

Dina Bova – artist biography

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[Clay-Artisan](#): USA (West coast)

[Art Fusion Gallery](#): USA (Miami)

[Contempop Gallery](#) : Israel and Europe

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Artist's statement

Dina's world is full of allegories, metaphors and multifaceted associations. This world is sometimes absurd and paradoxical, sometimes strange and surreal, but this world is a reflection of her true feelings. In this world, different emotions coexist side by side: irony, fear, joy, pain, sometimes even madness and despair, but there's always a presence of hope and there's never hatred. She doesn't like to impose her point of view on the spectator. She only slightly opens a door to a wonderland, where everyone can find something of his own.

For Dina, art is something that appeals to our senses and emotions, and not to our intellect and instincts. Her language is the language of intuitive characters and metaphors. She tries to avoid flat and primitive clichés, which appeal to our basic instincts, such as sex, fear or disgust. Perhaps this is why various spectators interpret her works differently, according to their own perception of the world. This is exactly what she is after.

She thinks that it's not important how an artist creates his work. It can be created with any tool and any medium, but it should speak for itself and convey a very special mood. It should need no explanation, no elaboration and no apologies. It can be very aesthetic or the opposite of it. The most important thing - is freeing the imagination, so "*the sky is the limit*"...

Awards

Has been participating in international photo contests and exhibitions since 2008.

Till today, **83** of her works were awarded with over 350 **prizes** in **24 countries**.

Summary: 56 medals, 3 trophies and near 300 other awards

Selected awards:

- [Blindonkey Art Prize 2011](#) (Italy) - Grand prize [winner](#) in Digital Art category.
- [IPA 2011](#) – International photography awards (USA) – 11 honorable mention awards in professional categories: Collage, Nudes, Portrait, Self portrait, Digitally Enhanced and Other.
- [Masters Cup 5 –the color awards 2011](#) (London) - Honorable mention award in Nudes and 3 nominations in Fine art professional categories
- [PX3 - Prix de la Photographie, Paris 2011](#) (Paris) - Bronze medal in Fine Art professional category
- [London international creative competition 2011](#) (UK) – Honorable mention award in Fine art professional category
- [Art Fusion Gallery International competition 2011](#) (Miami) - 3rd place. Works were be presented during Art Basel 2011.
- [Hasselblad Masters 2011](#) (Denmark) – [one of 10 finalists](#) in “up and coming” category.
- [Black & White Spider Awards 2011](#) (UK) - Honorable mention award and 4 nominations in Fashion, Fine Art and Nude professional categories.
- [Julia Margaret Cameron award 2011](#) (UK) - [1st place](#) in "Nude" and [2nd place](#) in Fine Art professional categories
- [IPA 2010](#) – [International Photography Awards](#) (USA) – 4 honorable mention awards for professional Fine-Art categories. Three series - [Collage](#), [Nudes](#), [Portrait](#) and [single](#). Total 11 artworks.
- [World in Focus 2010](#) by [Photo District News \(PDN\)](#) (New-York) – [First prize](#) in professional category "Outdoor scenes"
- [PDN portfolio of the month](#) August 2010 – one of ten best portfolios on PDN PhotoServe.
- [Aqüeducte Biennale 2010](#) (Barcelona) - [Gold Aqüeducte author](#)
- [Sony World Photography award 2010](#) (Cannes) - one of 10 [nominations](#) for best landscape
- [Foto-future 2010](#) (Moscow) – 1st place in professional category "Fantasy about the future" - [Winzavod - Moscow Centre for Contemporary Art](#)
- [Asahi Shimbun](#) international photo contest 2010 (Tokyo) – honorable mention medal
- [Nikon Photo Contest International 2008-2009](#) (Tokyo) - [2nd prize](#)
- [Proficiency PSA \(PPSA\)](#) title by Photographic Society of America – September 2010 and was selected in top photographers in electronic imaging for 2010
- In addition to above - [22 Gold medals](#) in international photo-contests under FIAP/PSA patronage in USA, Austria, France, Spain, England, Croatia, Ukraine, Cyprus, China, Vietnam, Taiwan and Israel

Selected Exhibitions

- [Art KARLSRUHE fair](#) – March 2012, Germany
- February 14th and 3rd week of May 2012 – an auction in the [Museum of Latin American Art of Buenos Aires](#)
- January 19th - February 15th 2012 - [2nd Biennial International Exhibition](#), - [Borges Cultural Center](#), Buenos Aires, Argentina
- December 9th 2011 - [Hasselblad Masters Finalists 2012 Tour](#), Inter Gallery. Beijing, China
- October-December 2011 – [Fusion VIII – Synesthesia](#), [Art Fusion Gallery](#), Miami, USA. Also participated in [Art Basel](#) and [Red Dot Miami Art Fair](#)
- October-November 2011 - [Hasselblad Masters Finalists 2012 Tour](#), London, Los Angeles, New York, Berlin
- June 2011 – [Leil de Lumiere](#), Light-house gallery, Old Jaffa, Israel
- June 2011 – [Hamilton Gallery](#), Los Angeles, USA
- June 2011 – [The Center of Fine Art Photography](#), Fort Collins, USA
- April 2011 - [BlinDonkey Art prize](#) - Atlantic Gallery, New-York, USA
- March-April 2011 – [Art in Ariel](#) - collective exhibition in Center for performing arts, Ariel, Israel
- March 2011 – [Magic Realism from Israel](#) – Photo-Center, Moscow (26 works)
- March 2011 - [Exhibition of women artists](#) - Centro Cultural de Maracena, Granada, Spain
- February 2011 - [Feria Internacional del Arte](#) – collective exhibitions in several places as a part of the art festival in Granada, Spain (6 works)
- October-November 2010 - [Mismatches Mesh](#) – photo-art international exhibition by the [Seen gallery](#) as a part of [Atlanta Celebrates Photography](#) festival. Atlanta, USA (12 works)
- October-December 2010 - [Magic Realism & Real Magic](#) - international exhibition of surreal contemporary art, Tel-Aviv, Israel (24 works)
- December 2010 - [Old Jaffa's secrets](#) – collective exhibition, presented 6 conceptual nudity artworks, Jaffa, Israel
- April-July 2010 - [Three Women - Three Worlds](#) – conceptual international exhibition of 3 female photo-artists. Tel-Aviv, Israel (21 works)
- December 2008, 2009, 2010 - [A new eye on Israel](#) – collective exhibitions
- February 2008 - [Art Photographer](#) – collective exhibition, Russian cultural center, Tel-Aviv
- Numerous exhibitions by international art and photography contests

Permanent collections

- [MIF Museu Internacional De Fotografia](#) – museum's contemporary section of photographic permanent collection, Catalunya, Spain
- [The Center of Fine Art Photography](#), Fort Collins, CO USA
- [Embassy of Israel](#) - Tokyo, Japan
- [Tel-Aviv University](#), Green Villa, Israel
- Private collections all over the world
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Selected Publications

- [Jerusalem Post](#), as part of the project "Shlomit & RebbeSoul", May 4th, 2012 (Israel)
- [Photo Inspiration: Secrets Behind Stunning Images](#), 2012, Publisher: 1x
- [Practical Photoshop magazine](#), May 2012 – [Issue 12](#) (UK)
- [Tenoua Magazine](#), January 2012 - Issue 146 (Paris, France)
- [El Duende Magazine](#), January 2012 (Madrid, Spain)
- [Calendario El Duende](#) , January 2012 (Madrid, Spain)
- [Yenshufim – Owls](#) – TV show, 2nd January 2012, channel 8 (Israel)
- [Beyond](#) , 2011. Publisher: 1x (Sweden)
- ["Fotografernas bästa bilder och hur de kom"](#) (Photographers' best images and how they came) Tutorial book 2011, Publisher: 1x (Sweden)
- [Photo Paper Magazine](#) 2011 – Issue 2 by Spider Awards (UK)
- [Foto Objektiv](#) issue 158 – ["Three women - Three worlds"](#) (Vienna, Austria, May 2011)
- [Composition Magazine issue 17](#) – interview, portfolio and work analysis (Tel-Aviv, March 2011)
- [Three Women – Three Worlds](#) - photo-art book. Publisher: [BSW-ART](#), Tel-Aviv 2010
- [Best of Photography 2010 book](#) - Publisher: Serbin Communications
- [Photo District News](#) (PDN) magazine (New-York, USA, February 2010)
- [PDN PhotoServe portfolio](#) as [World in Focus 2010](#) winner
- [Sony World Photography Awards](#) – Cannes 2010 book. Publisher: VERLHAC Editions.
- [Day Dreaming Magazine](#) – ["Masks and Creatures"](#), (Italy, October 2010)
- [Sony World Photography Awards](#) – Cannes 2009 book. Publisher: VERLHAC Editions.
- Portfolio in [PhotoArt](#) magazine (Prague, Czech republic, November 2008)
- A photo-manipulation process, [PhotoArt](#) magazine (Prague, October and November 2008)
- Portfolio in ["World of Photography"](#) magazine (Tel-Aviv, Israel, January 2009)
- Numerous publications in catalogs of international photography contests
- Numerous publications in rock music magazines in articles related to my cooperation projects with rock musicians - Orphaned Land band and Yossi Sassi (Melting Clocks album)

Experience as a juror in art photography contests

- May 2012 - [3a Lliga Catalana de fotografia digital](#)
- March 2012 - [3a Lliga Catalana de fotografia digital](#)
- January 2012 - [3rd Edition of The Julia Margaret Cameron Award](#)
- January 2012 - [3a Lliga Catalana de fotografia digital](#)
- December 2011 – [The magic of Water](#), Israel
- November 2011 - [3a Lliga Catalana de fotografia digital](#)
- October 2011 – [Eros Awards 2011](#)
- May 2011 – [Pollux Awards 2011](#)

Projects

- In progress: A post new-age perspective on a Biblical Sulamith from the "Song of songs" – visual part of the project "Shlomit & RebbeSoul" with the singers [Shlomit Levi](#) and [RebbeSoul](#) (Bruce Burger) - a fusion of Jewish Yemenite music and Rock with new-age harmonies
- [XIV Semana de Cine Español](#) – my work [Center of the Universe](#) has been selected to be the official picture of the Spanish cinema festival (February 2012) that presents films awarded with "Goya awards" for best Spanish movies. The affiches with by work have been hanged all over the city and huge posters 4 meter long were hanged in the major theaters.
- DVD cover artwork, CD cover + luxury edition book "[The Road to Or Shalem](#)", [Orphaned Land](#) music band – distributed by "[Century Media Records](#)"
- CD cover, artworks in booklet "[Melting Clocks](#)", [Yossi Sassi](#), distributed by "[Warner Music Group](#)" (WMG)
- [BSW-ART](#) – "Beauty Saves the World" project - Co-founder
- [Sony BRAVIA project](#) – Picture-Frame LCD TV project