

MATEI BEJENARU

b. 1963

SOLO EXHIBITIONS (SELECTED)

- 2016** *The Steps, the Words and the Usual*, Anca Poterasu Gallery, Bucharest (RO),
curator: Anca Mihulet
- 2014** *Songs for a better future*, Laakteater, The Hague (NL), curator: Reka Imola Makkai
- 2013** *From A to B*, Cupola Gallery, Iasi, (RO), curator: Livia Pancu
Projects 1993-2000, Tranzit Iasi (RO), curator: Livia Pancu
- 2012** *Matei Bejenaru: Art into Life / Life into Art*, The Artery Gallery North Adams Massachussets,
USA, curator: Izabel Galliera
- 2011** *Battling Inertia*, Andreiana Mihail Gallery, Bucharest (RO)
Projects 2008-2010, Contemporary Art Gallery of the Brukenthal Museum Sibiu (RO), curators:
Liviana Dan and Anca Mihulet
- 2009** *M3 Work, Memory, Movement*, Cupola Gallery Iași (RO)
Double Stéreo, Galerie ERSEP Tourcoing (F) (with Yves Robuschi),
curators: Ivan Polliart and Christelle Manfredi
- 2007** *Ghid de calatorie*, Galeria Posibila, Bucharest (RO)
- 2005** *Strawberry Fields Forever*, Galeria Noua, Bucharest (RO)
INTER (with Robert Fearn), R O O M Gallery, Bristol (UK); Vector Gallery Iasi (RO)
Travelling Guide, Insert in the IDEA Art Magazine, Cluj (RO)
- 2002** *Mehr Chancen Fur Unsere Jugend*, Kulturkontakt Gastatelier, Vienna (A)
Salut / Ave Bachtalo, Offspace Gallery, Vienna (A)
- 2000** *Peripheral Routes 2*, Space Gallery, ICCA Bucharest (RO)
Peripheral Routes, ATC Space, Chicago (USA)
- 1999** *Unequal Parallels*, "Cupola" Gallery, Iasi (RO)
- 1998** *Archives*, "GAD" Photo Gallery, Bucharest (RO)
Interferencies, Palace Of Culture, Tg.Mures (RO)
- 1996** *9 Days*, "Cupola" Gallery, Iasi (RO)
Reflex, "Matei Millo" House, Iasi (RO)

GROUP EXHIBITIONS (SELECTED)

- 2016** *The Factory of Facts and Other (Unspoken) Stories*, Salonul de Proiecte, Bucharest, Romania
- 2016** *NON-FICTIONS*, Reziđența Scena9, Bucharest, Romania

- 2016** *Innersound: Touch, multimedia project*, (the project is part of #4 Innersound New Arts Festival), Bucharest, Romania
- 2016** *Industrisemester*, Maskinhuset, Grängesberg, Sweden, curator: Johan Norling
Clinical architectures for a compositionist future, Camera Plus Biennial for Contemporary Photography, Iasi, Romania, curator: Catalin Gheorghe
- 2015** *Timisoara Art Encounters*, curators: Nathalie Hoyos & Rainald Schumacher
Pocket Revolutions, Korea Foundation Seoul (South Korea), curator: Simona Nastac
In times of Hope and Unrest: Cristical Art from Iasi, National Museum for Contemporary Art Bucharest, curators: Catalin Gheorghe si Cristian Nae
Cartographies, McDaniel College, Maryland, SUA, curator : Izabel Galliera
Brave New World Romanian Migrants' Dream Houses , Museum Europäischer Kulturen, Berlin
- 2014** *Showtime*, ABC Contemporary Zurich (CH), curator: Olga Stefan
Power and Play, De Markten, Summer of Photography Brussels (B),
curator: Christophe de Jaegger
Paralele intersectate / Intersected Parralels : 5 positions in Romanian Contemporary Photography, Cupola Gallery, Iasi (RO)
- 2013** *From the Plastic Arts to the Visual Arts* (together with Dumitru Oboroc), Salonul de proiecte Bucharest (RO), curators: Magda Radu & Alexandra Croitoru
AGORA, 4th Athens Biennial (GR), curator: Despina Zefkili
- 2012-2013** *One Sixth of the Earth* , MUSAC Valladolid (ES), ZKM Karlsruhe (D), curator: Mark Nash
Associate Artists, Kettle's Yard, University of Cambridge (UK), curator: Elizabeth Fischer
- 2011** *Vector Association at Western Front*, Western Front Vancouver (CA), curators: Livia Pancu & Jesse McKee
Songs for a better future, PerformIC Festival, Innsbruck (A), curator: Andrei Siclodi
Living Today, Glasgow School of Art (UK), curator: Jenny Brownrigg
I work. I produce. I control, Galeria ZONA Lodz (PL), curator: Livia Pancu
Artists' Film Club, ICA London, curator: Cylena Simonds
- 2010** *The Haifa Mediterranean Biennial*, Haifa (IL), curator: Belu Fainaru
Songs for a better future, KNOT project, Bucharest (RO), curator: Raluca Voinea
Over the counter, Mucsarnok Museum Budapest (HU), curators: Eszther Lazar, Zsolt Petranyi,
Image at work, INDEX Stockholm and the Romanian Cultural Institute in Stockholm (S),
curator:Helena Holmberg
Eurovisions, Vasa Konsthall (FI), curator: Robert Back
Critical Point, Vector Association participation at Frieze Projects London (UK),
curator: Livia Pancu
Best Laid Plans, The Drawing Room London (UK), curator: Cylena Simmonds
- 2009** *Performing the East*, Salzburger Kunstverein (A), curator: Hemma Schmutz
De Porc, The National Dance Center Bucharest (RO), curator Ervin Kessler,

- Dacia*, Lille 3000 series of exhibitions and events, Galerie Comune Tourcoing (F),
curator: Christelle Manfredi
- 2008** *Taipei Biennial*, Taiwan, curators: Manray Shu and Vasif Kortun
Spa Port, Banja Luka (Bosnia), curator: Ana Nikitovic
Schengen, Finekost Gallery Berlin, curator: Aaron Moulton
Move On, Futura Art Center Prague (CZ), curator: Alberto di Stefano
- 2007** *The Irresistible Force*, Tate Modern London Level 2 Gallery, curator: Ben Borthwick
Social Cooking Romania, NGBK Berlin (D), curator: Dan Mihaltianu
If you find this world bad, you should see some of the others, Prague Biennial 3,
curator: Simona Nastac
Blurr 6 Performance Festival, Tel Aviv, curator: Sergio Edelsztein
- 2006** *Journey Against the Current Küba*, Thyssen-Bornemisza Art Contemporary, Nestroyhof,
Vienna
Cities from Bellow, Fondazione Teseco per l'arte, Pisa, Italia, curator: Marco Scotini
Check-in Europe Reflecting Identities in Contemporary Art, European Patent Office,
München, Germany, curator: Marius Babias
- 2005** *Situated Self*, Museum for Contemporary Art Belgrade (Serbia); Tennis Art Palace, Helsinki (FI),
curators: Branko Dimitrević & Mika Haanula
NowHere Europe, Polo Museale Veneziano alla Misericordia, Venice (I), MNAC Bucharest (RO),
curator: Bartolomeo Pietromarchi (Fondazione Adriano Olivetti)
Motion Parade, Fotogalerie Vienna (A), curator: Alina Serban.
Just a Doubt, Manhattan Gallery Łodz (PL), curator: Ivan Polliart
- 2004** *The Roma Show*, Minoriten Gallery Graz (A), Jana Koniarka Gallery Trnava (SK),
Skuc Gallery Ljubljana (SLO)
I Am Here You Are There..., GFZK Leipzig (D), curator: Barbara Steiner
U-Topos, Tirana Biennial 2, Albania, curator: Branislava Dimitrevič
- 2003** *Superbia*, Dublin (Ireland), curator: Stephen Brandes
Palpable Disequilibrium, LIPA Gallery Chicago, curator: Olga Ștefan
- 2002** *Personal-Public Space*, Čačak (Serbia), curator: Zoran Erić
Mope 02, Performance Festival, Vasa (FI), curator: Markus Lerviks
Ebent Performance Festival, CCCB Barcelona (E), curator: Maria Cosmes
Akt 2, Performance Festival, Brno (CZ), curator: František Kowolowski
- 2001** *Fabs Show*, Poznanski Factory, Łodz, Poland, curator: Malgorzata Sidor
Never Stop The Action, Steirischer Herbst Festival, Rotor Graz (A),
curators: Margarethe Makovec & Anton Lederer
49th Venice Biennial, Context Project, Romanian Pavilion, Venice (I), curator: Alexandru Patatic
- 2000** *Via Bucharest*, Eforie Gallery, Bucharest
Transferatu, Ifa Gallery, Berlin (D), curator: Dan Mihălțianu

- Peripheric Roads*, Around the Coyote Gallery, Chicago, curator: Olga Stefan
- 1999** *Jünge Rümänische Kunst* , Bayerische Stadtkanzlei, München (D)
At Home, French Cultural Center Iasi (RO)
Zone 3 Performance Festival, Timisoara (RO), curator: Ileana Pintilie
Periferic 3, Festival, Iasi (RO)
Annart 10 Performance Festival, St. Ann Lake (RO), curator: Gusztáv Ütő
- 1998** *Periferic 2*, Performance Festival, Iasi (RO)
Gioconda's Smile , Performance Festival, Kishinew, Republic of Moldova,
 curator: Octavian Esanu
Contemporary Concepts , Art Museum, Oradea (RO)
Alternatives Experimental Film Festival, Tg. Mures (RO), curator: Joseph Bartha
- 1997** *Altfest* , Alternative Theatre Festival, Iasi (RO)
Soare cu dinti , 35 Studio, 3/4 Floor Gallery, National Theatre, Bucharest (RO),
 curator: Erwin Kessler
Periferic 1, French Cultural Centre, Iasi (RO)
- 1997** *Civitas Solis, Civitas Artis* , The Soros Center for Contemporary Arts Annual Exhibition,
 Calnic Castle (RO), curator: Maria Rus Bojan
Ad-Hoc , Romanian Art of Today, Ludwig Museum, Budapest (HU), curator: Erwin Kessler
- 1996** *Interferencies and Experiments from the 1960s until the 90s in the Romanian Art*
 (The Soros Center For Contemporary Arts Annual Exhibition), 3/4 Floor Gallery,
GATA young graduating art students exhibition, 3/4 Floor Gallery, National Theatre, Bucharest
- 1995** *Object- Objective*, 35 Studio, Caminul Artei Gallery, Bucharest (RO), curator: Erwin Kessler
Neotraditionalism & Neoavanguard, 35 Studio, Caminul Artei Gallery, Bucharest (RO),
 curator: Erwin Kessler
Inter(N), Art Museum of Arad (RO), curator: Judit Angel
- 1994** *Art Unlimited Ltd*, Art Museum Of Arad (RO), curator: Judit Angel

PERFORMANCES

- 2015** *Ode of the Matter*, Timisoara Art Encounters, curators: Nathalie Hoyos & Rainald Schumacher
- 2013** *My Head / My Street*, AGORA, 4th Athens Biennial (GR), curator: Despina Zefkili
From A to B (together with Paul Gradinaru), transit Iasi (RO)
- 2009** *ZäuberJackl Quest*, Salzburger Kunstverein (Austria), Curator: Hemma Schmutz
ISO, Thessaloniki Biennial 2 (GR), curators: Demosthenes Agrafiotis and Eirini Papakonstantinou
- 2007** *Impreuna / Together*, Tate Modern London, curator: Ben Borthwick
- 2004** *Speaking 5*, House of Writers Chisinau (MD), GFZK Leipzig (D), curator: Barbara Steiner
- 2002** *Zona 4 Festival*, Timisoara (RO)
Strawberry Fields Forever, Ebent Festival, CCCB Barcelona
Sauna Speaking, Mope 02, Vasa (FI)

Salut / Ave Bachtalo, Akt 2 Festival , Brno (CZ)

Looking For Caslav, Čačak (Serbia)

A Methamorphosys of Speaking, live radio broadcast, ORF Kunstradio, Vienna (A), organizer:

Jeanette Pacher

2001 Walzer der Dinge, Never Stop The Action Festival, Graz (A)

Speaking 4, Fabs Show, Łodz (PL)

1999 Personal History, The Zone Performance Festival, Timisoara (RO)

Body Spray, French Cultural Center, Iasi (RO)

13047, Annart 10 Performance Festival, St. Ann Lake (RO)

1998 To The Center, Periferic 2 Festival, Iasi (RO)

Speaking 3, Gioconda's Smile Performance Festival, Chisinau (MD)

1997 Speaking2, Altfest Festival, Iasi (RO)

Somebody Up There Likes Me, Periferic 1 Festival, French Cultural Centre, Iasi (RO)

Pilotage, French Cultural Centre, Iasi (RO)

1996 Speaking1, Live TV performance, Europa Nova Studio, Iasi (RO)

1995 Alexandru cel Bun, Iasi (RO)

1994 The Mirrors, Piatra Neamt (RO)

VIDEOS

2016 Wall, 16mm b&w film, 3min.

2014 The Wall of J.O., HDV, 30min.

2013 The Band Without a Name, HDV, 30min.

2010 From afar, HDV, 5min.

Battling Inertia, HDV, 14min.

2009 A.S.B.T, HDV, 14min.

2007 Maersk Dubai, DVD, 8min.

2005 1982, DVD, 1min.

2004 Speaking 5, DVD, 11min.

2003 Alexandru cel Bun Epilogue, DVD, 6 min.

2002 Salut / Ave Bachtalo, Hi8, Colour, Sound, 43 Min.

2001 Conversations 15, Vhs, Colour, Sound, 10 Min.

1996 Duo, Svhs, Colour, Sound, 6 Min.

1995 Struggle, Vhs, Colour, Sound, 4 Min.

All, Svhs, Colour, Sound, 4 Min.

Alexander The Good, Colour Sound, 5 Min.

1994 Transience, Vhs, Colour, Sound, 3 Min.

1993 Noncommunication, Vhs, Colour, Sound, 4 Min.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Founder and Artistic Director of Periferic Biennial, Iasi (RO)

Between 2003-2007, director of VECTOR Gallery in Iasi (RO)

Since 2005, editor of Vector visual art magazine, Iasi (RO)

1998-2004 graphic designer of all the Periferic Biennial publications (catalogues, posters, invitations...)

Between 2003-2007, he was the initiator and manager of the cARTier project (a social culture project which tries to rehabilitate an esplanade in a worker's district in Iasi-Romania). The cARTier project was a pilot project of Pro Helvetia in Romania.

Between 2004-2008, he wrote weekly art articles at the Supliment de cultura (the visual arts page), a cultural magazine with a national distribution in Romania.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2012-2013 Associated artist at Kettle's Yard Cambridge (UK)

2011-2012 Visiting Professor at the University of Quebec, Montreal (CA)

2008 Artist in residence at Futura Art Center in Prague (CZ)

2007 Artist in Residence: Tate Modern London Level 2 Gallery

2002 Kulturkontakt Fellowship Vienna (A)

2000 Artslink Fellowship (Artist In Residence Around The Coyote Chicago (USA)

1997 Soros Center For Contemporary Arts First Prize, Bucharest (RO)

British Council Fellowship, Belfast (UK)

CONFERENCES

2014 The Mobile Biennial, National Museum for Contemporary Arts Bucharest

2012 Western Front, (Conference Institutions by Artists), Simon Fraser University,
Vancouver, Canada

California College of the Arts, San Francisco, USA

2011 Université du Québec à Montréal

2008 Institut National d'Histoire de l'art Paris (Conference „Art contemporain et territoires)

2007 Flaggfabrikke Bergen, Norway

Courtauld Institute Londra

Contemporary Art Center Tel Aviv

2006 Romanian Cultural Institute New York

Moderna Museet Stockholm

Middle South European Meeting, Pristina, Kosovo

Cabaret Voltaire Zurich

2005 Institutul Goethe București (Conference After The Happy Nineties)

University of South Florida, Tampa, SUA

Muzeul de Arta Contemporana Belgrad

2004 Manifesta Cofee Break – Liverpool Biennial