

_Team

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_Bio

Blood Becomes Water collective emerged in 2010 in Sofia as a result of the meeting between Raya Rayax and Rosie Eisor with an initial aim to publish series of art limited editions.

They've quickly expanded a network among Eastern European and international creatives to collaborate on the development of various thought-provoking visuals, later combined in the main collective's zine project. In this way, Blood Becomes Water not only showcases their own work among its favourite artists, but succeed to generate new artworks created exclusively for their projects. That's how Belgian illustrator Robin Renard becomes part of the team in 2014, after several successful releases.

The graphic vocabulary of the collective emphasizes on visual-centred print projects, but significant areas also include music and apparel. Blood Becomes Water creative approach is characterised by fun and imperfect but bold and easy to remember drawings and designs, often including optic effects or patterns. Frequently addressed themes in their works may vary from visual errors, tattoos, symbols, death & cruelty, hope& failure, future & past, human and animal to simple non sense suggesting the interpretation of the viewer.



2016

- Pop Up Zine Show, Zango Studio, Tbilisi/GE
- Artist's Book Exhibition, Tbilisi Book Days, Tbilisi/GE
- E? Fest: Chairs fraîches, Abattoir d'Anderlecht, Brussels/BE
- FanzineIST Festival, Istanbul/TR
- Salon Central VaPeur, Strasbourg/FR

2015

- Sprint: Independent Publishers Fair – curated by Dafne Boggeri, Spazio O', Milan/IT
- Volumes Independent Art Publishing Fair, Zurich/CH
- Hip Hip Zine Fair, Sofia University, Sofia/BG
- WIELS Art Book Fair, WIELS Contemporary Art Centre, Brussels/BE
- Libros Mutantes, La Casa Encendida, Madrid/ESP
- Zine Happening, Buurtcentrum, Ghent/BE
- COUP DE COEUR#, Guillaume Dappen Gallery, Basel/CH

2014

- BBW#9: Tattoos on animals and Alien Mustangs live, Fridge & Haspel, Sofia/BG
- Sprint: Independent Publishers Fair – curated by Dafne Boggeri, Spazio O', Milan/IT
- Moon Voyage 36, group exhibition curated by Snejanka Mihailova and Voin de Voin – Fridge & Haspel, Sofia/BG
- BBW Italian Summer mini tour – Gelati Fanzine Festival, Genova; Boss Gallery, La Spezia; Crack Fumetti Dirompenti X, Rome/IT
- Zines of The Zone Event #17 – Ogms gallery, Sofia/BG

2013

- Vse, co umim, je umeni – curated by Vera Mlechevska, Ceske Centrum Praha, Prague/CZ
- Sprint: Independent Publishers Fair – curated by Dafne Boggeri, Spazio O', Milan/IT
- The Revival – Hectoliter, Brussels/BE
- The Revival Pavillion – Sofia/BG
- One Night Show: Catastrophe in Sofia, Sofia/BG

2012

- Full Moon Saloon #12: Edizioni Straordinarie – curated by Dafne Boggeri, Spazio O', Milan/IT
- Zine Pages Fest – Seoul/KR
- Micro: independent publishing festival – Superground, Milan/IT
- ZINE*FAIR: 3rd Independent Publishers & Artzine Fair – Kunsthalle Wien/AT
- Sinestezija Festival: EXOTICA – Herceg Novi/ME
- Pizza, Pronto! – Sofia Design Week, Hip Hip Atelier, Sofia/BG
- Underground Performing Art Festival – curated by Yovo Panchev, Sofia/BG
- International Drawing Project – curated by Craig Atkinson, PR1 Gallery, Preston/UK

2011

- The Bulgarian Pavilion Exhibition - curated by Svetlana Kuyumdzhieva, Credo Bonum, Sofia/BG
- FANZINES!Festival - Mediatheque Marguerite Duras, Paris/FR
- Hip Hip Library: opening - Hip Hip Atelier, Sofia/BG
- One Day Independent Publishers and Fanzines Fair - curated by Rita Vitorelli and Catherine Hug, Kunsthalle Wien/AT
- Sinestezija Festival – Multi-location Contemporary Art Platform & Work-in-progress Exhibition, Herceg Novi/ME
- I've Zine The Darkness - Dieschonnenstadt Gallery, Halle/DE
- Hidden Exhibition - curated by Yovo Panchev, Otezt Paisi Festival, Plovdiv/BG



_Workshops

2015

- Junkyard Funkyard - Bricolage Lab, Kulturforum, Belgrade, SRB
- Riso Print Zine - Hip Hip Library & Sofia University, Sofia/BG

2013

- Meaning of Interpretation – Sofia Contemporary festival, curated by Ovul Durmusoglu, ICA Sofia, BG

2012

- BBW x Artnewscafe at Night of Museums and Galleries, Plovdiv/BG

_Art Residencies & prizes

2015

- 2nd Crystal Ruth Bell Residency winner - China Residencies, Red Gate Gallery - Beijing/CN

_Concerts Events organized by BSW

2017

- Jun 15 - The Shivas (US) + The Black Swells (BG) in Sofia
- Apr 28 - The Black Needles (BR) in Sofia
- Apr 27 - The Black Needles (BR) in Veliko Tarnovo
- Feb 10 - Dragster (BE) in Sofia

2016

- Nov 14 - Bazooka (GR) in Sofia
- Jul 09 - Ken Strigfellow (US) + Names & Mokdad (BG) + Dead Man's Hat (BG) in Sofia
- May 09 - Jack Oblivian & The Sheiks (US) in Sofia

2015

- Oct 24 - The Black Needles (BR) in Sofia
- Oct 02 - Tonstartssbandht (CA) in Sofia
- Aug 20 - The Shivas + Comasummer (BG) in Burgas
- Aug 19 - The Shivas (US) + Comasummer (BG) in Sofia

2014

- Dec 27 - Alien Mustangs (GR) in Sofia
- Nov 03 - Bazooka (GR) in Sofia