



KAJA UPELJ

1992 | Born in Ljubljana, Slovenia
Lives and works between London and Ljubljana

EDUCATION

2018 | Royal College of Art
MA Ceramics and Glass, London
2016 | Academy of Fine Arts and Design
BA of Applied Art, Ljubljana
2014 | Estonian Academy of Arts
BA Glass Art and Design, Tallinn

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS AND ART FAIRS

2023 | We All Get to Paradise
CabanaMad Gallery, Milan, Italy
| Collect Art Fair 2023
Joanna Bird Gallery, Somerset House, London, GB
| Green World
Emma Scully Gallery, New York City, USA
2022 | Where There's Nothing Else Left, Hold me Tighter
Ljubljana's Castle, Ljubljana, SLO
| Design Miami 2022
Emma Scully Gallery, Miami Beach Convention Center, Miami, USA
| Point of Balance
Joanna Bird Gallery, London, GB
| Future Fair
Emma Scully Gallery, Chelsea Industrial, New York City, USA
| Crafting a More Human Future
Homo Gaber Foundation, Fondazione Giorgio Cini, Venice, Italy
| Collect Art Fair 2022
Officine Saffi, Somerset House, London, GB
2021 | Townhaus Collective
Soshiro Gallery, London, GB
| Magazzino / Warehouse
Officine Saffi, Milan, Italy
2020 | Main Dishes: A Ceramics Encyclopedia
Officine Saffi, Milan, Italy
| Every Corner Of Every Tale
CabanaMad Gallery, Lizbon, Portugal
| Miart Art Fair 2020
Officine Saffi, Milan, Italy
| New Acquisition
Glasmuseum Lette, Coesfelf, Germany

- I Collect Art Fair 2020
Officine Saffi, Somerset House, London,GB
- I Noman Circle 2020
Officine Saffi, Chesa Planta, Samedan, Switzerland
- 2019 I Lake Como Art Fair
Officine Saffi, Teatro Sociale Como, Como, Italy
- I Nomad Circle 2019
Officine Saffi, Palazzo Soranzo Van Axel, Venice, Italy
- I Milan Design Week / Perfect Darkness
Officine Saffi, Milan, Italy
- I Miart Art Fair 2019
Officine Saffi, Milan, Italy
- I Collect Art Fair 2019
Officine Saffi, Saatchi Gallery, London, GB
- I New Horizons Young Talents Exhibition
Coast Gallery, CHINA
- 2018 I West Bund Art & Design Expo
The cultural power Institute, China
- I China Craft Week 2018
Hangzou Creative Design Center, China
- I New Graduate Show 2018
London Glassblowing, GB
- I Graduation Show 2018
Royal College of Art, GB
- I Materialise
House of Preston Fitzgerald, London, GB
- 2016 I Work in Progress Show 2016
Royal College of Art, London, GB
- I The Emergging and The Established
Christie's Gallery, London, GB
- 2015 I Interpretation
Olustvere Manor Gallery, Menzendorff Museum, Estonia, Latvia
- I Luminos
Titanikas Gallery, Lithuania
- I international Ceramics Triennial Unicum
National Museum of Slovenia, Ljubljana SLO
- I Dimensions
Kult 3000, Ljubljana, SLO
- I Aluo 70
University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana, SLO
- 2014 I Vision of Invisible
Estonian Academy of Art, Estonia

SCHOLARSHIPS AND RESIDENCIES

- 2022 I Artist Residency in New York City
Ministry of Culture, Slovenia

- I Promising Project Scholarship,
Ministry of Culture, Slovenia
- 2018 I 2018 Radcliffe Trust Scholar,
Scholarship of Queen Elizabeth Scholarship Trust, GB
- I Corning Museum Of Glass: Surface, Texture, and Mark Making
with Marina Hanser
- Scholarship of Corning Museum of Glass
- I Corning Museum Of Glass: Demystifying the Digital with
Norwood Viviano
- Scholarship of Corning Museum of Glass
- 2017 I Pilchuck Summer School : Applying Gravity with Miguel Unson
Partnership scholarhip Royal College of Art
- 2016 I Scholarship for Postgraduate Study Abroad
Ministry of Culture, Slovenia

SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

- 2022 I Haefliger, Chiara. "Kaja Upelj: Inspiration from Interaction"
Neues Glas/New Glass: Art & Architecture, Issue 4/2022
- 2020 I Prezelj, Pia. "Kaja Upelj: Skozi material preučevati človeško doživljanje"
Delo, November 19, 2020
- I McManus, Charlotte. "Material World"
30th Anniversary Qest Magazine, September 16, 2020
- I Boyle, Catherine. "Collect Preview"
Qest Magazine, Issue 41/ 2020
- I Worthington, Kate. "The Names to Invest in Now"
Elle Decoration, March, 2020
- I Joulous, Corinne. "The Fine Art of Craft"
Evening Standard, September 30, 2020
- I Crichton - Miller, Emma. "Playing With Fire"
Craft Magazine, Issue 282/2020
- 2019 I Shepard, Hannah. "British Glass Biennale"
British Glass Biennale Cataloge, September, 2019
- 2018 I Furber, Shelby. "Infinite Iridescence"
S/Magazine, Issue Winter/2019
- I Brown, Sarah. "CGS New Graduate Review"
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- I Boyle, Katherine. "Kaja Upelj: Qest Scholar : Glassmaking"
Qest Magazine, Issue 38/ 2018
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New Horizon Young Talent's Exhibition Cataloge, December ,2018
- I Author Unknown "Emerging Potters"
Emerging Potters Magazine, Issue 11/2018

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- 2022 | Singer, Jill. "Saturday Select"
Sight Unseen, February 21, 2022
I Prezelj, Pia. "Odnosi trdni kakor marmor"
Delo, December 16, 2022
I Stefancic, Nadina. "Ko ni več ničesar, me stisni močnejše":
skulpture Kaje Upelj na Ljubljanskem gradu
RTV SLO MMC, December 16, 2022
I Shook, Lindsey. "2022 ART WEEK BEST IN SHOW—DESIGN EDITION"
California Home Design, December 9, 2022
I Domino Staff, "Mirror Mirror (Leaning) on the Wall: Emma Scully Gallery"
Domino, December 2, 2022
I Madlener, Adrian. "Striking scenography and future-forward optimism mark
this year's fair", The Design Edit, December 1, 2022
I Author Unknown "Emma Scully Gallery Pays Homage to the Female Spirit
in Design", Hyperbeast, December 6, 2022
I Burman, Sujata. "Design Miami 2022: highlights from the fair and around
town", Wallpaper, December 8, 2022
- 2021 | Author Unknown, "A QEST for glass training",
Contemporary Glass Society June 21, 2021
I Author Unknown, "Kaja Upelj: With my artwork, I want to draw attention to
the importance of a realistic view on surroundings"
Design Mate Russia, May 10, 2021
I Author Unknown, "Kaja Upelj: Glass as a way of understanding the world"
Design Mate Russia, May 10, 2021
- 2020 | Johnson- Ferguson, Christopher and Tomasi, Andrea.
"Kaja Upelj: Communicating through glass"
Homo Faber Guide, September 17, 2020
I Banks, Linda., "Luminous treasures in glass"
Contemporary Glass Society, September 1, 2020
I Author Unknown, "Spotlight on: Glass artist at Collect 2020"
TL Magazine, February 24, 2020
I Abrahams, Charlotte. "Collect 2020"
The Design Edit, March 1, 2020
I Author Unknown, "International Art Fair for Modern Craft & Design: Collect
2020", London Town, March 1, 2020
I Julius, Corinne. "Collect London 2020:
Textiles, Ceramics and Sculptures to Watch Out for at The Capitals'S
Contemporary Craft Fair", Homes and Property, February 22, 2020
I Boyle, Katherine. "Collect 27 February - 1 March 2020"
QEST, March 4, 2020
- 2019 | Boyle, Katherine. "Qest to Exhibit at Collect for The First Time in 2020"
QEST, October 22, 2019
I Lucek, Emma. "Lake Como Design Fair"
Damn Magazine, September 24, 2019
I Author Unknown, "15 Craft Exhibition to See in the UK This September"
Crafts Council, September 6, 2019
I Singh, Anjali. "Contemporary artist Kaja Upelj"
Asian Curator, December 3, 2019
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and Ceramics in 6 Projects", Elle Decor, July 19, 2018
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program", Sight Unseen, December 7, 2018
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Spans the Entire Artistic Kingdom", Hyperallergic, June 29, 2018