



CV
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EDUCATION

- 2017 Master of Fine Arts (M.F.A.), University of Dundee, DJCAD Dundee, UK
Art, Society and Publics: Artistic Research and Creative Writing
- 2012 Bachelor and Integrated Master of Arts (M.A.), Athens School of Fine Arts, Athens, Gr
Studio Practice: Painting, Sculpture, Scenography, and Photography
Special Courses: Art Teacher in Secondary Education/Psychoanalytic Approaches to Art

Related Education

- Jun. 2025 Art4Resilience, Training course with SCI Austria, It
- Feb. 2017 Exhibition Curatorial with Sarah Cook, University of Dundee, UK Creating an Artist's Book
- Mar. 2017 with My BookCase, University of Dundee, UK Artist's Book Seminar with the Director of DCA,
- Apr. 2017 Dundee, UK
- Apr.-May 2015 Metal Work Casting, Edinburgh Sculpture Workshops, UK

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Teaching Experience

- 2021-2022 Art Teacher Practice, Onufri High School, Elbasan, Al
- 2007-2011 Art Teacher: Kolitzeras School of Arts (Art Foundation Course), Athens, Gr

Certificate

- 2022 Certificate of Practice. ZVAP-DRAP Albania
- 2025 Certificate. A5: Art4resilience, Austria
- 2025 Certificate of Artistic Achievement, Luxembourg Pinacothèque

Related Experience (selected)

- 2013-present Self-employed, Visual Artist: Creative Doer, Curator, Art Technician, Stage Technician, Props Making, Art Commissions, Al, Gr, UK
- 2025-present Author, Meer Magazine, Online
- 2024 Production Designer, 303 Short Film, Tirana, Al
- 2023-2024 Project Coordinator, Tek Bunkeri (NGO), Tirana, Al
- 2023 Production Designer, The Exile Short Film, Tirana, Al
- 2022 Photographer and Content Writer, ETG Tourism, Elbasan, Al
- 2018 Organizer and Curator, Identity: Artist Residency, Edinburgh St. Margaret's House, UK
- 2015 Workshop Assistant, Sculpture Workshops Edinburgh, UK
- 2010-2012 Plastic Painter/Sculptor, National Opera of Greece, Athens, Gr
Production Assistant/Stage Technician, National Opera of Greece and Athens Festival Epidaurus, Athens, Gr

GRANT/RESIDENCY

- 2026 (Jul.) Residency - European Artistic Program, Barcelona-Paris, R.A.R.O Barcelona, Es
- 2026 (Jul.) Mobility Grant - CC4WB
- 2025-2026 Grant - Self in Flux: Persona and the Veiled Self, Swiss Cultural Funds Albania, Al
- 2025 Residency - Art4resilience, Service Civil International Österreich, Cagliari, It
- 2024 Artist Grant - Artist Exhibition Honorary, Gallery of Arts Tirana, Tirana, Al
- 2018 Residency - Identity, St. Margaret's House Edinburgh, UK

EXHIBITION

Solo (selected)

- 2026 *Mercurius*, Independent site-specific exhibition, Elbasan, Al
- 2024 *Inward*, Gallery of Art Tirana, Al

2024	<i>The Present Past</i> , Former Prison of Spaç Cultural Monument, Mirdita, Al
2022	<i>Unknown Collective</i> , TE'Galeria, Tirana, Al
2021	<i>Inner States</i> , Argonaut Art Factory, Tirana, Al
2017	<i>Master's Show</i> , DJCAD University of Dundee, UK

Group (selected)

2026	<i>EAP Act II Exhibition</i> , Yellow Cube Gallery, Paris, FR
2023	<i>ME'NDJE Hapur</i> , TE'Galeria, Tirana, Al
2022	<i>A Room Aside</i> , Salon of Autumn, Gallery of Shkodra, Al
2021	<i>RiArt</i> , TE'Galeria, Tirana, Al
2021	<i>Colours of Politics</i> , Argonaut Art Factory, Tirana, Al
2019	<i>Biennale of Self-portrait</i> , Albanian National Museum, Tirana, Al

Selected Commissions

2024	Public Art Legend of Berat, large-scale painting (5x14 m), acrylic on building. Berat, Al Onufri and Berat, large-scale painting (4x14 m), acrylic on building. Berat, Al Nan e Bir, large-scale painting (4x11 m), acrylic on building. Durrës, Al
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PUBLICATIONS/INTERVIEWS (selected)

Prints

- Visual Art Journal, Issue #26, May 2025, <https://visualartjournal.com/>
- Zara, Kristian. 2024. "Poetika e Hapësirës Jo-Fizike." *Fora*, 2024. ISSN: 3078-5553
- Touran, Cemil, and Kristian Zara. 2017. *Χρώματα Που Μυήθηκαν Στις Ζωές Μας*. Athens: Papazisi.
- K. Zara, *Meta-Morphosi: Artist's Book*, 2017.
- Master's Students: A Questionnaire for Self-understanding (Self Published, 2017).

Online

- STRATUM Journal, Mercurius and the Psychology of an Art Project, Apr. 2026. ISSN: 3070-8869
<https://www.elseherglobal.com/post/mercurius-and-the-psychology-of-an-art-project>
- Meer Magazine. 2025 (on going), <https://www.meer.com/en/97653-self-in-flux-the-poetics-of-authenticity>
- Klan, "E Kaluara E Tashme", Një Ekspozitë e Rrallë në Spaç." YouTube, 18 Apr. 2024,
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n4s1qWR-AgE>
- Unops_admin. 2024. "The Present Past – Former Political Prisoners Spaç, Eu4Culture." April 15, 2024.
<https://eu4culture.al/the-present-past-former-political-prisoners-return-to-spac-to-share-the-stories-of-survival-and-shed-light-into-albanias-dark-past/>
- RevArt. https://revart.co/blogs/280_Kristian_Zara_The_Alchemy_of_Memory_and_Transformation
- RTSH. "Arti Konceptual - Kristian Zara | 'Transkulturë' Në RTSH 2," November 7, 2024.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DpJNsFq8reE&t=1s>
- "Zërat dhe Maskat e të Dënuarve në Spaç | 'Në Tempull' Nga Anisa Ymeri," May 4, 2024.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-0IjaveJNgg&t=3s>

LANGUAGES

Albanian (native)
Vlach (native)
Greek (near native)
English (proficiency)
Italian (spoken)

SKILLS

- Visual Arts: Painting, Drawing, Sculpture, Printmaking, Installation Art
Video Art, Art Writing.
- Fabrication: Advanced Woodworking, Construction, Silicone/Latex Casting, Prop Making, Bookbinding.
- Design: Scenography (Stage/Film), Technician, Spatial Design.
- Software: Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Microsoft Office (Word, Excel).
- Multimedia: Photography, Video Production, Mold Making.
- Professional: Curation/Installation Handling, Project Planning, Critical Research.

MEMBERSHIP

- EETE, Athens, Gr
- ELSEHERE