

**LUCIA NIMCOVÁ**

born 1977 in Humenné, former Czechoslovakia  
lives and works in Humenné (SK) and Brussel (B)

Lucia Nimcová is one of the biggest talents on the Slovak art scene. She studied at the Rijksakademie van Beeldende Kunsten in Amsterdam, she has won the Leica Oskar Barnack Award, the Images Vevey International Photography Award and many others. For Lucia, photography is an important tool, but not the only one. In her work she combines documentary and conceptual approach. She takes photos, she makes videos, she produces books, installations and performances. She is an artist with a deep interest in the complex, paradoxical, tragic, humorous and sometimes absurd set of social and cultural relations that form everyday "reality" in Eastern Europe. Her work in photography, video, performance and sound attempts to capture both official and private experiences within groups and communities.

**EDUCATION**

2007 - 2008 Rijksakademie van Beeldende Kunsten, Amsterdam, NL  
1996 - 2003 Master studies at Institute of Creative Photography, Silesian University, Opava, CZ

**SOLO EXHIBITIONS (selected)**

2017, Ukrainian Tango, Wiels Contemporary Art Centre, Brussels, BE  
2016, "Khroniky", + Sholto Dobie, Krokus Bratislava, SK  
2015, "Extra Fort" (with Maurice van Es), RECYCLART ART CENTER, Brusel, BE  
2015, "Khroniky" (with Sholto Dobie), Fotograf Festival, Prague, CZ  
2015, "From Room to Roam" (with Martin Kollár), AlbumArte, Rome, IT  
2014 "Animal Imago", Images Vevey, CH  
2013, "Blind Spots", Krokus Gallery Bratislava, SK  
2011 "Old School [with Alice Nikitinova]", Billytown, Den Haag, NL  
2010 "Open Studio", Heppen Transfer, Warszawa, PL  
2010 "An African Thunderstorm", Lumen Gallery, Budapest, HU  
2009 "Unofficial", Documenta, Regensburg, DE  
2009 "Leftovers", Funkeho Kolin, CZ  
2009 "Why bandits run faster than policemen?", Heppen Transfer, Warszawa, PL  
2008 "Unofficial", Kunstforum / Tresor, Vienna, AT  
2008 "Unofficial", Open Gallery, Bratislava, SK  
2008 "Unofficial", Palazzo delle Esposizioni, Rome, IT  
2006 "Instant Women", Art Hall Gallery (Kunstihoone), Tallinn, EST  
2005 "Instant Women", Prague House of Photography, Prague, CZ

**GROUP EXHIBITIONS (selected)**

2016, "POSTURE EXHIBITION", Contemporary Art Space, Batumi, Georgia, US  
2016, "Rostros. Fotografía europea de retrato desde 1990. PHotoEspaña 2016", CentroCentro, Madrid, Španielsko  
2016, "The 6th Annual Zine and Self-Published Photo Book Fair", Baxter St, Camera Club of New York, US  
2015, "The Subjective Female Documentalists", Arsenal Gallery, Bialystok, PL  
2015, "FACES. European Portrait Photography since 1990.", Museum of Photography, Thessaloniki, GR  
2015, "Ex & Post - Eastern Europe under the lens", Australian Centre for Photography, Sydney, AU  
2015, "Summer Exhibition 2015", Krokus Gallery Bratislava, SK  
2015, "Faces. European portrait photography since 1990.", Nederlands Fotomuseum, Rotterdam, NL  
2015, "Do you hear me?", Fotodok, Utrecht, NL  
2015, "Privátny nacionalizmus", Open Gallery, Bratislava, SK  
2015, "Faces now - european portrait photography since 1990", Bozar, Brussels, BE  
2014, Art has no alternative, Tranzit.sk, Bratislava, SK  
2014 "Border of the Child's Soul", Turiec Gallery, Martin, SK

- 2014 "Krehky", Mikulov, CZ  
 2014 "Best Photobooks of the Year", Photo Espana, Madrid, ES  
 2014 "Undercover", Museum of Contemporary Art Erarta, St. Petersburg, RU  
 2013 "What Remains", BWA Sokol, Nowy Sacz, PL  
 2013 "Zero Years", Freies Museum Berlin, DE  
 2013 "Prague biennale", Prague, CZ  
 2013 "limits of fashion", bunkier sztuki, Krakow, PL  
 2013 "NCCA", Saint Petersburg, group show, RU  
 2012 "Design Week", Bratislava, SK  
 2012 "Each Memory Recalled Must Do Some Violence To Its Origins", undisclosed location, Utah, USA  
 2012 "Cantastoria", Utah Museum of Contemporary Art, USA  
 2012 "Zero Years", MODEM - Centre for Modern and Contemporary Art, Debrecen, HU  
 2011 "ZOOM! Decoding Common Practice", Art Miami, USA  
 2011 "Labor Show", Visual Culture Research Centre / National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Kyiv, UKR  
 2011 "Galicia: Topographies of Myth / Lost Stories", BWA Sokol, Nowy Sacz, POL  
 2011 "Bad Society / Memory Kontrol", Stanica, Zilina, SK  
 2011 "Zero Years", Museum of Art, Zilina, SK  
 2011 "Bodytalks – Videoart & Cinedans in Public Space", Maastricht, NL  
 2011 "View to the Lichthof", MODEM, Debrecen, HU  
 2011 "Wij Zullen Doorgaan", Museum Het Dolhuys, Haarlem, NL  
 2011 "Identity Bluffs", Stedelijk Museum Bureau Amsterdam, NL  
 2011 "Flashbulb Memory", Studio Gallery, Budapest, HU  
 2011 "Home Edition", Stredoslovenska galeria, Banska Bystrica, SK  
 2010 "Monumentalism: History and National Identity in Contemporary Art", Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, NL  
 2010 "Bless my homeland forever. I, too, will try to forget...", Kunsthalle Exnergasse, Vienna, AT  
 2010 "The Heat", Meet Factory, Prague, CZ  
 2010 "Over the Counter; Economy in Post-Socialist Art", Budapest Mucsarnok / Kunsthalle, HU  
 2010 "FOREX / This is Our Time", Michael Stevenson, Cape Town, South Africa  
 2010 "Quicksan NL#01, Photography now", Nederlands Fotomuseum, Rotterdam, NL  
 2010 "The Good Old Days", Aarhus Kunstbygning, Aarhus, DK  
 2010 "The Romance of My Young Days, the Future of My Nostalgia", Stredoslovenska Galeria, Banska Bystrica, SK  
 2009 "Labyrinth 09: Writings and observations", Botyrka Konsthall, Tumba, SWE  
 2009 "Communism Never Happened", Feinkost Gallery, Berlin, DE  
 2009 "Art Works", Prague Biennale 4, CZ  
 2009 "New History", Kharkov Art Museum, UKR  
 2009 "Last and Lost", Zeche Zollverein, Essen, DE  
 2009 "Portrait", Fotogalerie Wien, AT  
 2008 "Open Ateliers", Rijksakademie van Beeldende Kunsten, Amsterdam, NL  
 2008 "Beyond Walls", Noorderlicht Festival, Fries Museum, Leeuwarden, NL  
 2008 "Last and Lost", Branderburgischer Kunstverein, Potsdam, DE  
 2008 "European Photographic Identities", Recontres Arles, FR  
 2008 "Young Visual Artists Awards", Magacin, Beograd, SER  
 2007 "Open Ateliers", Rijksakademie van Beeldende Kunsten, Amsterdam, NEL  
 2007 "Egon Bondy", Tranzit, Bratislava, SK  
 2007 "Oskar Cegan Award", Gallery Medium, Bratislava, SK  
 2007 "Glocal Girls", Prague Biennale 3, CZ  
 2007 "Facelift", AIR Gallery, New York, USA  
 2006 "Henkel Art Award 2006", Tresor / Kunstforum, Vienna, AT  
 2006 "2nd International Biennial of Young Artists / Art is Always Somewhere Else", Bucharest, RO  
 2006 "Arrivals > Slovakia", Turner Contemporary, Margate, UK  
 2006 "Urban Condition", Museum de Paviljoens, Almere, NL  
 2006 "Last and Lost", Literaturhaus Munchen, DE

2006 "A Woman's Place", Sirius Arts Centre, Cork / Cobh, IR  
 2005 "Slovakia 001 – 005", Month of Photography, Bratislava, SK  
 2005 "Neat / Women on Women", Kogart Gallery, Budapest, HU

#### CURATORIAL WORK

2009 "Leftovers", Funkeho Kolin, Czech Republic  
 2008 "UNOFFICIAL II", Open Gallery, Bratislava, Slovakia  
 2006 "Urban Park", installations in the prefabs, Humenne, Slovakia [www.urbanpark.sittcomm.sk]  
 2006 "RUSYNS – Lost Homes", Museum of Arts, Presov, Slovakia [www.rusnaci.sittcomm.sk]  
 2005 "001 - Slovakia - 005", Month of Photography, Bratislava, Slovakia

#### FESTIVALS & SCREENINGS (selected)

2013 "There Must Be Order", Ex Elettrofonica, Milan, IT  
 2013 "New Slovak Photography", Recyclart, Brussels, BEL  
 2013 "La Nuit Instant", Marseille, FR  
 2013 "There Must Be Order", Via Farini, Milan, IT  
 2012 "Stedelijk @ IDFA", IDFA, Amsterdam, NE  
 2012 "Now & After 12", Vyatka Art Museum, Kirov, RU  
 2012 "Now & After 12", Moscow Museum of Modern Art, RU  
 2012 "International Short Film Festival", Oberhausen, DE  
 2012 "New Codes / Athens Video Art Festival", GR  
 2011 "The Recent History of Daily Utopias", Werkstattkino, Munich, De  
 2009 "Nomad Space", Artfilm, Trencianske Teplice, SK  
 2009 "5th Berlin International Directors Lounge", DE

#### AWARDS

2013 The Vevey international photography – jury special prize, CH  
 2009 Tatra Banka Art Award, SK  
 2008 ECB Photography Award, DE  
 2008 Oskar Barnack Award, DE  
 2007 Oskar Cepan Award, YVAA Award - winner, SK  
 2007 Baume & Mercier Award, IT  
 2004 Mio Award - Kasahara Michiko Prize, JAP  
 2004 Fuji Award, SK

#### GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

2013 Sudani Foundation, Belgium  
 2010 Bijdrage Werkbudget, Fonds BKVB, Netherlands  
 2009 Bijdrage Werkbudget, Fonds BKVB, Netherlands  
 2009-2012 Basisstipendium, Fonds BKVB, Netherlands  
 2008 Koninklijke Ahrend n.v. Fellowship, Netherlands  
 2008 Ministry of Culture, Bratislava, Slovakia  
 2008 Central European Foundation, Slovakia  
 2007 Ministry of Culture, Bratislava, Slovakia  
 2006 Center for Contemporary Arts, Bratislava, Slovakia  
 2006 Asia-Europe Foundation, Singapore  
 2005 EU Youth, Iuventa, Bratislava, Slovakia  
 2004 Joop Swart Masterclass / World Press Photo, Amsterdam, Netherlands

#### RESIDENCIES (selected)

2012 M4 Gastateliers, Amsterdam, Netherlands  
 2011 DCR Guest Studio, Den Haag, Netherlands  
 2010 Heppen Transfer, Warszawa, Poland  
 2009 UdK Berlin / Karl Hofer Gesellschaft, Berlin, Germany

2008 International Studio & Curatorial Program (ISCP), New York, USA  
2007-2008 Rijksakademie van Beeldende Kunsten, Amsterdam, Netherlands  
2003 KulturKontakt, Vienna, Austria

**COLLECTIONS**

MUDAM, Luxembourg  
Slovak National Gallery, Bratislava, Slovakia  
Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, Netherlands  
Rijksakademie Artists' Endowment Fund, Amsterdam, Netherlands  
Rijksakademie van Beeldende Kunsten, Amsterdam, Netherlands  
sittcomm.collection, Slovakia