

# Andra Ursuța

## Biography

Andra Ursuța was born in 1979 in Salonta, Romania; she lives and works in New York.

Ursuța works with sculpture, creating installations inspired by personal memories, along with past and present histories. Her work touches on dark notions such as violence, death, and war emulating feelings of melancholia whilst encompassing a sense of irony.

Ursuța uses different materials of common use such as cement, wax, marble and plaster, superimposing popular, folkloristic, autobiographical symbolic references and reflections on her identity: constantly moving between the sacred and the profane highlighting the decadence of the Western culture based on the concept of purity and supremacy.

### Solo exhibitions

#### 2022

2022 - Andra Ursuța: Joy Revision, David Zwirner, London, UK

#### 2021

2021 - Otto Dix / Andra Ursuța, Egan and Rosen, New York, USA

2021 - Void Fill, David Zwirner, Paris, F

2021 - Andra Ursuța: Void Fill, David Zwirner, Paris, F

#### 2019

2019 - Andra Ursuța: Nobodies, Ramiken, New York, USA

2019 - Nobodies, Ramiken Crucible, New York, USA

#### 2018

2018 - Vanilla Isis, Fondazione Sandretto Re Rebaudengo, Torino, I

#### 2017

2017 - The Man from the Internet, Massimo De Carlo, Milano, I

#### 2016

2016 - Alps, New Museum of Contemporary Art, New York, USA. Catalogue

#### 2015

2015 - Whites, Kunsthalle Basel, Basel, CH

2015 - Andra Ursuta, ICA, Miami, USA

2015 - Enslavables, Massimo De Carlo, London, UK

#### 2014

2014 - Hammer Projects: Andra Ursuta, Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, USA

2014 - Scytheseeing, Kolnischer Kunstverein, Köln, D

**2013**

2013 - Solitary Fitness, Venus Over Manhattan, New York, USA

**2012**

2012 - Mothers, Let Your Daughters Out in the Streets, François Ghebaly Gallery, Los Angeles, USA  
2012 - MAGICAL TERRORISM, RAMIKEN, New York, USA

**2011**

2011 - Vandal Lust, RAMIKEN CRUCIBLE, New York, USA

**2010**

2010 - The Management of Barbarism, RAMIKEN CRUCIBLE, New York, USA

**Group exhibitions****2023**

2023 - Reaching for the Stars, Da Maurizio Cattelan a Lynette Yiadom-Boakye, curated by Arturo Galansino, Fondazione Palazzo Strozzi, Firenze, I

**2022**

2022 - The Milk of Dreams, 59. Esposizione Internazionale d'Arte, Venezia, I. Catalogue  
2022 - ARS22 - Living encounters, Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma, Helsinki, FI  
2022 - Trophy, Ramiken, New York Vessels, David Zwirner, London, UK  
2022 - Trophy, David Zwirner, London, UK  
2022 - 59. Esposizione Internazionale d'Arte, La Biennale di Venezia, Venezia, I. Catalogue

**2021**

2021 - Andra Ursuța: Void Fill, David Zwirner, Paris, F

**2019**

2019 - MCMXXXIV, Massimo De Carlo, Milano, I  
2019 - Emissaries for Things Abandoned by Gods, curated by Elena Filipovic, Estancia FEMSA – Casa Luis Barragán, Ciudad de México, MEX  
2019 - May You Live In Interesting Times, 58. Esposizione Internazionale d'Arte, Venezia, I. Catalogue  
2019 - Andra Ursuta, Maria Lai, Carl Andre, Massimo De Carlo, London, UK

**2018**

2018 - Experience Traps, Middelheim Museum, Antwerpen, B

**2017**

2017 - A Good Neighbour. 15th Istanbul Biennial, curated by Elmgreen & Dragset, Istanbul foundation for culture and arts, Istanbul, TR  
2017 - The Trick Brain, curated by Massimiliano Gioni, Aishti Foundation, Beirut, LB  
2017 - La Terra Inquieta (The Restless Earth), La Triennale di Milano, Milano, I. Catalogue

**2016**

2016 - Self, Massimo De Carlo, London, UK

**2015**

2015 - The Avant-Garde Won't Give Up: Cobra and Its Legacy, curated by Alison M. Gingeras, Blum & Poe, Los Angeles, USA. Catalogue  
2015 - La vie moderne, 13th Lyon Biennale, Lyon, F  
2015 - La Grande Madre, Palazzo Reale, Milano, I. Catalogue  
2015 - Artists and Poets, curated by Ugo Rondinone, Secession, Wien, A  
2015 - Inside, Palais de Tokyo, Paris, F

**2014**

2014 - HOME/SCULPTURE, Massimo De Carlo, London, UK  
2014 - Body Languages, Saatchi Gallery, London, UK  
2014 - Fartchitectures, Peep-hole, Milano, I

2014 - One Torino: Shit and Die, curated by Maurizio Cattelan, Palazzo Cavour, Torino, I

### **2013**

2013 - Busted, The High Line, New York, USA

2013 - Expo1, MoMA PS1, New York, USA

2013 - Always Yours, Des Objets Manqués, Des Monuments, curated by Neil Beloufa, Balice Hertling, Paris, F

2013 - Reckless Head, Michael Benevento, Los Angeles, USA

2013 - Rien Faire et Laisser Rire, Galerie Rodolphe Janssen, Bruxelles, B

2013 - The Encyclopedic Palace, curated by Massimiliano Gioni, 55th International Venice Biennial, Venezia, I. Catalogue

2013 - Busted, The High Line, New York, USA

2013 - Freak Out, Greene Naftali Gallery, New York, USA

### **2012**

2012 - Hot Time Tub Machine, CANADA, New York, USA

2012 - Nunc, et in Hora Mortis Nostrae, Galerie Rodolphe Janssen, Bruxelles, B

2012 - Material Underground, François Ghebaly Gallery, Los Angeles, USA

2012 - Cavein, Arcillas, Puerto Rico, PR

2012 - STRAIGHT UP, curated by Alice Conconi, Elena Tavecchia, Family Business, New York, USA

2012 - à rebours, Venus Over Manhattan, New York, USA

2012 - Creature From the Blue Lagoon, Bridgehampton, New York, USA

### **2011**

2011 - WIN LAST DONT CARE, Ramiken Crucible, New York, USA

2011 - Gaslit!, Bass International Fine Art Co, Beacon, USA

2011 - The 2011 Bridgehampton Biennial , curated by Bob Nickas, Bridgehampton, New York, USA

2011 - Glee, Blum & Poe Gallery, Los Angeles, USA

2011 - Pure Freude, Nationalmuseum, Berlin, D

2011 - Ostalgia, New Museum of Contemporary Art, New York, USA

### **2010**

2010 - One Acre Plot, Mountain Dale, USA

2010 - The Inaugural, RAMIKEN CRUCIBLE, New York, USA

2010 - Chapter 1: Ever After, C. Bass International Fine Art Co, Beacon, USA

2010 - Looking Back / The 5th White Columns Annual, White Columns, New York, USA

### **2009**

2009 - Crosses, Janos Gat Gallery, New York, USA

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## 2020

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## 2019

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## 2018

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Mateos, Pierre-Alexandre e Charles Teyssou. "Andra Ursuța Monuments and Shame", *L'Officiel Art International*, n. 27, September/October/November 2018, pp. 96 - 103.

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## 2017

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## 2016

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## 2015

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## 2014

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## 2013

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# Public Collections

## **Greece**

DESTE Foundation for Contemporary Art, Athens  
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## **Italy**

Fondazione Sandretto Re Rebaudengo, Torino

## **Lebanon**

Aishti Foundation, Beirut

## **United States of America**

Hammer Museum, Los Angeles  
Institute of Contemporary Art, Miami  
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Tate, UK