

CURRICULUM VITAE
BRIKENA BERDO



*Born in Tirana, Albania, 28 April 1977
a multi-lingual, nature and people loving Albanian female artist with a keen eye for fine detail. Specialised in oils, graphics, illustrations and graphic and coin design. An illustrator of books and magazines for children, a former teacher of arts at Tirana High School of Arts “Jordan Misja” with an extensive experience as an in-house graphic designer for the Central Bank of Albania.*

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

1999 Graduated in “Graphic Arts” from the ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS, Tirana, Albania
1991-1995 High School of Arts “Jordan Misja”, Tirana

WORK EXPERIENCE

2002 – Present In-house graphic designer and ayout artist at the central Bank of Albania.
Apr 01 – Jul 02 Teacher of drawings and graphics, High School of Arts “Jordan Misja”, Tirana, Albania
Sep 00 – Apr 01 Illustrator for “ALBA” children’s magazine, Alb-assoc. Publishing House
Jul 99 – Sep 00 Art Designer for the advertising agency “R&T Advertising” and
Jun – Oct 00 Illustrator for “TOENA” Publishing House
Nov 98 – Jul 99 Illustrator for “Mrekullia” children’s magazine
1998 – 2003 Illustrator for several children's magazines and books: “The Children’s Island” by Edlira Rama, “The Albanian Faith” by Odhise Grillo, "The Sun House”, “The Underground World” by Dalan Shapllo, “There was a Hazel Grove” by Skender Temali, and a number of other publications.

KEY TASKS AT THE BANK OF ALBANIA 2002-2018:

Since 2002 ... As a graphic, corporate designer and the only graduate artist at the Bank of Albania, I have performed a potpourri of duties:

Coins and Medallions

- 2018 Design of the Commemorative silver medallion “Albanian Diaspora” of the BoA for 2019 (in progress)
- 2011, Design of 50 Lekë denomination silver coin “Codex Purpureus Beratinus 043 Φ” without legal tender
- 2012, Design of Medallion of the BoA for the “Independence day”
- 2015, Logo and Medallion Design for BoA museum

Creative art design

- 2014- 2015, Graphic design of wall panels of BoA Numismatic Museum, of themes such as: Pre-monetary exchange panel; Minting in Illyria; Architect Vittorio Ballio Morpurgo from 1912-1925; 1925-National Bank of Albania; 1945- State Bank of Albania; Governors' panel 1936-2014; Euro Spot - role and history of the European Union, the European Central Bank, the Euro Area, the relations EU-Albania and our path toward the European Integration; Children's corner – room for children activities and games
- 2006 and on, Metal plates design (including Hand Drawings) (Bronze, Silver and Golden plated) for the Governor's Award "Best diploma Thesis" (annually)

Corporate design

- The Corporate Design of the BoA publications (Different Monthly, Quarterly and Annual Reports; Brochures, Leaflets, Posters, Banners, Papers etc, (Logo (improved); Colour scheme; Graphics; Typography; Layout; Visual imagery)
- Branding design of conference activities (Logos, Banners, Posters, Agenda, Bio's, Badges, Covers and Presentations)

Layout and design

2002 and on, design and layout of Annual Reports, Periodical publications, Educational publications, Calendars, Postcards, Notebooks and Promotional Materials, etc.

Jury member

- 2018 Member of the jury for the new "10 000 Lekë" legal tender banknote design contest, Governors order no.465, dated 23.01.2018.
- 2014, Member of the jury for choosing the themes and estimating the designs and drawings of 2014-2015 coin design contest without legal tender, First Deputy Governor's order no.2618, dated 16.10.2014.
- 2006, Member of the jury for "Proposition of the theme for the new banknote 2000 Lekë with legal tender of the Bank of Albania" Bank of Albania Governor's Order no. 40, date 15.09.2006.
- 2004, Member of the jury for "Design contest of the metallic coins without legal tender that will be issued in 2005" Bank of Albania Governor's Order no. 5096, date 22.09.2004
- 2003, Member of the jury for "Design contest of the metallic coins without legal tender that will be issued in 2004" Bank of Albania Governor's Order no. 979 R2, date 07.05.2003
- 2002 end on, Member of several juries of BoA Coins Themes and Design contests, events organising, and procurement commissions participating as a member.

Other

- 2007, Web design of BoA website
- 2006–2012, dealt with fond of artworks of BoA. Keeping in contact with Albanian artists, selecting works of arts (paintings and drawings) and negotiating for the acquisition of several art pieces each year.
- Since 2002, Dealing with printing houses, surveying the job, and administrating the contract.

EXHIBITIONS

A selection of my oil paintings, illustrations or photographs have been displayed in the following exhibitions:

5 Nov 2018, "Nëntor 21" National Painting Exhibition, FAB Gallery of Art, Tirana
 Nov 2017, "Nëntor 20" National Painting Exhibition, National Historical Museum, Tirana
 Nov 2016, "Nëntor 19" National Painting Exhibition, FAB Gallery of Art, Tirana
 Nov '15, "Nëntor 18" National Painting Exhibition, FAB Gallery of Art, Tirana
 Nov '14, "Nëntor 17" National Painting Exhibition, FAB Gallery of Art, Tirana
 Nov '12, "Nëntor 15" National Painting Exhibition, National Museum of History, Tirana

Nov '10, "Nentor 13" National Painting Exhibition, National Historical Museum, Tirana
 Nov '09, "Nentor 12" National Painting Exhibition, National Gallery of Art, Tirana
 Nov 2008, "Nentor 11" National Painting Exhibition, National Gallery of Art, Tirana
 Nov 2007, "Nentor 10" National Painting Exhibition, National Gallery of Art, Tirana
 Nov 2006, "Nentor 9" National Painting Exhibition, National Gallery of Art, Tirana
 Nov 2005, "Nentor 8" National Painting Exhibition, National Gallery of Art, Tirana
 Nov 2004, "Nentor 7" National Painting Exhibition, National Gallery of Art, Tirana
 Nov 2003, "Nentor 6" National Painting Exhibition, National Gallery of Art, Tirana
 Nov 2002, "Nentor 5" National Painting Exhibition, National Gallery of Art, Tirana
 Mar 03, "Target" Painting Exhibition, National Gallery of Art, Tirana
 Jun 02, "Once Upon a Time", self-exhibition of illustrations and paintings, WTO, Geneva, Switzerland
 Apr 02, "Marubi '02" National Photo Exhibition, National Gallery of Art, Tirana
 Apr 02, "Once Upon a Time", self-exhibition of illustrations, LindArt Gallery, Tirana
 Dec 01, "ONUFRI 2001" Int. Contests of the Visual Arts, National Gallery of Art, Tirana
 Sep 01, Balkan Youth Festival, Greece
 Sep-Oct 01, "Invent Yourself" Photo Exhibition, LindArt Gallery Tirana & Centre Karl der Grosse, Zurich, Switzerland.
 Jun 01, European Illustrations Japan 2001 (BEIJ'01), in commemoration of Jozef Wilkon
 Mar 01, Painting Exhibition at LindArt Gallery, Tirana
 Apr 99, "Easter '99", Gallery of Arts Academy, Tirana
 Dec 98, "Albania '97" Self Exhibition of painting and graphics, Arts Academy, Tirana
 May 98, "Corridor" Exhibition of Paintings, Arts Academy, Tirana
 Mar 98, "Alms House", Photo Exhibition, Arts Academy, Tirana
 Feb 98, "Beginning" Exhibition at Arts Academy, Tirana

LANGUAGES

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| Albanian | Mother Tongue |
| English | Very good: spoken and written |
| Italian | Very good: spoken and written |
| French | Good: spoken and written |
| Spanish | Moderate: spoken and written |

Hobbies and Interests

5K, 10K and runner since a child
 Volleyball player for Bank of Albania's women team, since 2005
 HIIT training, Pilates, Isometric training, Plyometric training, Fitness, Yoga practitioner, etc
 Interested and developing knowledge in Nutrition, Natural Remedies, Organic agriculture, Plants

Computer Skills: Fully conversant with Adobe PhotoShop, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Indesign, Corel Draw, Quark, etc, Office, etc.

Portfolio and References upon request

For Coin, Medallions and other Graphic Design Visit:

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