay tuned and we very much look forward to seeing you from 14 to 17 May 2020 !

With best wishes,

Kaha Gvelesiani, Founder
Eric Schlosser, Art Director

KEY FIGURES

VISITORS: **12000**

GALLERIES: **29 (78 artists presented)**

EDITIONS & SHOPS: **6**

HIVE: **38 artists and collectives**

RANGE OF ARTWORKS SOLD: **250\$ to 55 000\$**

BOTTLES OF WINE: **1219**

COUNTRIES REPRESENTED BY ARTISTS AND EXHIBITORS

Georgia, Armenia, Germany, France, Russia, Ukraine, USA, Spain, Bulgaria, Latvia, Poland, Switzerland, Iran, UK, Hungary, China, Lithuania, Azerbaijan, Serbia, Kosovo, Bosnia, Turkey, Syria, Italy, Norway, Austria, Morocco.

COUNTRIES WEB AUDIENCE OVERVIEW

Georgia, Azerbaijan, Russia, Turkey, UAE, France, UK, Germany, Armenia, Israel, Austria, Netherlands, Poland, Ukraine, Czech Republic, Slovakia.

COUNTRIES WITH MOST VISITORS

Germany, Russia, France, UK, Belgium, USA, Armenia, Azerbaijan...



GALLERIES

Countries of origin, artists presented

AB43 CONTEMPORARY **SWITZERLAND**

Anke Eilergerhard
Elena Parri
Gabriela von Habsburg
Otgo
Takahide Komatsu
Michael Lucern
Dimitri Horta

ART AGENCY **BULGARIA**

Zurab Tsereteli

BAIA GALLERY **GEORGIA**

Nino Morbedadze

Merab Abramishvili

CHARDIN ART GALLERY **GEORGIA**

Giorgi Mirzashvili
Vera Pagava
Felix Varia
Jemal Kukhalashvili

ERTI GALLERY **GEORGIA**

Levan Mindiashvili
Giorgi Chkheo

EUGSTER-BELGRADE **SERBIA**

Ivana Ivković

GALERIE GISELA **CLEMENT**

GERMANY
Keti Kapanadze
Alex Grein

IART GALLERY **GEORGIA**

Irakli Toidze
David Kakabadze
Sergo Kobuladze
David Gabashvili
Petre Otskheli
Ioseb Sumbatashvili
Vasil Shukhaev
Irakli Gamrekeli

Irina Shtenberg
Tamara Abakelia
Korneli Sanadze
Ana Shalikashvili

KAMEL MENNOUR **FRANCE, UK**

Petrit Halilaj

L'ALEATOIRE **FRANCE**

Patricia Chichmanova

LC QUEISSER **GEORGIA**

Ser Serpas
Lisa Alvarado
Ketuta Alexi-Meskhishvili

LEVY DELVAL **FRANCE**

Braco Dimitrijevic

PROJECT ART BEAT **GEORGIA**

Tamar Chaduneli
Sopho Chkhikvadze,
Gvantsa Jishkariani
Tamo Jugeli
Keti Kapanadze
Anna K.E.
Maia Naveriani
Natalia Sopromadze
Maya Sumbadze
Nanuka Zaalishvili

Q GALLERY **AZERBAIJAN**

Beyukaga Mirzazadeh
Makhmud Taghiyev
Maral Rahmanzade

RIA KEBURIA GALLERY **GEORGIA**

Roman Ermakov
Sasha Frolova

ROOSTER GALLERY **LITHUANIA**

Kristina Alisauskaite
Andrius Zakarauskas
Vita Opolskyte
Tomas Dauksa

Alina Melnikova

SIMONE SUBAL **USA** Anna K.E.

TBC ART GALLERY **GEORGIA** Irakli Sutidze

GALERIA VALID FOTO **BCN** **SPAIN**

Lluc Queralt
Lluís Estopinyan
Xavier Gomez

VERNISSAGE GALLERY

GEORGIA
Tamuna Melikishvili

VANDA GALLERY **GEORGIA**

Rita Khachatryan
Alex Berdysheff
Giorgi Gatserelia

WINDOW PROJECT **GEORGIA**

Vakhtang Kokiashvili
Shota Aptsiauri
Giorgi Okropiridze
David Natidze



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THE SCREENING ROOM

Video Art Section in collaboration with the following international galleries

LEVY. DELVAL

BELGIUM

Braco Dimitrijevic

22,48 m2

FRANCE

Jonathan Monaghan

JEROME POGGI

FRANCE

Bady Dalloul

THE GALLERY APART

ITALY

Chto Delat

MADRAGOA

PORTUGAL

Adrián Balseca

VIN VIN

AUSTRIA

Hannah Lisa Kunyik

Kilian Immervoll

GALERIE CONTINUA

ITALY, FRANCE, CUBA

China- Sislej Khafa

INSTITUTIONS

Kharkiv School of

Photography

Ukraine

Yevgeniy Pavlov

Igor Chekachkov

Sergey Lebedinsky

Sergey Melnitchenko

Roman Pyatkovka

Vladislav Krasnoschek.

In collaboration with

Photo Kyiv

Tbilisi Photography &

Multimedia Museum

Georgia

Photo project

Eclipse by Antoine

d'Agata

EDITIONS AND SHOPS

Georgia

Asteroid B612

Black Dog Shop

Cezanne

Life N Style Print Festival

Museum Shop

The Why Not Gallery Shop



HIVE

SOLO PRESENTATIONS

NINA AKHOBADZE
GEORGIA

LEVAN AMASHUKELI
GEORGIA

REMY BADAN
FRANCE

LIA BAGRATIONI
GEORGIA

MAIA BARATASHVILI
GEORGIA

MAKA BATIASHVILI
GEORGIA

MARIE BERENGER
FRANCE

KIKA BROCKSTEDT
GERMANY

VAKHO BUGADZE
GEORGA

IRAKLI BUGIANI
GEORGIA

CELIA CASSAI
FRANCE

CES RECORDS (UTA BEKAIA, STIA)
GEORGIA

TEONA CHANISHVILI
GEORGIA

ETERI CHKADUA
GEORGIA

NINO CHUBINISHVILI (CHUBIKA)
GEORGIA

LAURANE GOURDON FAHRNI
FRANCE

ANI GURASHVILI
GEORGIA

KHATUNA JIBLADZE
GEORGIA

TSISIA KILADZE
GEORGIA

TUTU KILADZE
GEORGIA

HELEN KIRWAN
UNITED KINGDOM





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HIVE

SOLO PRESENTATIONS

DAVIT KUKHALASHVILI
GEORGIA

VALERIE LEYDET
FRANCE

KETEVAN MAGHULARIA
GEORGIA

GIORGI MASKHARASHVILI
GEORGIA

LEVAN MEKHUZLA
GEORGIA

LUKA MIKELADZE
GEORGIA

MAMUKA MIKELADZE
GEORGIA

THEODORE MOUXIGOULI
GEORGIA

**TAMAR NADIRADZE, NINI
DARCHIA**
GEORGIA

SHALVA NIKVASHVILI
GEORGIA

MATHIEU POUDEROUX
FRANCE

KAKHABER TATISHVILI
GEORGIA

MAMUKA TSETSKHLADZE
GEORGIA

ARSENY VASHENKO
RUSSIA

DELPHINE WIBAUX
FRANCE

TEONA YAMANIDZE
GEORGIA

NANUKA ZAALISHVILI
GEORGIA


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ART WEEK

COMMISSIONS AND COLLABORATIONS

A woman with dark hair, wearing a colorful floral dress and pink sneakers, lies on her side on a patch of bright green artificial grass. She is holding a small red bouquet of flowers. The grass patch is surrounded by a vast, dense sea of discarded trash, including plastic bottles, metal cans, food wrappers, and other debris. The scene is captured from a high angle, looking down at the woman and the surrounding waste.

COMMISSIONS

To Be a Woman

curated by Sabina Shikhlinskaya

Video works from Azerbaijani contemporary artists Sitara Ibrahimova, Nazrin Mammadova, Teymur Daimi, Chinara Mejidova, Leyli Salayeva, Sabina Shikhlinskaya, Agil Abdullayev. In collaboration with the Baku United Artists Club, Artist's Union of Azerbaijan and United Cultures.



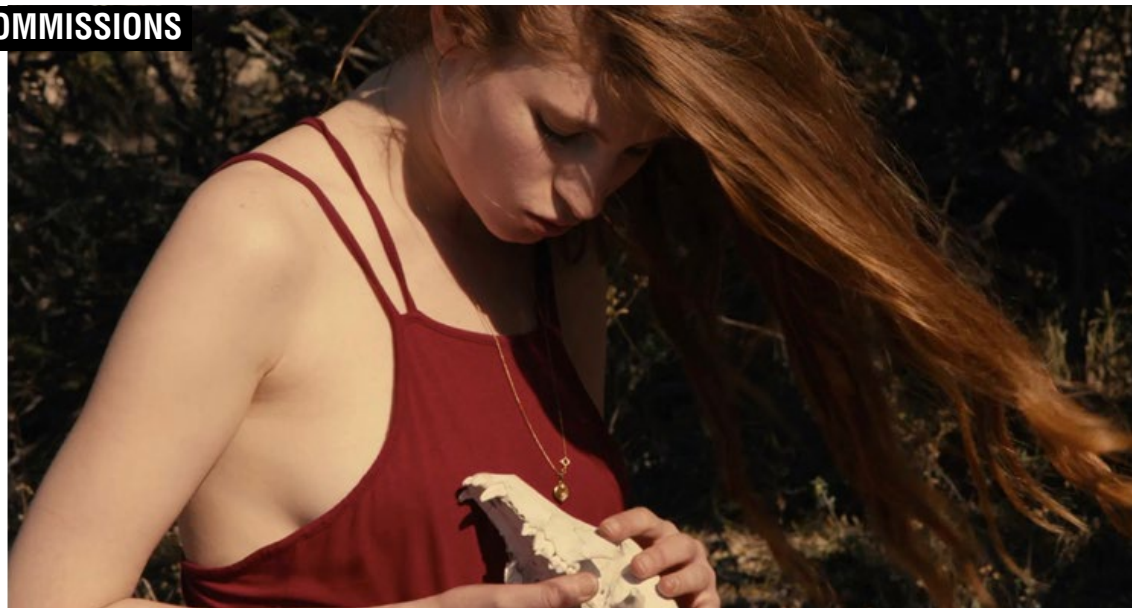
Jeff Cowen. 30 works

curated by Eric Schlosser

A solo show of the celebrated American artist. In collaboration with Michael Werner Kunsthandel and the Museum of Modern Art in Tbilisi.



COMMISSIONS



Clarisse Hahn

curated by François Michaud

A showcase of works from the french video artist and filmmaker. In collaboration with the Paris Museum of Modern Art. Hosted by Amirani Cinema



Four Discourses

curated by Nino Sekhniashvili

Through the practices of 4 different artists each from a different generation and background using radically different medium, this exhibition illustrates subjective local imaginations, revealing the hidden face of non-mainstream art in Georgia.

Shota Bostanashvili • Thea Gvetadze •
Elene Chantladze • Elene Lukhutashvili





In situ/In vivo

curated by Olga Pogasova

A group exhibition created for the Silk Museum that articulates its role in the preservation of culture and history (in this case the silk weaving tradition), and the multiplicity of meanings found in each cultural and historical object.

Daria Krotova • Koka Ramishvili • Maggie Wu • Rusudan Khizanishvili • Olga Bojko • Dominic de Grande

Hotel Europa: Their past, Your present, Our future

curated by **Théo-Mario Coppola**, associate
curator **Livia Tarsia In Curia**

A group exhibition and a performance programme across different venues in Tbilisi, gathering works by Georgian and international artists who include within their practice communities' concerns, resistance strategies and marginalised thoughts as fundamental principles of their approach.

Apparatus 22 • Aram Abbas • Babi Badalov •
Yasmina Benabderrahmane • Bouillon Group •
Chto Delat • Vajiko Chachkhiani • Levan Chelidze •
Gaetano Cunsolo • Bady Dalloul • Aliénor Dauchez •
Braco Dimitrijevi • François Durif • Davit Giorgadze •
Marco Godoy • Petrit Halilaj • Gregory Hari • Siri
Hermansen • Karine Hoffman • Mar-tin Hotter •
Zhanna Kadyrova • Dmitri Kourliandski • Vincent
Lemaire • David Liver • Lado Lomitashvili • Randa
Maroufi • Sophio Medoidze • David Meskhi • Slava
Mogutin • Uriel Orlow • Joseph Perez • Joanna
Piotrowska • Louis Rollinde • Marinella Senatore •
Mükerrem Tuncay



Medea: Icons vs Logos

curated by Konstantine Bolkvadze

An exhibition of female Georgian artists exploring the theme of Medea in the context of cultural and historical relations between Georgia and Europe. In collaboration with Open Space Tbilisi.

Leila Shelia • Ketikapanadze • Maia Naveriani •
Nino Ziraqishvili • Nutsa Esebua.





David Kakabadze.

A retrospective

Curated by Nina Akhvlediani

This exhibition celebrates the 130th anniversary of the birth of one of the most influential Georgian artists. The body of work Kakabadze produced mainly lies on the margins of all modernist movements of the 20th century and preceded by several decades kinetic art of the 1950s. More than 70 paintings, drawings and assemblage make up a show that offers a unique perspective on the artist's work, highlighting the extraordinary holdings of artworks and archive material gathered by the artist's family.



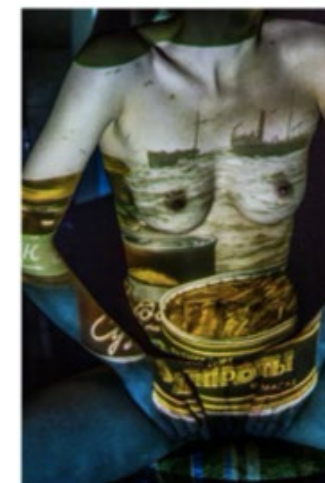
Palette of pain. Kharkiv School of Photography

curated by Roman Pyatkovka

A group show exploring the aesthetics of Kharkiv Photography from 1970 to 2019, whose representatives helped define contemporary art in Ukraine. In collaboration with Photo Kyiv.

Yevgeniy Pavlov • Igor Chekachkov •
Sergey Lebedinsky • Sergey Melnitchenko •
Roman Pyatkovka • Vladislav Krasnoschek

Many more exhibitions were part of the ART WEEK such as Oxygen (Stamba), Tabula rasa (Kunsthalle Tbilisi, Georgian National Museum), Corridor#1 (Wine Factory), Superhumans (Erti Gallery, Batonebi (Vanda Gallery)...





Eclipse

curated by Nestan Nijaradze

“Eclipse” is the series of images that have been produced in one of the strip clubs in Tbilisi in 2009-2013.

The original series gathers up to 100 images. The show featured on TAF 2019 puts together 40 photos, accompanied by interviews of strip dancers and the text of Antoine d’Agata. In collaboration with Tbilisi Tbilisi Photography & Multimedia Museum.

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TAF TALKS

TAF presented a series of talks on politics and art, identity and history in artist's practice, education and criticism, purposeful art collections...

CURATOR:

Irena Popiashvili - Dean of the School of Visual Arts, Architecture & Design School, VA[A]DS, at the Free University of Tbilisi

PARTICIPANTS:

Sohrab Mohebbi, Curator, Sculpture Center, Long Island City, New York

- Monika Sosnowska – Artist
- Charlotte Philipps - Collector
- Sten Ojavee - Curator and project manager I
- Center for Contemporary Arts, Estonia
- Saul Anton - Art Critic
- Michael Wilson - Art writer
- Nicola Trezzi - Director and Chief Curator of Center of Contemporary Art Tel Aviv, Israel
- Naomi Smolik – Art Journalist
- Levan Mindiashvili - Artist
- Levan Ghambashidze - Visual arts Teacher
- Elene Abashidze - Curator



VIP PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

- Soviet and Art Nouveau architecture tours.
- Estates and Studio visits from early 20th to emerging artists.
- Daily Georgian and international artists performances.
More than 30 exhibitions openings.
- Performance of the Georgian national ballet Sukhishvili at TAF.
- Jazz concert of Beka Gochiashvili and Guests.
- Daily wine and culinary tasting parties...

TheArt Gorgeous

How many times have the words “friendly” and “cosy” come to mind as you battle your way through hordes of swanky collectors at an art fair? Probably few to none. Well, the Tbilisi Art Fair (TAF) aims to be exactly that.

<https://theartgorgeous.com/>

Le Quotidien de l'Art

A fair on the edge of Europe, an intimate and original format that reveals a regional scene and takes us out of our usual circuits.

<https://www.lequotidiendelart.com/>



THE ART NEWSPAPER

Tbilisi Art Fair is back and proving real creativity goes way beyond the Venice Biennale. Azerbaijani artists are tackling gender taboos in this bold group show for Tbilisi Art Fair in honour of the centenary of women’s suffrage in the Caucasian state.

<https://www.calvertjournal.com/>

ARTSY

After the success and critical acclaim of the first edition in 2018, TAF 2nd edition promises to be one of the most dynamic events on the international arts calendar!

<https://www.artsy.net/>

THE CALVERT JOURNAL

A successful second edition of the fair, with visits to houses and studios, and lots of collateral shows. In fact, it seems that last month, Tbilisi was the place to be (after the Venice Biennale, of course).

<https://www.theartnewspaper.com/>

THE FREE PRESS JOURNAL

The Tbilisi Art Fair, now in its second edition, is endowing upon the city the gravitas of a serious international art destination.

<https://www.freepressjournal.in/>

COOL HUNTING™

The fair allows attendees to see the vibrancy of homegrown artists amidst their global peers. It’s predominantly composed of Georgian galleries (to its benefit) and Georgian artists truly impress the importance of the nation’s contemporary art scene on visitors.

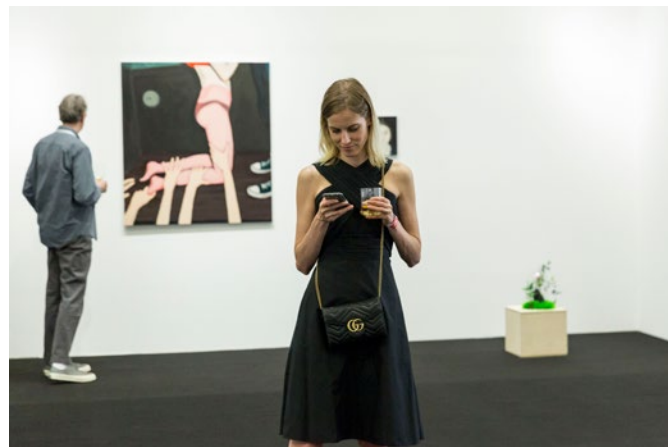
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INTERNATIONAL GUESTS HIGHLIGHTS

Anna Somers Cocks (Founder the Art Newspaper)
Sigrid Gloerfelt (collector, France)
Jean-Philippe Reza (collector, France)
Gilles Gaston Dreyfus (collector, France)
Angelica Larrain Maroto (collector, France)
Pascal Pillu (collector, France)
Sebastian Neuser (director Werner Gallery, Germany)
Stephane Cristol (collector, France)
Christian Brockstedt (collector, Belgium)
Natalia Akhmerova (collector, Russia)
Kamel Mennour (gallerist, France)
Charlotte Philips (collector, UK)
Ludovic Delalande (Louis Vuitton Foundation, France)
Keimis Henni (collector, France)
Jeff Cowen (artist - USA)
KATIE MELUA (singer - UK, GEORGIA)
Leigh Breslau and Irene Sherr (collectors - USA)

Nicolas V. Iljin (advisor to the director of State Hermitage - France)
Irina Kronrod (Sotheby's - UK)
Sandy Angus (Angus Montgomery - UK)
Rainald Schumacher (curator - Germany)
Vasili Tsereteli (director MMOMA - Russia, Georgia)
Marc Franco (advisor for Bozar - Belgium)
Rita Janssen (advisor for Bozar - Belgium)
Dirk Vermaelen (Europalia, Belgium)
Nikola Palazhenko (art basel, Russia)
Chloe Enstad (Art Forum)
Noemi Smolik (Frieze Magazine)
Yulia Belousova (The Art Gorgeous)
Attilia Fatori Franchini (curator, Italy)
Rafael Pic (Le Quotidien de l'Art)
Nicola Zanella (il sole 24 ore, Italy)





WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOME YOU FROM 14 TO 17 MAY IN SUNNY TBILISI!
For more information about TAF please visit www.tbilisiartfair.art or write us vip@tbilisiartfair.art

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