## Veronika Desova

Curriculum Vitae

Architect (MArch / ARB) and Multimedia Visual Artist / Educator Bulgarian & Scottish; Born in Varna, Bulgaria / Based in Glasgow, UK.

Education

2021 - 2022 Advanced Diploma in Professional Practice in Architecture Glasgow School of Art, Glasgow UK

Sept 2019 - Jan 2020 Masters Degree in Architecture Glasgow School of Art, Glasgow UK

Sept 2017 - May 2019 Diploma in Architecture RIBA Part II Glasgow School of Art, Glasgow UK

2016 - Study exchange, Paris FR Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Architecture de Paris La Villette

2013 - 2017 Architecture Studies, RIBA Part 1 University of Strathclyde, Glasgow UK

Solo Exhibitions

2025

'Room At The End of The World III' Exhibition and Performance Outer Spaces, Glasgow

2025 'Market of Desire' (solo exhibition part of research residency) Le Cairn, foyer d'art contemporain Digne-Les Bains, France

2024 'Nobody Can Give You What I Can Promise' Punta Gallery & Posta Space, Sofia, Bulgaria Art Performances

2025 'Room At The End of The World III' (Anticipated) Outer Spaces, Glasgow

2024 'Room At The End of The World II' 'Devet Slona' City Festival, Sofia (Held at European Trade Centre, Sofia, BG)

2024 'Room At The End of The World' 'BUNA' Forum for Contemporary Art, Varna Bulgaria

Group Exhibitions

2025

BUNA III: Forum of Contemporary Art in Varna (БУНА: Форум за съвременно изкуство Варна) Dosev Art Space, Varna, Bulgaria

This Exhibition Was Supposed to Be About Kitsch KO-OP Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria

Are You A Modern Girl? Rituals & Nowness Punta Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria

2024 SPORNO - Sofia International Festival Bobbina Art Space, Sofia, Bulgaria

BUNA II: Forum of Contemporary Art in Varna (БУНА: Форум за съвременно изкуство Варна) Various Locations, Varna, Bulgaria

Impossible Enough To Be An Art Space (Part of Ogms Cabinet by Ivan Moudov) Lichtekooi Artspace, Antwerp, Belgium

Then and Now: 100 Years of Visual Arts Scotland Royal Scottish Academy, Edinburgh UK

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2023 Tacky Fondue - Annual Members Group Show Saltspace Art Gallery, Glasgow UK

BAZA Award Group Exhibition Sofia City Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria

Possible Bodies Doza Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria

'A Fragile Correspondence', Scotland + Venice Pavilion, The Laboratory of the Future Venice Biennale, Venice, Italy

196th Annual Exhibition Royal Scottish Academy of Art and Architecture, Edinburgh, UK (RSA Gold Medal for Architecture Winner of the Exhibition)

BUNA I: Forum of Contemporary Art in Varna Rebonkers, Varna, Bulgaria

'It'll Be Alright' Group Exhibition and Book Publication The Alchemy Experiment, Glasgow, UK

2022 'Re-Spirit, Trans-Spirit' SAW (Sofia and Varna Art Week) Group Exhibitions Various Locations, Bulgaria

'Tangible / Intangible' (Organiser and Curator) The Haberdashery, Glasgow, UK

'We break: Re-Create' 'Co-Interest' Tea House and Gallery Shenzhen, China

Danube Contemporary Biennale 'Shapes and Personality' Kunsthaus 7B, Sibiu, Romania (representing Bulgaria)

195th Annual Exhibition Royal Scottish Academy of Art and Architecture, Edinburgh

#### 2021 'Elements' at The Soane Museum, London, UK Collaborative Research Project on Gillespie Kidd and Coia and Sir John Soane

2020 New Beginnings (digital exhibition) Bedroom Artists, London, UK

Love in the Time of Covid The Alchemy Experiment, Glasgow, UK

Inner World Boomer Gallery, London, UK

40th Anniversary of Royal Scottish Academy (Sir John Kinross Scholarship), Edinburgh, UK

Soane's Bank of England's Disappeared Body Parts (Master's Project) Grace and Clark Fyfe Gallery, Glasgow, UK

Antwerp: Myth, Modernity and Metamorphosis Final Year Thesis Degree Show MSA Bourdon Buildng, Glasgow, UK

2015 Fundraising Exhibition for the Mackintosh Building The Old Hairdresser's, Glasgow, UK

Residencies & Professional Experience

Sept 2024 & Sept 2025 Research Artist Collaborative Residency CAIRN Centre d'Art, Digne-les-Bains, France

March - April 2025 Research Residency @ Eastern Balkans Institute of Art and Architecture Sofia, Bulgaria

April 2024- June 2024 Punta Art Gallery Residency Punta Art Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria

Sept 2022 - May 2025 Design Tutor in Architecture Studies Strathclyde Uni, Glasgow, UK

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Oct 2019 - June 2025 Architect at Stallan-Brand Architecs Glasgow, UK

July 2018 - Nov 2018 Model Maker / Sculptor in Residence McGinlay Bell Architects, Glasgow

Feb 2017 - Aug 2017 Architectural Intern Henning Larsen, Munich, Germany

Aug 2016 - Feb 2017 Architectural Intern Sheppard Robson Architects, Glasgow

Sept 2015 - May 2016 President of Architecture Society Strathclyde University, Glasgow

Summer 2014 Renovation/Archeology Intern Varna Archeological Museum, Varna, Bulgaria

Publications

2024 'Red Road Collapses' Punta Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria

2023 'For What Is an Empty Hoose But a Body Without Organs' RIAS Quarterly Magazine - 2023 Summer Issue 54

2023 'It'll Be Alright' The Alchemy Experiment, Glasgow UK

2020 'Love in the Time of Covid' The Alchemy Experiment, Glasgow UK

2017 Space and Dwelling (With Anton Kolev) Essay for Philosophia.bg Awards

2025 Fulbright Bulgarian Leaders Grant Stipend (for further artistic development)

2025 Strathclyde Excellence Award (SEA) Strathclyde University - Architecture Department

2025 GIA - Support Grant GIA (Glasgow Institue of Architects)

2023 Gold Medal for Architecture Royal Scottish Academy (for 'The Mirror(ed) Stage' Project with Lewis McNeill)

#### 2023

BAZA Award (Nomination) for Best Young Contemporary Visual Artist in Bulgaria Group Exhibition and Nomination at Sofia City Gallery

#### 2019

'Landscape Prize' for Architecture Thesis Project Glasgow School of Art

2019 GSA Sustainability Prize for Architecture (High Commendation) - Glasgow School of Art

2018 Sir John Kinross Florence Travel Scholarship Florence, Italy Award by Royal Scottish Academy, Edinburgh

2018 Urban Housing Masterplan Student Prize (Commendation) The Royal Incorporation of Architects Scotland

2015 & 2016 GIA Student Awards (Commendation) GIA - Glasgow Institute of Architects

2015 International Rome Architecture and Cinema Competition (Finalist) - Collaboration with Marco Zaccaria START Competition

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Workshops / Public Speaking / Other

#### 2025

'Unstable Structures' - Seminar part of ArchiFringe Festival Oxford Chambers Courtroom, Glasgow

'Serious' - Examining Glasgow and the Sublime Architecture Talk @ Strathclyde University Architecture Department

'Museum on Air' Bulgarian National Radio Podcast

Talk with curator of group show 'This Exhibition Was Supposed to Be About Kitsch' - Sofia, Bulgaria

Architecture Summer School - Participating Teacher Invitation of NAH Collective (New Architecture Heritage) Various Locations - Sofia, Bulgaria

Scent Vocabularies Workshop with Applied Arts High School Students Fascilitated by Punta Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria

2024 'Architecture Meets Art' - Charity Art Auction Participation Collective Architecture, Glasgow Scotland

Public Arts Talk about Solo Exhibition 'Nobody Can Give You What I Can Promise' - invitation by Bulgarian National TV (by curator Vikenti Komitski) Punta Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria

#### 2023

Streets Ahead (Student Competition) - part of Jury Panel V&A Museum, Dundee, Scotland

2022 - 2025

Public Speaking - Lectures and workshops @ Glasgow School of Art and Strathclyde University

#### 2022

Danube Contemporary Biennale 'Shapes and Personality' - Public Artist Talk with curators Kunsthaus 7B, Sibiu, Romania (representing Bulgaria)

#### 2020

Soane's Bank of England's Disappeared Body Parts (Master's Project) - Artist / Architecture Talk Grace and Clark Fyfe Gallery, Glasgow, UK

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Antwerp: Myth, Modernity and Metamorphosis Final Year Thesis Degree Show - Public Presentation MSA Bourdon Buildng, Glasgow, UK