

Mkrtich Tonoyan

Biography

I am Mkrtich Tonoyan, an Armenian artist. I was born in Yerevan in 1974 (at the dawn of Soviet Empire), on 21 September (the day which later became the Independence Day of Armenia). 1990-1995 I attended Terlemezyan Art College, in 1996-2002 the Visual Art Faculty of Academy of Fine Arts in Yerevan . 1990-1994, parallel to my study, I participated in Kharabakh War. I went through all horrors of war -death, destruction, despair... I lost the best friends and was wounded myself. Being on borderline situation gave me the privilege to understand the value of life.

I had articles and TV-talks on nowadays modern art problems in Armenia and around problems of local art and world movements. From 1994 I was the assistant of famous Armenian avant-garde artist Alexander Melkonyan who is the founder of a new direction of plastic conceptual art in Armenia, called Military Art.

As a professional artist I participated in many exhibitions and art festivals. Currently I cooperate with local and regional art centers and galleries.

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