Vera Gutkina

1953 – 2022

Vera Gutkina was born in Moscow and immigrated to Israel in 1982. She settled in Jerusalem where she lived until her death at the age of 69. Gutkina studied painting with the renowned artist Vladimir Shtranikh, a student of the great Russian painter Konstantin Korovin. Her art engages in many and diverse forms of experimentation with color and material and how they interact. Space, time, and spirituality are the primary topics she explores in her work.

In 1979 Gutkina became a member of the Moscow Union of Artists, and in 1983 a member of the Jerusalem Artists House. In 1988 Gutkina was awarded a fellowship by the Ministry of Education and Culture of Israel to be the Israeli Resident Artist at the Cité des Arts in Paris. Gutkina returned time and again to the Cité des Arts, an important site on her artistic journey. In 2013 she was awarded the Shoshana Ish-Shalom Art Award by the Jerusalem Artists House. Vera has found at the Artists House of Jerusalem a home and a significant community of local artists.

Selected Solo Exhibitions

1983 "Landscapes", Ella gallery, Jerusalem
1984 "New Works", Artists House, Jerusalem
1985 "New Works", Horace Richter Gallery, Tel-Aviv
1988 "New Works", 39 Steps Gallery, Jerusalem
1990 "Roofs of Paris", Jerusalem Theater, Jerusalem
1990 "New Works", Cadogan Contemporary Fine Art, London
1990 "Reverberations", Falkenstern Fine Art, New York
1997 "Without Angels", Artists House, Jerusalem
2000 "Fur-coat", Nora Gallery, Jerusalem
2002 "A Meat Grinder", Nora Gallery, Jerusalem
2003 "Orpheus and Eurydice", Anthea Gallery, Jerusalem
2005 "Nuances of Colors", Ella Gallery, Jerusalem
2012 "Flight of Light", Nora Gallery, Jerusalem

Selected Group Exhibitions

1980 "The Young Artists", Artists House Moscow
2012 "Donner du Temps au Temps", Espace d'animation des Blancs Manteaux, Paris
2008 "Jérusalem Céleste", Pavillon Carré de Baudouin Paris; FYR arte contemporanea, Florence; Elle Gallery, Jerusalem
1987 "Hanuukah 5747", the Knesset, Jerusalem

2008 "Jérusalem Céleste", Pavillon Carré de Baudouin Paris; FYR arte contemporanea, Florence; Elle Gallery, Jerusalem

2012 "Donner du Temps au Temps", Espace d'animation des Blancs Manteaux, Paris

2015 "Le Mystère des Anges", Cinémathèque, Jérusalem

Awards and Grants

1988 The Ministry of Education and Culture of Israel scholarship for the Cité des Arts, Paris

2013 The Shoshana Ish-Shalom Art Award, Artists House, Jerusalem