

## Vasil NIKOV

Fiery eyes, like the gods of Olympus of the ancient times, he creates ... He invents worlds to see, universes to feel, to touch, universes to assess using all your senses. Vasil Nikov is the master artist of graphic arts in all their dimensions ...

Yves Alavo

Born in Bulgaria in 1961, Vasil Nikov has been on the international art scene for more than 30 years. His most recent artistic involvements were with the SAQ, the *Casino de Montreal* and the 2014 Sochi Winter Olympics. A true master of expressionism, he knows how to make the natural materials of this realm speak. Stone, metal and wood become the medium of his thoughts, and through his hands he makes the elements obey. Vasil Nikov currently lives and works in Montréal.

### Studies

1981-1985      Master in Visual Arts, Sts.Cyrille-et-Méthode University, Bulgaria

### Participation in Quebec Public Art Competitions

2011            Public Artwork contest, Sports Complex in Arr. Saint-Laurent, Montréal

2009            Public Artwork contest in honor of Pierre Perrault, Park Promenade Bellerive, Arr. Mercier-Hochelaga-Maisonneuve, Montréal

2008            Public Artwork contest, Philip Laheurte park, Arr. Saint-Laurent, Montréal

### Public abroad Artworks

2001            Sculpture acquired by the Municipality of Maalot-Tarshiha, Galilee, Israel

2000 Sculpture acquired and installed in front of the Spaarkasse Bank, Hüllhorst, Germany

1997 Sculpture installed at the Kyushu Women's University Fukuoka, Japan

#### Solo and Group Exhibitions in Québec

2015 *Monumentum* International Symposium of Sculpture, Sutton, Quebec

2015-2011 *Nature and Creation*, exhibition of sculptures, Domaine des Côtes d'Ardoise, Dunham, Québec

2015 *Speak to Me of Love*, exhibition and charity auction, The Impatient, Montreal

2008-2014 All editions, La Chapelle historique du Bon Pasteur, Montreal

2014 *The Art of Stone Carving*- lecture as part of the Days of Culture, Library du Boisé, Montréal

2014 *Casino de Montreal*, participation in the sculpture project

2013, Antipodités, Jean-Brillant Workshops, Montréal

2012 *Résonance*, Chapelle historique du Bon Pasteur, Montreal

2012 *Appearances*, Home Gallery André-Benjamin-Papineau, Laval

2011 *Edouard's Friends*, lecture, Days of Culture, Bain Mathieu, Montreal

2011 Large size sculpture exhibition, 7th edition, Parc Georges-Fillion, Saint-Sauveur

2011 Exhib'Art Salon, exhibition and sale, Montreal

2011 Twin CARI, Vasil Nikov and Veaceslav Druta, Québec Masters and Artisans Museum,

- 2010 - 2011    Restaurant Le Local, Montreal, guest artist
- 2010            *A passion for printmaking*, Maison de la culture Notre Dame-de-Grâce, Montreal
- 2008            *Reflections*, solo, House of Culture of the Rivière-des-Prairies, Montreal
- 2008            *Turbulence*, solo, McClure Gallery, Visual Arts Centre, Montreal
- 2007  
residence      *Antigravitation or the Balance of Power*, solo, Usine C, Montreal - sculptor in residence
- 2006            *Creativity*, Masters and Artisans Museum of Quebec, Montreal
- 2006            *The Paths of the Cross*, Masters and Artisans Museum of Quebec, Montreal
- 2005            *Young artists*, special project in collaboration with the Art Masters and Artisans of Québec, Montréal
- 2004            Group exhibition, Gallery 1637, Montreal
- 2004            Participation at the 41st exhibition and sale of works of art, The Partners of the Thomas More Institute, Gallery Loto-Québec, Montreal
- 2003            *Bulgarian Artists of Montreal*, 1637 Gallery, Montreal
- 2003            *Twins CARI* (prints) Masters and Artisans Museum of Quebec
- 2003            *2nd Life* - Stone carving, Cultural Center of the Regina Assumpta College, Montreal
- 2003            *Relay*, stone carving, Studio 261, Montreal
- 2003            *Friendship*, stone carving, Artus Gallery, Montreal
- 2003            Participation in the 40th exhibition and sale of works of art, The Partners of the Thomas More Institute, Gallery Loto-Québec, Montreal

2002 Participation in printmaking competition Loto-Québec, Montreal

#### Special Projects

2013-2014 Sochi Olympics, sculptures for the Opening Show

#### Solo exhibitions

2002 Hüllhorst, Germany (stone tables)

2001 Minden, Germany (Sculptures)

1998 Varna, Bulgaria (Sculptures)

1996 Sofia, Bulgaria (Oil Painting)

1996 Vienna, Austria (Oil Painting)

1993 Sofia, Bulgaria (Oil Painting)

1993 Innsbruck, Austria (Oil Painting)

1993 Chur, Switzerland (Oil Painting)

1992 Sofia, Bulgaria (Oil Painting)

1991 Innsbruck, Austria (Oil Painting)

1990 Sofia, Bulgaria (Oil Painting)

1988 Sofia, Bulgaria (Oil Painting)

#### International Sculpture Symposia

2001 10th International Sculpture Symposium - Galilee, Israel

2000 International Symposium - Hüllhorst, Germany

1999 International Stone Carving Symposium - Krästal, Grossglockner'99, Austria

1997 International Sculpture Symposium - Kitakiyshu, Japan

#### International Art Exhibitions

1996	International Triennial of Painting, Sofia, Bulgaria
1985	Biennial of Graphic Arts, Belgrade, Yugoslavia
1985	Triennial of Graphic Arts, Sofia, Bulgaria
1986	International Art Biennale of Humor, Gabrovo, Bulgaria

### Experience and Involvement in the Community

- Member of the Council of the Sculpture of Quebec
- Member of the Union of Bulgarian Artists - Sofia, Bulgaria (1986)
- Member of the International Association of Arts of Unesco - IAA (1986)
- Member of the art group QuatuorV, Montreal (2003)
- Regular member of AQTIS (Alliance Quebec technicians of the image and sound)
- Regular member of IATSE (International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, theater, Movie Picture Technicians, Artists and Allied Crafts of the United States and Canada)
- Member of the Friends of the Museum of the Masters and Artisans du Québec (2006)
- Member of AIESM - International Association for Monumental Sculpture Events (2009)
- Member of the jury and the organizing committee - International Triennial of Painting, Sofia, Bulgaria (1996)

### Awards and Scholarships

1997	International Sculpture Symposium - Kitakyushu, Fukuoka, Japan Price of Bank of Fukuoka Grand Prix of Japan Travel Bureau.
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### Collections

- Les Impatients, Montreal
- Loto-Québec - Montreal
- Gallery Studio 261 - Montreal
- Masters and Artisans Museum of Quebec - Montreal

- Regina Assumpta College, Montreal
- National Gallery of Bulgaria
- Art galleries and private collections in Austria, Germany, Bulgaria, Spain, Italy, Canada, Denmark, Japan and Portugal

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- 2012 Visual Space, Radio Centre-Ville, Montreal, interview with Pierre Archambault, November
- 2008 Visual Space, Radio Centre-Ville, Montreal, interview with Pierre Archambault, May 8,
- 2008 Forum - Bulgarian Community Newspaper, January, 2008, vol.7 # 1, p.2
- 2008 Crossroads opinions - vol.3, 2008, p. 26 [www.lecarrefourdesopinions.ca](http://www.lecarrefourdesopinions.ca)
- 2003 Bernier, Robert, 9 Artists to Discover, Parcours, L'informateur des Arts, Vol. 9, pp. 39-40
- 2003 Interview on CKUT radio - Montreal
- 2001 Article in Journal of Maalot-Tarshiha, Israel
- 2000 Article in Journal of Minden, Germany
- 1997 Article in Journal of Fukuoka, Japan
- 1996 Interview on Bulgarian National Television
- 1996 Interview with the Bulgarian National Radio
- 1996 Participation in artistic programs of the Bulgarian National Television
- 1991 Article in Journal artistic Innsbruck, Austria