



Artist Biography:

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The Artists had many smaller exhibitions in many different places in the world but here we will mention only the most important exhibitions by now:

- *2009 Southern Nevada Museum of Contemporary Art - International contemporary Masters #3 book curated by Despina Tunberg. Artwork kept in the Museum Pastel is the painting "Bridge"- Soft Pastel, Framed. The Books by the same curator were Important Artists of the world, which has the Painting Bridge on the cover, and Dictionary of Artists*

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- *2010 New York Arts Magazine - She was selected and presented in the Magazine, Broadway Gallery and New York Art Magazine website as one of the top 10 artists according to her popularity on the internet among art lovers.*
The selection was made by Basak Malone and Abraham Lubelski
- *2013 ATIM Top 60 Contemporary Masters curated by Viviana Puello - Presented a Selection of the artist made by Critics that were presenting the new group of leading masters in 21 century. Art Tour International Magazine has the annual selection, but 2011 was the first one.*
 - *(2012 -2017 ...) Effeto Arte Magazine recognized Marija as one of the best contemporary artist in 21 century. She was presented in that group of artists by curators who gave her recognition, as presentations in magazines, books, and catalogs. This recognition were given as awards by Francesco Saverio Russo, Salvatore Russo "Best Modern and Contemporary Artists Book" , Sandro Seradfalco and Paolo Levi's Effeto Art magazine, and By Vitorio Sgabi, in his selection of Artists for the book "Artisti" and for bebopart.com web site . The receptions were held as important public events of culture, mostly in Italy but also in London UK, and Berlin, Germany. Italy is the place where many international critics recognized this artist: These critics belong to many different organizations of culture: Academia Italia in Arte, Art Expo Gallery, Studio Byblos, Galleria Colectionsta, Foundation Costanza ...*

- Europe Art Museum that is gathering artists from all over the Europe continent in an educated group and specific group of people that are presenting art movement , art styles and their influences at the beginning of 21 century. The museum gathered the artists that painted the new history of art from 2000- 2025 . Special thanks to Leif Nielsen, a famous Denmark fine artist who is the main organizer of this interesting museum. Web site presents the countries where the artist is from, in order to analyze and connect the style from the past with new development through the history of art that is continuing though this people's art. This story is connected to the place of artists' birth and their lives. The artwork of Marija Tanaskovic Papadopoulos that is a museum is photography" Portrait in the Mirror 2004" - Presenting the country of Serbia.
- Art Expo Exhibitions in Monaco and France 2016 and 2017 brought her two beautiful awards. One is Oscar for art and Another one is the Premio Binale Palama d'oro per l'arte. The exhibition is organized by Ar Expo gallery professionals and curators and supported by Bionscurio magazine.
- (2016 -2017...) South Korean Exhibition in 2016 in Hagaemang Museum of Nature, and Human Coexistence, brought to the light the environmental issues on our planet. "Drawing the Environment with Art was a big group exhibition where Marija send her "The Eye of The Sky" that was permanently kept in the museum. This was the honor that all the artists that participated had. But only the selected group had the opportunity and to earn the certificate of Art director as master of their medium. Maria is a *certified expert member of the Art Committee of the International Culture and Arts Federation in the field of painting.*

After the International Exhibition in South Korea Incheon in 2016 and 2017 got her the special prize two times. The first time was for the artwork "Deep Dive"2016 and the second time for the artwork "White Pigeon". The Sejong Center in Seoul was showing her work "Water, Soul, and Meaning of Clarity" as part of a big exhibition of artists selected by a big committee of art professionals in South Korea. All exhibitions were juries and Awards were presented officially in Seoul. Special thanks to Yoo Cheng Yeul, a famous Korean fine artist, who gave a great effort to organize and select artists for all these exhibitions.

- Art Museum and Cultural Center in Incheon Metropolitan City organized a special exhibition of this artist, honoring her among many international artists in her separate commemorative booth in 2020. She is the first foreign artist that got this invitation, called "Invited Artist" because of the highest score she achieved among other foreign competitors for her artistic merit. Special thanks to Famous Korean Artist Yoo Choong Yeul for a great organization, support for artists, and all the art news.
 - 2021 Chang Kil- Hwan Art Museum, Beyond the Borders - Big international exhibition Exhibition, Artwork presented was "Possessed by Air" digital photography, Chairman is Chang Kil-Hwan. The exhibition was curated by PhD. Myng Tae-Sook
- Top 10 Contemporary Artists by publishing house in UK, Masters of Today, Placed her among Top ten Contemporary Artists of today in their special Art Book 2020. The book was created by renowned artist and curator Mr Petry Russy.
- 2020 Art Exhibition "Only Birds Fly Free" in Art Gallery in the Anatolian Ancient town Nigde in Turkey, was organized by artist Safa Butte in 2020. The exhibitions are highly respected. Artist presented a digital graphic created especially for that exhibition. "Droplets of Divine"

- 2021, 2022 ...Gallery Around the world presented several artworks in Several Special exhibitions in Egypt organized and curated, by Esmail Bakr, who is an artist and a TV director of Channel 7 at Upper Egypt. Gallery became a very important cultural venue that exists not only as a cultural institution but operates on a luxurious ship.
- 2022vArtist and Film director Paulo Duarte Philipe made series of Exhibition in Libraries in UK. Chapman Library is one of them. Participating artists are members of GApi association in Sount Korea.