

## PRESS RELEASE

### **Artisterium Tbilisi 14th International Exhibition of Contemporary Art and Art Events I, an Artist**

Artisterium 2021 - Tbilisi 14th International Exhibition of Contemporary Art and Art Events is a joint project with the Apolon Kutateladze Tbilisi State Academy of Arts. The collaboration between Artisterium and Tbilisi Art Academy has a long history: „History through paintings and objects“ (Curated by Khatuna Khabuliani, 2010); “Imagine the Future – Re-animated the inanimate” (A British artist’s Clare Mitten’s workshop and students’ exhibition in Gudiashvili Garden, British Council’s project, 2010); Contemporary Art from Wales /UK/ - Antonia Dewhurst and Lois Williams (curated by Martin Barlow, 2011); “Samkura” – Contemporary Art from Ireland (curated by Jan Joyce, 2013); “Me and Your Freedom” (Co-curated by Nino Gujabidze, and Alexandra Gabunia, 2013); “Looking at the Big Sky”, four German art academies graduated students works, Goethe Institute’s project, 2014).

The 14<sup>th</sup> Artisterium’s main exhibition "I, an Artist" in the exhibition hall of the Tbilisi State Academy responds to the transitional period in a student's life when he or she tries to assess his or her creative abilities while realizing that creative practice and art in general are key areas of his or her future endeavors. In other words, when he or she begins to think of oneself as an artist. The purpose of the exhibition is to show the works that explore the reality seen by the Academy students and the issues that are most topical to them.

Contemporary art, in general, seeks to see the "big picture" of contemporary reality, the other spheres of which are touched by human activity only from a certain angle. In this regard, the attitude of the young generation towards the present is especially important as these are the people who in the future should offer the general public a “creative solution” to the political and social problems” (Hans Haacke).

Artisterium 14/2021 would like to extend special thanks to the artists Tina Tskhadadze and Mariam Shakarashvili for their active involvement and the curatorial work performed within the project.

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## **Program**

### **November 10, Wednesday**

**Textile and Gobelin Museum of Tbilisi State Academy of Art**

**19 Shardeni Street**

14:00 – 18:00- opening of the Artisterium 14/2021, exhibition “I, an Artist”

Co-curated by Magda Guruli, Tina Tskhadadze, Mariam Shakarashvili

Group of students of Tbilisi State Academy of Arts: Ana Dedabrishvili, Guranda Rostomashvili, David Barnabishvili, Eter Velijanashvili, Elisabed Apakidze, Luka Gugushvili, Luka Kiknadze, Maneri Andguladze, Mariam Gelashvili, Mariam Pavliashvili, Nana Gogolashvili, Nika Khabelashvili, Nino Narimanishvili, Nino Iluridze, Qartlos Bikashvili.

Yeo In Hyuk, Kim Uah, (South Korea).

### **November 11, Thursday**

**Georgian National Museum’s Group of Museums, D. Shevardnadze National Gallery**

**11 Shota Rustaveli Ave.**

13:00 – 14:00 – Artist’s Talk, Manuchar Okrostsvardze.

14:00 - 18:00 – opening, TBQ, Nezaket Ekici (Turkey/Germany) & Shahar Marcus (Israel)  
Curated by Drorit Gur-Arie (Israel).

**November 12, Friday**

**Georgian National Museum’s Group of Museums, D. Shevardnadze National Gallery  
11 Shota Rustaveli Ave.**

13:00 – 14:00 – “Wearing the Art Suit”, lecture of Shahar Marcus (Israel).

**November 13, Saturday**

**Georgian National Museum’s Group of Museums, D. Shevardnadze National Gallery  
11 Shota Rustaveli Ave.**

13:00 – 14:00 – Artist’s Talk, Kote Sulaberidze.

**November 14, Sunday**

**Georgian National Museum’s Group of Museums, D. Shevardnadze National Gallery  
11 Shota Rustaveli Ave.**

13:00 – 14:00 – Artist’s Talk, Luka Zautashvili.

**November 16, Tuesday**

**Georgian National Museum’s Group of Museums, D. Shevardnadze National Gallery  
11 Shota Rustaveli Ave.**

13:00 – 14:00 – Artist’s Talk, Konstantin Mindadze.

**November 17, Wednesday**

**Textile and Gobelin Museum of Tbilisi State Academy of Art  
19 Shardeni Street**

12:00 – 14:00 – Artists Talk, students of the Tbilisi Academy of Art.

**November 18, Thursday**

**Textile and Gobelin Museum of Tbilisi State Academy of Art  
19 Shardeni Street**

12:00 – 14:00 – Artists Talk, students of the Tbilisi Academy of Art.

**G. Leonidze State Museum of Georgian Literature**

**8 Gia Chanturia Street**

18:00 - 20:00 – “The Story of a Girl”, a literature project within the “Tbilisi-Worlds Book Capital”

**November 20, Saturday**

**Textile and Gobelin Museum of Tbilisi State Academy of Art  
19 Shardeni Street**

14:00 - 16:00 - presentation of the Artisterium 14/2021 catalog.

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