

# Konstantin Bessmertny

Konstantin Bessmertny is one of the most distinguished artists working in Asia today. His technical mastery, achieved after seven years of studying Fine Art in the grand academies of the former soviet union, combined with his detailed knowledge on a wide-range of subjects including literature, music, history and politics lend to his work an intelligence and a credibility that is rarely witnessed in contemporary art. Konstantin Bessmertny's work is utterly unique, employing humour and candour in depictions so subtle and gentle that they require revisiting time and time again to uncover all that they have to offer. Never formulaic or predictable, Bessmertny uses his work as a means of exploring and experimenting with new ideas, finding inspiration in the bizarrest of places and creating work that continues to challenge and excite preconceived notions.

## Education

The School of Fine Art, Blagovesthensk, Russia (formerly USSR)  
Fine Arts Faculty, The Pedagogical Institute, Khabarovsk, Russia (formerly USSR)  
The Institute of Fine Arts, Vladivostok, Russia (formerly USSR)

## Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2007 Recent Works, The Museum of Art, Macau SAR
- 2006 New Works, Amelia Johnson Contemporary, Hong Kong SAR  
Casino Royale, Kings Road Gallery, London, United Kingdom
- 2005 Don't Ask, Galeria R Mazem, Lisbon, Portugal  
ARCO'05, Galerie Martini, Madrid, Spain
- 2004 Intercambio, Amelia Johnson Contemporary, Hong Kong  
Konstantin Bessmertny, Galeria Monumetal, Lisbon, Portugal  
Casino Republic+, Todd Warmoth Gallery, London, United Kingdom
- 2003 Konstantin Bessmertny, C2 Gallery, Shanghai, China  
Small Works, Galerie Martini, Hong Kong SAR, China
- 2002 Konstantin Bessmertny, Galerie Martini, Hong Kong SAR, China  
Paintings, Galeria Monumental, Lisbon, Portugal  
Revolution, The Kings Road Gallery, London, United Kingdom
- 2001 Ambience, Galerie Martini, Hong Kong SAR, China
- 2000 Selected Works, Galeria Monumental, Lisbon, Portugal  
Konstantin Bessmertny, Lou Lim Loc Garden Pavilion, Macau
- 1999 Dictum, Galerie Martini, Hong Kong SAR, China  
Konstantin Bessmertny, Galeria do Centro Cultural Gandarinha Cascais, Lisbon, Portugal  
Konstantin Bessmertny, World Trade Centre Gallery, Macau
- 1998 Diversus, Galerie Martini, Hong Kong SAR, China  
Objects, Sculpture and Paintings, Museu Casa de Bocage, Casa do Corpo Santo and Museu do Trabalho de Giacometti, Setúbal, Portugal
- 1997 Painting Exhibition, BCM World Trade Centre, Macau
- 1996 Painting Exhibition, Gallery Leal Senado, Macau  
Exhibition of Prints, Casa Garden Gallery, Macau  
Paintings, Objects and Sculpture, Military Club, Macau
- 1995 Painting Exhibition, Gallery Missão de Macau, Lisbon, Portugal
- 1994 Water-colour Exhibition, Serviços de Turismo Gallery, Macau

## Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2007 The 52nd International Art Exhibition, Venice Biennale, Venice, Italy
- 2006 Winter 06/07, Amelia Johnson Contemporary, Hong Kong SAR  
CIGE 06, Amelia Johnson Contemporary, Beijing PRC  
Year of the Dog, Ox Warehouse, Macau SAR, China
- 2005 XIX Asian Art Exhibition, Museum of Contemporary Art, Fukuoka, Japan  
ArtLONDON, London, United Kingdom  
ARTwalk'05, Amelia Johnson Contemporary, Hong Kong SAR  
Wan Chai: Hong Kong International Artists Workshop, Hong Kong SAR
- 2006 AAF, London, United Kingdom  
ArtLONDON, London, United Kingdom
- 2003 XVIII Asian Art Exhibition, Heritage Museum, Hong Kong SAR, China  
Isolation and Communication, Macau&Zhuhai Contemporary Art Exchange Exhibition,  
Albergue de Santa Casa da Misericordia, Macau SAR  
To Dream the Impossible, Contemporary Ceramic Exhibition, The Pottery Workshop,  
Hong Kong SAR  
Pure, Galerie Martini, Hong Kong SAR, China  
Arco 2003, Madrid, Spain  
A Beam of Delight, Casas-Museu da Taipa, Macau  
Sketch Extension, Albergue de Santa Casa da Misericordia, Macau  
ArtLONDON, London, United Kingdom  
White Christmas: Red New Year, Galerie Martini, Hong Kong SAR
- 2001 The Gambling Show, John Batten Gallery, Hong Kong SAR, China  
Arco 2001, Madrid, Spain  
Salon d'hiver IV, Galerie Martini, Hong Kong SAR, China
- 2000 International Art exhibition, Museum of Revolution, Beijing, China  
Salon d'hiver III, Galerie Martini, Hong Kong SAR, China
- 1999 3rd International Exhibition of Tsai – Mo Art in Atelier "Peintracol 50", Lyon, France  
Exhibition "1000 Faces", Macau Cultural Centre, Macau  
XIV Asian Art Exhibition, Museum of Contemporary Arts, Japan  
Absolute Asia, Galerie Martini, Hong Kong SAR, China  
Oriente-Occidente, Mercado de Ferreira Borges, Porto, Portugal and Konsthallen  
Passagen, Linköping, Sweden
- 1998 Pure A, Galerie Martini, Hong Kong SAR, China  
3rd International Touring Exhibition of Tsai – Mo Art, Taiwan  
XIII Asian Art Exhibition, Museum of Contemporary Arts, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  
salon d'hiver II, Galerie Martini, Hong Kong SAR, China
- 1997 Contemporary Asian Art Exhibition, Hong Kong Arts Centre, Hong Kong SAR, China  
Contemporary Asian Art Exhibition, University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong  
SAR, China  
A Gift for India, Rabindra Bhawan Galleries, New Delhi, India  
XII Asian Arts Exhibition, The Forum of Macau, Macau  
salon d'hiver, Galerie Martini, Hong Kong SAR, China

- 1997 Guangzhou Art Fair, Exhibition Centre, Guangzhou, China  
 Container-96. Project – Art Across Oceans, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 1995 Print Exhibition, Berlin, Germany
- 1994 II Biennial of Art, Casa Garden Gallery, Macau  
 Circle of Friends of Culture, Casa Garden Gallery, Macau
- 1993 Contemporary Russian Art Exhibition, Leal Senado, Macau Contemporary Russian Art  
 Exhibition, Hong Kong SAR, China
- 1992 TOPO GROUP, Naval Museum, Vladivostok, Russia  
 TOPO GROUP, State Museum of Fine Arts, Khabarovsk, Russia
- 1991 Exhibition of Contemporary Artists, State Museum of Arts, Vladivostok, Russia  
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- 1990 Contemporary Russian Painters, Municipal Gallery, Khabarovsk, Russia
- 1983 Contemporary Painters, Municipal Gallery, Khabarovsk, USSR
- 1978 Group Show, Municipal Gallery, Blagovesthensk, USSR

### Awards

- 2006 Finalist, Sovereign Art Foundation, Asia
- 2003 Prize for Excellence, Contemporary Artists Exhibition, Beijing PRC
- 2002 First Prize for Painting, Philippe Charriol Foundation, Hong Kong
- 2001 First Prize for Painting, International Art Competition, International Institute of Macau
- 2000 Bronze Medal for Painting, International Art Exhibition, Museum of Revolution,  
 Beijing, China.
- 1995 Honourable Mention for Painting (Kiss 1995, oil on canvas,) II Biennale of Art,  
 Macau
- 1995 First Prize in printing at the II Biennale of Art, Macau

### Corporate & Public Collections

- Guandong Museum of Art, Gungzhou, China
- Museum of Contemporary Art, Macau SAR
- Standard Chartered Bank, Hong Kong SAR
- Mandarin Oriental, Macau SAR
- Leal Senado de Macau (Municipality), Macau SAR
- Palácio de Governo de Macau, Macau SAR
- Instituto Portuges do Oriente (IPOR), Macau SAR
- Fundação Oriente, Macau SAR
- Centro Cientifico e Cultural de Macau, Lisbon, Portugal
- Missão de Macau, Lisbon, Portugal
- BCM (Banco Commercial de Macau), Macau SAR
- Camara Municipal de Cascais, Cascais, Portugal