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BIOGRAPHY

Iryna was born and raised in Ukraine where she received two Master's degrees and has previously worked in the pharmaceutical sector. Upon moving to the USA she founded and curated the first urban art project in North Florida, *352Walls*. After that, she worked as the Co-Founder and Co-Curator for one of the biggest mural projects in the world, *ArtUnitedUs* (Kyiv, Ukraine), well-known for its row of significant artworks. She established an online guide to the street art scene and urban culture in Gainesville, *GNV Urban Art*. The blog has both informative and educational content. For *Art (Re)public* in Jacksonville, FL she worked as Urban Art Consultant and gathered the best artists from around the world. She also was a Creative Partner for *Basel House Mural Festival* in Miami, Wynwood, consulting the project during Art Basel 2017. Currently Iryna curates the *Grove Street Neighborhood* project that brings together Gainesville residents and features the work of regional and national artists. As a photographer, Iryna has contributed to numerous publications for the most relevant street art galleries on the web and in magazines. Her photographs have been exhibited in Florida galleries and in Ukraine.

EXPERIENCE

[UF PERFORMING ARTS](#) (Gala 2018, Gainesville, FL) – ongoing

Urban Art Consultant

Accomplishments:

- Gathered 8 graffiti artists for live painting and installations

[SIDNEY LANIER CENTER](#) (Murals, Gainesville, FL) – ongoing

Urban Art Consultant. Voluntary basis

Accomplishments:

- Curated murals for disabled children

[BASEL HOUSE MURAL FESTIVAL](#) (Mural project, Wynwood Arts District, Miami, FL) – Miami Art Basel 2017

Creative Partner / Photographer

Accomplishments:

- Gathered artists and organizations, consulting
- A row of [publications](#) released on the most relevant street art blogs
- Collaborated with [Urban Nation Berlin](#) – Urban Art Museum in Berlin

[GROVE STREET NEIGHBORHOOD](#) (Mural project, Gainesville, FL) – 2017 - present

Co-Founder / Curator / Photographer. Voluntary basis

Accomplishments:

- 11 murals produced, Powell's Plaza revitalized with cleaning and landscaping
- Collaborated with [Sea Walls: Murals for Oceans](#) to raise awareness about global ocean environmental issues
- Nominated for 2017 Public Art Award and City Beautification Award 2018

[STREET ART UNITED STATES](#) (Street art blog) – 2017 - present

Contributor / Photographer. Voluntary basis

Accomplishments:

- A row of articles published

[DIALOGUES IN CUBAN ART](#) (Website, a Cuban art program) – 2016 - present

Web & Creative Manager

Accomplishments:

- Work with WordPress. A row of complex tasks was accomplished with both vision and efficiency

[GNV URBAN ART](#) (Website, a guide to the urban culture in Gainesville, FL and around) – 2015 - present

Editor-in-Chief / Web & Creative Manager/ Photographer. **Voluntary basis**

Accomplishments:

- All urban art activities in Gainesville have been covered on the blog since 2015
- The blog informs about local murals, street art books, projects, artists, connects people together, and more

[ART \(RE\)PUBLIC](#) (Mural project, Jacksonville, FL) - 2016

Urban Art Consultant / Photographer

Accomplishments:

- Gathered some of the best artists from around the world, consulting
- [Over 30 publications](#) released on the most relevant street art blogs

[ART UNITED US](#) (Mural project, Kiev, Ukraine) – 2015 - 2017

Co-Founder / Co-Curator /PR

Accomplishments:

- 45 murals produced from 3 to 28 stories tall during two years, work with 80 world's most accomplished muralists
- The most significant pieces of public art: [the tallest mural in Europe](#), mural in Chernobyl, [mural in ATO zone](#) (frontline city)
- Released [over 120 publications](#) in the international street art blogs that made the project one of the most known worldwide
- Awarded [Gratitude from the Mayor of Kiev](#) and [Gratitude from the Ministry of Information Policy of Ukraine](#)

[352WALLS/ THE GAINESVILLE URBAN ART INTIATIVE](#) (Mural project, Gainesville, FL) – 2015 - 2016

Founder / Curator / Photographer

Accomplishments:

- 21 murals and 7 art interventions produced during one year
- Sought permissions from landlords, secured the financial and organizational support, gathered 21 accomplished muralists
- Awarded [Gainesville-Alachua County Public Art Award 2015](#)

[352CREATES](#) (Yarn Bombing at Volta, Gainesville, FL) – 2016

Participant. **Voluntary basis**

Accomplishments:

- Introduced one of the street art forms Yarn Bombing by knitting a [Tree of Hope](#) in support of the MS Walk

[GRAFF ART PARTY](#) (Family event, Tower Road Library, Gainesville, FL) – 2015

Collaborator. **Voluntary basis**

Accomplishments:

- Introduced people of different ages to the Graffiti World. Kids activities

[REPURPOSE PROJECT](#) (Mural, The 34th Street Wall, Gainesville, FL) – 2015

Curator. **Voluntary basis**

Accomplishments:

- A mural produced reusing donated and expired paint

EXHIBITIONS

2013 – Street Art in Europe. Photographs and video projection. Display Gallery, Gainesville, Florida

2015 – Work of “352walls” line-up artists, photographs documented in different places throughout the USA. 352walls opening night.

Historic Thomas Center, Gainesville, Florida

2016 – Graff Art Party. Photographs. Tower Road Library, Gainesville, Florida

2016 – 352walls: murals & progress. Photographs. Historic Thomas Center, Gainesville, Florida

2016 – Paradise Cities: Urban Art in Florida. Group show, photographs. Morean Arts Center, St. Petersburg, Florida

2017 – Grove Street Neighborhood. Opening event, photographs. Powell's Plaza, Gainesville, Florida

2017 – Transparent. TEDxUF group show, photographs. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts, Gainesville, Florida

2017 – Street Art Photography Workshop. Talk and photo expo. Wynwood Life Festival, Miami, Florida

2017 – Layers. Photographs, video projection, and installations. Garry R. Libby Gallery, UF, Gainesville, Florida

2017 – STINOPYS/ Streets of the USA. Photographs, talk. America House, Kiev, Ukraine. Currently travels throughout Ukraine

EDUCATION

SECOND MASTER'S DEGREE

Lviv Polytechnic National University, Lviv, Ukraine. 2003-2005 (partial concurrent enrollment)

Master of Arts in Economics with concentration in Management

Awarded on November 30, 2005

MASTER'S DEGREE

Lviv Polytechnic National University, Lviv, Ukraine. 2003-2004

Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences with concentration in Pharmaceutical Drug Technologies

Awarded on December 31, 2004

BACHELOR'S DEGREE

Lviv Polytechnic National University, Lviv, Ukraine 1999-2003

Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences

Awarded on June 30, 2003

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING COURSES 6

"Territory Management and Staff," Consulting Group NAU, Kiev, Ukraine, 2008

"Successful Product Manager," Consulting Group NAU, Kiev, Ukraine, 2007

"Technology for the Regional Manager," Integrated Management & Technology Research Center, Moscow, Russia, 2006

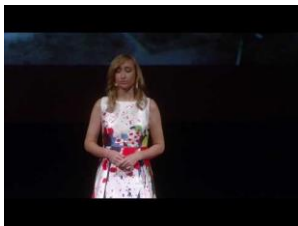
AWARDS

2015 - [Gainesville-Alachua County Public Art Award 2015](#): for the significant contribution to the enhancement of the greater environment through public art

2016 - [Gratitude from the Mayor of Kiev](#) Vitali Klitschko for the introduction of new ideas and decoration of the Capital with a mural series

2016 - [Gratitude from the Ministry of Information Policy of Ukraine](#) for civic activity, promotion of Ukraine, and creating art objects of worldly importance.

2017 – Nominee of 2017 Public Art Award and 2018 City Beautification Award for The Grove Street Neighborhood project



PUBLIC TALKS

2016 – Invited talk “352Walls” for graduate seminar Latin American Muralism, Pre-Columbian to Modern by Maya Stanfield-Mazzi, Ph.D. at University of Florida

2016 - [Urban art in Gainesville and around the world](#), Gainesville Barcamp, Gainesville, Florida

2017 - [Murals and communities](#), Gainesville Barcamp, Gainesville, Florida

2017 - [Connecting communities through public art](#), TEDxUF, Gainesville, Florida

SKILLS

TOEFL: 92

GRE: 146/ 141/ 3

LANGUAGES (fluent): Russian, Ukrainian, English

PC: WordPress, Photoshop, Lightroom, Illustrator, Corel VideoStudio, and more

PRESS

Boonzaier, K. (2017, November 14). ["Gainesville's 34th Street Wall: a long colorful history."](#) CBS4 Gainesville

Fran. (2017, November 2). ["Layers" a photo exhibition by Iryna Kanishcheva.](#)" Urbanite Webzine

Donna. (2017, October 29). ["SHINE St. Petersburg Mural Festival, Florida 2017."](#) Graffiti Street

["Selections From Shine Mural Festival in St. Petersburg Florida."](#) (2017, October 28). Brooklyn Street Art

Sami Wakim. (2017, October, 20). ["Interview With Iryna Kanishcheva."](#) Street Art United States

["Xav Paints New Mural In Kiev and Meets Racist Resistance ."](#) (2017, August 30). Brooklyn Street Art

Donna. (2017. July 3). ["Connecting Communities Through Public Art, TED talk 2017."](#) Graffiti Street

["Community Creatives Unveil Grove Street Art."](#) (2017). The Village Journal, web exclusive

Donna. (2017, March 24). ["Street Artist Ruben Ubiera's Life Size Whale Mural Creates Shock Waves in Gainesville Florida."](#) Graffiti Street

Donna. (2017, March 8). ["Art United Us Curator Iryna Kanishcheva \(IWD special\)."](#) Graffiti Street

Avila, L. (2016). ["Art United Us."](#) Graffiti Art Magazine, Issue 33. 24-25

Arias, E. (2016, July 26). ["Art United Us: Mother of Motherland" and Interview to Iryna Kanishcheva."](#) Instagrafite

Kornfield, M. (2016, January 15). ["Muralists bring color and style to Gainesville."](#) Alligator, Vol. 110, Issue 82, 1, 8

Mike, S. (2016, January 14). ["Art & About: Painting the town."](#) Gator Glob

Lima, D. (2016). ["Inside the Walls of 352."](#) The Village Journal, Vol. 12 No. 1, 30-35

Avree, S. (2016). ["352 Walls – Gainesville Urban Art Initiative."](#) Uninhibited Urban Art, Vol. 1, Issue. 4, 24-26

["Muralists Leave Lasting Impressions on Gainesville."](#) (2015, December 3). Downtown Gainesville

Watkins, M. (2015, November 25). ["International muralists bring life to downtown buildings."](#) The Gainesville Sun, A1, A6

Clements, J. (2015, November 9). ["Regional, International Artists Paint the Town with 352Walls Project."](#) WUFT

Sabella, G. (2015, July 12). ["Library gives children hands-on graffiti experience."](#) The Gainesville Sun

Sabella, G. (2015, June 20). ["Eight Seconds nightclub trades cow facade for abstract mural."](#) The Gainesville Sun

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Leros, G. (2017). "Kyiv Street Art". Ukraine: Old Lion Publishing House

Kanishcheva, I. (2017, November 16). ["Weird Tales by Waone Interesni Kazki."](#) Street Art United States

Kanishcheva, I. (2017, November 1). ["SHINE 2017, St. Petersburg, FL."](#) Street Art United States

Kanishcheva, I. (2017, October 3). ["Street Art Mural Tours."](#) Street Art United States

Kanishcheva, I. (2016, December 19). ["Art \(Re\)public New Project in Jacksonville, FL."](#) Instagrafite

Kanishcheva, I. (2016, December 14). ["Fail" by INO for the RAW project, Miami."](#) Instagrafite