

## **Maia Iotzova**

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## **EDUCATION**

1998- 2002 **Bachelor of Arts Honours, Major: Studio Arts, University of Guelph**

1991-1996 **Diploma in Photography, Julius Futhik Polytechnic High School, Sofia, Bulgaria**

## **GRAPHIC NOVELS**

*Pieces of Me*, long form graphic novel (2020-present)

## **FILM and VIDEO**

*Sofia's Epicenter*, 13 min (2020), experimental documentary

### Awards:

Winner for Best Experimental Film – Student Jury Award at the Blue Danube Film Festival, Austria, Hungary, 2020

### Festivals:

Anitmatter Media Art Festival, Canada, October 2020

Kinomorpha Film Festival, Bulgaria, September 2020

*With Air and Salt, Unbreakable Health*, 7 min (2018), experimental film

### Festivals:

The 2020 Film and Video Poetry Symposium, United States, October 2020

Cadence: Video Poetry Festival, United States, April 2020

Solothurn Film Festival, Switzerland, January 2019

Les Rendez-vous Québec Cinéma, Canada, February 2019

*Vulture's Love*, 6 min (2016), documentary film

### Festivals:

15<sup>th</sup> In the Palace International Short Film Festival, June 2018

### Video Installation:

Water Tower Art Festival, Sofia, Bulgaria, June 19 2016

Natural Park Rusenski Lom and Ruse Art Gallery, September 2015

*From the Outside, In – A Study of Ruse #3*, 5 min, (2016), video dance

### Festivals:

25<sup>th</sup> Process Space Art Festival, Gallery of the Union of Ruse Artists, Ruse, Bulgaria, June 2016  
10th Anniversary Water Tower Art Fest, Cinema House, Sofia, Bulgaria, June 2016  
20th Anniversary Sofia Underground International Performance Art Festival, Sofia, Bulgaria, April 2017  
Moving Body Dance Platform, Varna, Bulgaria, August 2017

Screenings:

"Safety Pin" Process Space Art and Video Retrospective, Gallery of the Union of Bulgarian Artists, Sofia, December 2016

**Green Dream**, 50 min. (2015), an author documentary

Awards:

Best Feature Film at the 6th International Festival for Ecological Films - EcoFest, Romania 2016

Festivals:

Albania Environmental Film Festival, Albania, October, 2017  
Golden Rython - Documentary and Animation Film Festival, Plovdiv, Bulgaria, December 2015  
Tassie Eco Film Festival, Australia, November 2015  
8<sup>th</sup> International Kuala Lumpur Eco Film Festival, Malaysia, October 18 2015  
Sofia Biting Docs, Sofia, Bulgaria, October 12 2015 - Opening night film  
Water Tower Art Festival, Sofia, Bulgaria, June 22 2015

Screenings:

Nairs Contemporary Art Centre, Scuol, Switzerland, October 2017  
Saul-Bellow Library, 1 Million Horizons, Montréal, Canada August 2017  
La Galerie d'art Stewart Hall, Montréal, Canada, January 27 2016  
Ruse Art Gallery, Lomea Art Symposium, Ruse, Bulgaria, September 2015  
Neues Kino, Basel, Switzerland, June 18/19 2015  
Cinema Out of the Box, Montréal, Québec, August 12 2015  
Cinémathèque Québécoise, Montréal, Québec, April 8 2015

**Lela**, 3 min, (2013), a music video for the band Briga

**Maia**, 1 min, (2010), a stop motion animation created in collaboration with Rickie Lea Owens

Festivals:

Montreal 60 Second Film Festival, August 2010

**Grass Through Concrete – The Struggle to Protect the Red Hill Valley**, 72 min, (2005), documentary

Broadcasts:

Free Speech TV, Bolder, Colorado, 2006

Festivals:

Festivals: Bay Street Film Festival, Thunder Bay, Ontario, September 16 2005  
Okanagan Film Festival, Paramount Theatre, Kelowna, British Columbia, March 13 2005  
RIFF - Real Independent Film Festival, Queen Alexandra Community Hall, Edmonton, Alberta, January 14 2005

Selected Screenings:

Sky Dragon Media Centre, Hamilton Ontario, September 15 2006  
Ed Video, Guelph, Ontario, September 14 2006  
Cinema 379, Peterborough, Ontario, April 22 2005  
Gallery Vertigo, Vernon British Columbia, April 14 2005

Vernon Art Gallery, Vernon, British Columbia, March 22 2005  
The Movie Palace Cinema,, Hamilton, Ontario, January 27 2005  
The Staircase Theatre, Hamilton, Ontario, January 5 - 7 2005

## EXHIBITIONS

### ***Wild City Mapping/ Cartographie ré-imaginée***

Solo exhibition

photo, video and mixed media

July – August 2022, Maison de la culture de Côte-des-Neiges, Montréal, Québec

### ***Isuma Collective representing Canada at Venice Biennale in 2019***

Participant in the Inuit led video art collective, which represents Canada at the 58<sup>th</sup> Venice Biennale.

May 11 – November 24 2019

### ***Water Tower Art Residency 2***, exhibition of results

June 15 – 19 2018, Myasto 167, Sofia, Bulgaria

### ***Wild City Mapping – Cartographie Ré-Imaginée***, exhibition part of the series « Un million d’horizons » for the 375<sup>e</sup>

Anniversary of Montreal. Commissaire invitée : Nathalie Bachand

August 9 – September 4 2017, Saul Bellow Library, Lachine, Montréal, Québec

### ***Love is a Whole Other Creature***, multiscreen installation

Supported by PRIM/MAI creative residence

Solo Exhibition, April 27 – May 3, 2019, Gallery SKC, Croatia

Solo Exhibition, February 3 - 11 2017, MAI (Montréal, arts interculturels)

### ***Wild City Mapping at Hochelaga***, site specific installation in a public green space

Created during the residency program Espace Libre pour la Culture, Conscience Urbaine, Montreal, September 2016

### ***From the Outside, In – A Study of Ruse #1***, site specific installation

Process-Space Art Festival, Ruse, Bulgaria, June, 2016

## NEW MEDIA

### ***Wild City Mapping – Cartographie Ré-Imaginée***, (2014 – Present), an on-line map and a multidisciplinary project,

mapping the personal significance of wild green spaces in Montreal. (founding artist) [www.wildcitymapping.org](http://www.wildcitymapping.org)

Launched at Studio XX, Wired Women Salon #106, February 27 2015, Montréal, Quebec

### ***Green Dream at Le Champ des Possibles***, an on-line community map of a green space in the Mile End neighbourhood

in Montréal, October 2009.

### ***I know a place...***, a community mapping project utilizing locative media. Created during a residency at the Banff New

Media Institute in November 2008.

**Festivals:** Women in Film Festival, March 2009, Vancouver, British Columbia

## ARTIST TALKS

**Un Million d'Horizons, Wild City Mapping – Cartographie Ré-Imaginée** – Saul Bellow Library, Montréal, August 25, 2017

**Jane Walk, Wild City Mapping**, Centre d'écologie urbaine de Montréal - May 7 and 8, 2016

**Labsessions #9**, in participation with The Society for Arts and Technology (SAT), the Conseil québécois des arts médiatiques (CQAM), Agence TOPO, Eastern Bloc, ELEKTRA-BIAN, Labo NT2, OBORO, PRIM, Studio XX and Vidéographe Presented the *Wild City Mapping Project*, January 21, 2016

**Stewart Hall Art Gallery**, Demystifying Art series, artist talk with Thomas Kneubuhler, Pointe Claire, January 27, 2016

**Salon Femmes branchées/ Wired Women Salon #106, Studio XX**, Presented my work in relation with the *Wild City Mapping Project*, February 27 2015

## GRANTS and RESIDENCIES

**Canada Council for the Arts** – creation grant for the graphic novel "*The Ruins of Everything I Love*", January – October 2021

**Vidéographe Mentorship Program** - mentor for animation Eleonore Goldberg, October 2018 – October 2019

**Conseil des arts et des lettres du Québec** – Travel Grant to Solothurn Film Festival, January 2019

**Water Tower Art Residency** – Visual Art Residency with focus on socially engaged art, June 1 – 19 2018

**NAIRS Art Foundation** – Residency in Scuol, Switzerland, October 1 – October 30 2017

**Conseil des arts et des lettres du Québec** – Travel Grant, September 2017

**Un Million d'Horizons** – Community engaged residency, August 8 – August 16 2017

**Espace Libre pour la Culture** - Conscience Urbaine, Montreal, September 2016

**MAI (Montréal arts interculturels) and PRIM** – Production Residency, 2016 - 2017

**Process-Space Art Festival** – Festival with an art residency, Ruse, Bulgaria, June 2016

**Conseil des arts et des lettres du Québec** – Travel Grant, May 2016

**Field Notes\_Hybrid Matters - Encounters in a Layered Landscape** - Science and art field laboratory organized by the Finish Society of Bioart, Kilpisjärvi, Lapland, Finland, September 14- 21, 2015

**Lomea Art Symposium for Contemporary Art** - Natural Park Rusenski Lom, Ruse, Bulgaria, August 28-September 6, 2015

**Canada Arts Council** – Production grant for film, 2009

**Banff New Media Institute** - Locative Media Residency, Banff, Alberta, November, 2008

**Filmmaker Assistance Program - National Film Board** - Vancouver, British Columbia, 2007