

## CV

Bojidar Bonchev

Born 09/10/1956 Sofia, Bulgaria

### **EDUCATION**

1984 National Academy of Fine Arts Sofia, MFA

1975 School of Ceramics and Glass, Sofia, Bulgaria

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

1986 (present) Professor, Ceramics

Department, The National Academy of Fine Arts, Sofia, Bulgaria

1997 -98 Visiting Artist and Ceramic Instructor,  
Whitworth College, Spokane, WA , USA

### **ART RESIDENCIES, SYMPOSIUMS,**

2024 Congress of IAC, Portugal

2019 Shanghyu Modern Seladon Center – residential program

2017 Workshop in Hangzhou Expo, China Academy of Art Hangzhou, China

2018 European Ceramic Context, ECC2018- Curated

2014 European Ceramic Context, Curator of Bulgarian participation, Bornholm, Denmark

2011 7th WAD working lab **DELFT BLUE**–NEW IMAGES, Delft the Netherlands

2010 Congress of IAC Paris, France

2008 Ceramics Biennale Prevelles-Tuffe, France

2005 Harlech Biennale, Wells

2003 NEXO, Toledo Spain

2002 Congress of IAC, Athens, Greece

2000 Congress of IAC, Frechen, Germany

1999 Ceramic Millennium 99, Amsterdam

1998 Archie Bray Foundation for Ceramic Arts,  
Helena, MT, USA - summer resident.

1996 5th IRIS Biennial, International Ceramic  
Seminar, Porvoo, Finland (17 invited artists)

1996 Artist-in-Residence Whitworth College,  
Spokane, WA, USA

1995 Arts Link Artist-in-Residence Program, New York, USA

1994 Artist-in-Residence in "Cite Internationale des

Arts", Paris, France

1994 Artist-in-Residence Kunsthaus, Horn, Austria

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1993 Symposium in Ceramics, Troyan, Bulgaria

1986 International Symposium in Ceramics "Mramor and Muzika" Arangelovats, Yugoslavia

1985 Symposium in Ceramics, Busintsi, Bulgaria

### **EXHIBITIONS One - Man Shows**

2025 - Gallery "Rakursi", Sofia, Bulgaria

2024 – Gallery "Intro", Sofia, Bulgaria

2019 - "New works", Gallery ARTE, Sofia, Bulgaria

2017 – „RETROSPECTION 1986-2016“- Exhibition in Gallery ACADEMICA, National Academy of Fine Arts, Sofia, Bulgaria

2016 –"New works" Art Alley Gallery, Sofia

2014 - "Warehouse gallery" Sofia,

2010 - Gallery "Uyka" Varna

2010 "New works" Gallery SARIEV, Plovdiv, Bulgaria

2006 "Creatures" Art Alley Gallery Sofia

2006 "Karies" Gallery SARIEV, Plovdiv, Bulgaria

2003 "Portraits" National Gallery , Sofia, Bulgaria

1999 IRIDA Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria

1998 Lorinda Knight Gallery, Spokane, WA, USA

1997 Penelope Loukas Gallery, Tacoma, WA, USA

1997 Gallery "MAKTA", Sofia, Bulgaria

1996 Gallery "Stulbata", Sofia, Bulgaria

1996 "Jadite Galleries", New York

1994 Palais Wittgenstein, Vienna, Austria

1991 "Hemus" Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria

1989 Gallery of Decorative Arts, Sofia, Bulgaria

1986 Gallery of the Union of the Bulgarian Artists, Sofia, Bulgaria

### **Some of the Major Group Exhibitions**

2024/2025 "How Much I Like You", National Gallery Sofia, Museum for Contemporary Arts

2018 "16 + 1", China Cultural Center, Sofia, Bulgaria

2018 European Ceramic Context, Bornholm, Denmark

2016 CERAMICA MULTIPLEX International Festival of Postmodern Ceramics

2010 European Ceramic Context, Bornholm, Denmark

2002 Balkan Contemporary Ceramics, Athens, Greece, IAC Congress

2002 Constant and Dissonant, Visual Art Festival,  
Varna

1999 Art Festival Space -Process Balchik

1998 Warehouse Gallery, Archie Bray Foundation  
for Ceramic Arts, Helena, MO, USA

Summer Residents Show

1995 Artists from the Whole World visit Tlaxcala,  
Mexico(IAAA/AIAP)

1995 "Portrait of one generation", Exhibition of the  
National Art Galley, Sofia, Bulgaria

1995 Exhibition "Object in Bulgarian Way", Sofia,  
Bulgaria

1994 Exhibition of the Groupe "Cone", Sofia,  
Bulgaria

1993 Visiting in the Studio RABIOUSLA, Zurich,  
Switzerland

1992 International Exhibition and Competition,  
"OB'ART" 91, Salon des arts decorative

1991 Bulgarian Decorative Arts Exhibition, Kuwait

1988 Bulgarian Art, Prague, Czechoslovakia

1986 Bulgarian Art, Budapest, Hungary

Since 1984 Participation in any major  
National Exhibitions of Ceramics in Bulgaria

## **AWARDS**

2007 M-Tel awards for Bulgarian contemporary art I-st prize -sculpture

1997 "Grand Prix for Ceramics", National Exhibition  
of Contemporary Art, Sofia, Bulgaria

1991 Prize "Espoir", International Exhibition and  
Competition, "OB'ART" 91, Salon des arts decorative, Paris, France

1990 Grand Prix of Decorative Arts, awarded by the Union of Bulgarian Artists

1985 First Prize - Symposium in Ceramics, Busintsi, Bulgaria

## **MUSEUM AND COLLECTIONS**

National Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria

Museum of Decorative Arts, Sofia, Bulgaria

Museum of Decorative Arts, Yambol, Bulgaria

Museum of Ceramics Biennial, Porvoo, Finland

Permanent Collection, Whithworth College, Spokane, WA, USA  
Permanent Collection, Archie Bray Foundation  
for Ceramic Arts, Helena, MO, USA  
SAFECO Collection, Seattle, WA, USA  
Private collections in USA, France,  
Switzerland, Japan, Austria, Mexico,  
Germany and etc.

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