

Simona Vilău

Born on the 18th of May 1983, in Târgu-Jiu

Educational background:

- Since 2006 MA in Visual Arts at the National University of Arts, Bucharest,
Prof. Coord. Sorin Ilfoveanu
- 2002-2006 The National University of Arts, Bucharest, Faculty of Fine Arts, Painting
Department, class of prof. Sorin Ilfoveanu
- 1998-2002 *Constantin Brăiloiu* High School of Art , Târgu-Jiu

Professional experience:

- Since 2006 Teaching Assistant at the MA Department, National University of Arts,
Bucharest

Curatorial work:

- 2008 *La Funk La Freak, dieci visioni del narrativo contemporaneo [LA funk la
Freak, ten visions of contemporary narrative]*, Torre Civica di Mestre,
Italy
Mitologii temporare (proiect despre limită) [Temporary Mythologies
(project about limit)], Aripa Gallery, Turin, Italy
- 2007 *Magazia căpitanului și frumoasa Leonora* [The Captain's Storehouse and
Lovely Leonora], UNA Gallery, Bucharest
A sangue freddo/In Cold Blood/Cu sânge rece, Romanian Institute of
Culture and Humanistic Research, Venice, Italy
- 2006 *Konstruktion-12*, Nit Gallery, Bucharest
- Din 2006 Founding member of *Nit* (curatorial group within the Visual Artists Union
of Romania)
Board member of Nit Gallery, Bucharest
Board member of UNA Gallery, Bucharest
- 2005 Assistant Curator of the exhibition *Bonjour Europe!*, French Institute,
Bucharest

Symposia :

- 2004 International Symposium of Young Artists, 11th edition, Didymoteichon,
Greece
Sfântu Gheorghe (symposium organized by Anonimul Foundation)

Workshops:

- 2006 Workshops within the project *VIRUS! VIRUS!* of *La moitié pleine*
Association, UNA Gallery, Bucharest

Collaborations:

- Since 2007 *Atelier vizual* [Visual Workshop] heading, *Cuvântul* magazine

- 2006 Voluntary work as a coordinator of the children studio within the Department of Education, Communication and Cultural Projects, National Museum of Art of Romania
- Since 2005 Collaborations at the Radio Romania Cultural and in the press (*Dilema Veche, Cuvântul, Ziarul Financiar- Ziarul de duminică, Atelier deschis, Time out, altitudini*)

Other activities:

- 2006 Participation in *400% Rembrandt*, project initiated by Nit Gallery, Bucharest
- 2002 Wall painting in the Lecture Hall of *Virgil Madgearu* National Economic College, Târgu-Jiu
Comenius Medi@rt project, Romania - Czech Republic - Belgium

Solo exhibitions:

- 2007 *Communication Breakdown*, Cărturești Bookshop, Bucharest
- 2006 *Regele pe divan* [King on the Divan], Simeza Gallery, Bucharest
- 2005 *Frumoasa, Revolta & Greața* [Beauty, Revolt & Nausea], UNA Gallery, Bucharest
- 2003 *Alte Instantanee* [Other Snapshots], Vega Salon, Timișoara
- 2001 *Instantanee* [Snapshot], Visual Artists Union Gallery, Târgu-Jiu

Collective exhibitions:

- 2009 *La vera Romania, la nostra : famosi romeni nel mondo*, Palazzo Chianini Vicenzi, Arezzo, Italy
4x4.Instalația de cARTE [Art Book Installation], "Brancovan Palaces" Cultural Center, Mogoșoaia, Mogodorf Studios
Atelier în tranziție [Studio in Transition], IIInd edition, Bucharest
Breaking Off / Pushing Off / Stripping Off, Galeria Orizont, Bucharest
- 2008 *Independent Romanian Artists (IRA & friends)*, during TAFF (*Fine Fine Arts Fair*), Ist edition, Dalles Hall, Bucharest
International Show of Painting, Florean Museum, Baia Mare
Colophon, Romanian Institute for Culture and Humanistic Research, Venice, Italy
La Funk La Freak, dieci visioni del narrativo contemporaneo [LA funk la Freak, ten visions of contemporary narrative], Torre Civica di Mestre, Italy
7 parallel 7, Etaj ¾ Gallery, National Museum of Contemporary Art, Bucharest; MOYA – Museum of Young Art, Vienna, Austria
Mitologii temporare (proiect despre limită) [Temporary Mythologies (project about limit)], Aripa Gallery, Turin, Italy
- 2006 *Transmisiuni 3/Transmissionen 3* [Transmissions 3], State Academy of Art and Design Gallery, Stuttgart, Germany
Frumoasa și Bestia [The Beauty and the Beast], Casa Matei Gallery, Cluj-Napoca; Anaid Art Gallery, Bucharest; Brukenthal Museum, Sibiu
Cca. 1983, Etaj 3/4 Gallery, National Theater Bucharest

- Artmix*, interactive presentation, Romanian contemporary art archive, University Square, Bucharest
Primavera Young Artists Gala, Central University Library, Bucharest
 2005 The Visual Artists Union 2005 Awards Exhibition, Artis Gallery, Bucharest
Figurativo leggero, Accademia di Romania, Rome, Italy
Bonjour Europe !, French Institute, Bucharest
Arte e Arta Foundation Contest, Bucharest
 2004 Ferrari Show, Prisma Complex, Bucharest
 Prometheus Club, Bucharest
Desktop Oracle, organized by Oracle Romania, Europe House, Bucharest
 2003 *Acum [Now]*, Radio Hall, Bucharest
 2002 *Charo Marin - Simona Vilău*, Art Museum of Târgu-Jiu

International exhibitions:

- 2008 *Biennale delle Arti dell'Unita d'Italia*, Caserta, Italy
 2004 *Paris des Ostens*, Munich, Germany
 2003 *Medi@rt*, Habay-le-Neuve, Belgium
 2002 *Medi@rt*, Pisek, Czech Republic
 2000 *2000 en musique*, Voisins-le-Bretonneux, France
 1998 International Salon, 4th District City Hall, Paris, France

Public collections:

Childhood Session II, Oedipus Series - Arte e Arta Foundation

Awards:

- 2006 Mention for painting, *Gheorghe Petrașcu* Biennial, Târgoviște
 2006 *Alexandru Țipoia* Prize for the best exhibition of a young artist during 2005 in Bucharest
 The Grand Prize of the National University of Arts Senate for her graduation work
 The Prize of *Frații Bucovineni Sârghie* Foundation for outstanding performance at her graduation
 2nd Prize, *Primavera* Young Artists Gala, Bucharest
 2005 Mention, *Arte e Arta* Foundation Contest, Bucharest
 1st Prize, *Elite Café* Design Contest, Bucharest
 2004 2nd Prize, Ferrari Show, Bucharest

Bibliography:

Publications:

- Adriana Oprea, *7 parallel 7*, MOYA – Museum of Young Art, Vienna, 2008, p.54
 Cosmin Năsui, Modernismul post-Baba, *România liberă*, 22.05.2007
 Aurelia Mocanu, Corpul psy, *Ziarul financiar (Ziarul de duminică)*, 4.08.2006
 I.A., Vernisaj la Simeza, *Cronica Română*, 11.07.2006
 Olivia Nițiș, Simona Vilău-„Je est un autre”, *altitudini*, nr.3/2006
 Oana Bărbulescu, Poveste, *Ziarul Financiar (Ziarul de duminică)*, 8.07.2005

Catalogues:

Transmisiuni 3/Transmissionen 3, Ed. UNARTE, 2006, pp.11, 36-37

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<http://www.artmix.ro/artists.php?opt=artists&mod=profile&sort=alpha&search=&letter=&page=3&id=92&item=&subitem=&guid=1281654946>