

**Petro Bevza** was born in 1963 to parents who were both teachers. He joined the Kiev Art Institute in 1979. His progression as an artist has been fascinating and phenomenal, gaining international success in Europe, Canada and the US, with his unique expressionistic art that has evolved and transformed across more than 2 decades.

Bevza's own spirituality and vision of the world is apparent in his works, mixing elements of pure untarnished, almost celestial nature, urban and ancient landscape and architecture, symbolism, imagined worlds – the paintings that seek to uncover the source of life and bring forth a spiritual experience. His works deal with deep emotions and ideas, but at the end, Bevza's works have been stripped away of everything unnecessary, leaving behind only the essence, untarnished by the insufficiencies and artificiality of the modern world. The expressive style, including self developed method "cloud painting" and the mixing of oil paints with other mediums such as oil, cellotex, graphite, glue and saw dust add to the "experience" of Bevza's paintings, making them works of art to be admired from afar as well as from a close-up.

He is the member of the National Artists Union of Ukraine since 1990.

### **Awards / Recognitions | selected**

2001 - Grant Foundation Pro Helvetia (Switzerland) from the Centre PasquArt (Biel-Bienne)

2000 - Grant Center for Contemporary Art at NaUKMA founded by G.Soros, Kiev, Ukraine

1999 - First place in the 1999 project of the year contest organised by the Center for Contemporary Art Soviart, Kiev, Ukraine

1997 - Honor prize Zoloty Peretyn, title Artist of the Year at 2nd International ART festival, Kiev, Ukraine

1996 - Honor prize of Salon International D`ART Contemporain, Nice, France

1994 - Honor diploma of the city of Kiev for the best piece of painting art of the year 1994, Kiev, Ukraine

### **Solo Exhibitions**

2015 - *The Play Goes On*, N2N Gallery, Abu Dhabi, UAE

2014 - *Following the Inner Light*, Ukrainian Institute of America, New York, USA

2014 - *We just were ...*, Together with Mykola Zhuravel, National Museum of Taras Shevchenko, Kiev, Ukraine

2014 - *Flowers 2014*, Gallery *Triptych*, Kiev, Ukraine

2013 - *Bevza / Play*, Art Kiev Contemporary 2013, Center of Arts *Mystetskyi Arsenal*, Kiev, Ukraine

2013 - *The Play Goes On*, Gallery *Bottega*, Kiev, Ukraine

2013 - *Presence*, Gallery *Tryptykh*, Kiev, Ukraine

2013 - *Presence*, *Nest Gallery*, Geneva, Switzerland

2013 - *Presence*, Gallery *Bezpala Brown*, Toronto, Canada

2012 - *Spaces of gravitation. Grass*, Gallery *Tryptykh*,

2011 - *Foot of Destiny*, Gallery *Tryptykh*, Kiev, Ukraine

2011 - *Islands*, AVS-art Gallery, Kiev, Ukraine  
2010 - *And Someone Else With Me*, Gallery *Bezpala Brown*, Toronto, Canada  
2010 - *Painting*, AVS-art Gallery, Kiev, Ukraine  
2009 - *Iris*, Gallery *Tryptykh*, Kiev, Ukraine  
2009 - *Theodosics*, Sumy City Gallery, Sumy, Ukraine  
2008 - *Elegies*, Gallery *Bottega*, Kiev, Ukraine  
2008 - *Sinai*, Gamla Vaster Gallery, Malme , Sveden  
2007 - *Tski*, Gallery *Tryptykh*, Kiev, Ukraine  
2007 - *In Natura. All Theodosics*, Atelier Karas Gallery, Kiev, Ukraine  
2007 - *In Natura*, Center for Contemporary Art Soviart, Kiev, Ukraine  
2007 - *Painting*, Gallery *Lenin*, Zaporizhyya, Ukraine  
2006 - *Coordinates of Space*, Gallery *Gamla Vaster*, Malme, Sveden  
2005 - *Landscape*, Atelier Karas Gallery, Kiev, Ukraine  
2004 - *Theodosics-2*, Atelier Karas Gallery, Kharkiv, Ukraine  
2004 - *Theodosics*, Kharkiv City Art Gallery, Kharkiv, Ukraine  
2003 - *Goat Jump*, Atelier Karas Gallery, Kiev, Ukraine  
2003 - *Ukrainian Idea. Textual project*, A.C.C. Gallery, Kiev, Ukraine  
2003 - *Painting and Photography*, Vidrozhennyya International Fund, Kiev, Ukraine  
2003 - *Theodosics*, Center for Contemporary Art Soviart, Kiev, Ukraine  
2002 - *Lyric*, Gallery *Triptych*, Kiev, Ukraine  
2002 - *Painting*, ArtEast Gallery, Kiev, Ukraine  
2000 - *Transition*, Atelier Karas Gallery, Kiev, Ukraine  
2000 - *Bevza / Painting*, Ukrainian Institute of America, New York, USA  
1999 - *White Shadow*, Atelier Karas Gallery, Kiev, Ukraine  
1999 - *Early Bevza*, Gallery Irena, Kiev, Ukraine  
1998 - *Painting and Sculpture*, Gallery Kunstkaufhaus, Leipzig, Germany  
1998 - *Totalitarianism. Art-project*, A. C. C. Gallery, Kiev. Ukraine  
1997 - *Printemps d`Ukraine*, Gallery *Robin-Leadouze*, Paris, France  
1995 - *C`est moi. Reality of Abstraction*, National Art Museum of Ukraine, Kiev, Ukraine  
1992 - *Art of Petro Bevza*, Vidrozhennyya International Fund, Kiev, Ukraine  
1992 - *Art of Bevza*, The French Culture Center, Embassy of France, Kiev, Ukraine