Marina Stoponja

SCULPTOR / CROATIA

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I am a Croatian sculptor working with human and animal forms in marble, bronze and other sculptural materials. My practice explores nature, memory and the emotional presence of sculpture, from portraits and intimate objects to large-scale works and site-responsive exhibitions.

EDUCATION

1999 **Academy of Fine Arts, Zagreb, Croatia**
Graduated in sculpture, studying under Professor Šime Vulas.

SELECTED AWARDS

2018 **Commendation for Sculpture**
Fourth International Biennial of Nude, Marko Krstov Gregović, Petrovac, Montenegro. For *Jahačica bez gaćica*.

2017 **Ras Al Khaimah Fine Arts Festival Award**
For *AnimaR*, Ras Al Khaimah, United Arab Emirates.

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2022 **Stoljeće**
Gradski muzej Jastrebarsko; Erdödy Castle setting, Jastrebarsko, Croatia.

2022 **Zemlja Jastrebarska**
Gradski muzej Jastrebarsko, Croatia.

2019 **Species / Vrste**
54th Lički likovni anale, Muzej Like Gospić, Croatia.

2019 **Duh života / The Spirit of Life**
Church of St Paul, Museums Kotor, Montenegro.

2017-18 **Sculpture exhibition, Galerija Kranjčar**
Zagreb, Croatia. 28 December 2017 - 25 January 2018.

Selected Practice

SELECTED GROUP & TWO-PERSON EXHIBITIONS

2026 **Dvorac umjetnika - Na nebu od oblaka**
Group exhibition, Galerija Klovićevi dvori, Zagreb, Croatia.

2014 **Skulptura**
Four-artist exhibition, Galerija umjetnina grada Slavonskog Broda, Croatia.

2011 **Paralela suprotstavljenog zajedništva**
Two-person exhibition with Hrvoje Dumančić, Galerija Zvonimir, Zagreb, Croatia.

2011 **Skulptura u kamenu 1991.-2011.**
Group exhibition, Gliptoteka, Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Zagreb.

SELECTED PUBLIC & SITE-RESPONSIVE PROJECTS

2023 **Pachakutiq**
Gorilla sculpture presented at the Pachakutiq festival, Komiža, Croatia.

2022 **The Spirit of Erdödy**
Deer sculpture exhibited within *Stoljeće*, responding to the history and landscape of Erdödy Castle, Jastrebarsko.

1999 **Vijuga**
Public sculpture, Jakovlje Sculpture Park, Croatia.

JURY SERVICE & PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

2026 **Museum Night, Mountain Studio**
Welcomed visitors to my studio on Plešivica for sculpture viewing and conversation.

2024 **Art and nature workshops**
Collaboration with Gabrijela Vrbetić, combining foraging, food and ceramics.

2019 **International Sculpture Jury**
Jury member for the Drago Đurović sculpture award, Danilovgrad, Montenegro.