

Ioana Băltan (b. 1993, Dragomirești, Dâmbovița) lives and works in London. She attended the National University of Arts, Bucharest, where she obtained a BA degree in painting in 2015. The same year, Băltan obtained the Teaching Training Department's BA degree issued by the same institution. She continued her studies at The Brera Fine Arts Academy in Milan with a scholarship and got an MA Degree in Strategies of Creation in Painting, released by the National University of Arts, Bucharest.

Băltan's paintings reveal her strong preoccupation with contemporary approaches to the female figure. Her large-scale compositions are thought of as a body of visual research on portraying feminine archetypes with a strong focus on beauty standards /and body image on social media. In her work, she captures the contrast between the image of contemporary glamour and the soft brutality of beauty standards. The idealised female figures are often placed between luxurious settings and deranged tables with broken make-up and pills, highlighting the violence women subject their bodies to in order to attain physical perfection.



## EDUCATION

Bachelor's Degree in Fine Arts Painting, National University of Arts, Bucharest 2015

Bachelor's Degree in Teaching Training, National University of Arts Bucharest 2015

Master's Degree Scholarship in Fine Arts, Brera Fine Arts Academy Milan - 2016

Master's Degree in Fine Arts Painting, National University of Arts Bucharest -2017

Postgraduate Scholarship - Gallery Assistant in Beaconsfield Gallery Vauxhall

London - 2018

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# CV

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

*Glass Theatre, XIMA Gallery, China, 2025*

*Fantastyfrolia - A Painted Tale with Tints of Marzipan, IOMO Gallery, 2024*

*Feast of the Immortals, Maggio Art Consultancy x Artsy, 2023*

*Anima Damnata, Go Contemporary Gallery, solo show, Bucharest, 2015*

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS

*Beyond The Castle, LIAN Gallery, Hangzhou, China, 2025*

*Aprons, Lipstick and Everything Unsaid, IOMO Gallery, Bucharest, 2025*

*The Blooming Dartemoor, LIAN Gallery, Hangzhou, China, 2025*

*Summer Group Show, 19KAREN Gallery, Queensland, Australia, 2025*

*Hair Stories, ART SAFARI, Bucharest, 2024*

*SOUND & VISION, ART ON A POSTCARD X THE AUCTION COLLECTIVE, London, 2024*

*Hey! Teacher! Leave Us, Kids, Alone!, A66 Gallery, Mallorca, 2024*

*Midsummer Group, A66 Gallery, Mallorca, 2024*

*The passerby who stays, group show, Koppel X, 2023.*

*Arte Vi.Ve, Biennale of Viterbo, group show, Venice, 2022.*

*Metaverse x Maggio Art Consultancy, London, 2022.*

*RA Summer Exhibition, Royal Academy of Arts, London, 2020-2021*

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*Group exhibition, Candid Art Trust, London, 2018.*

*Art Safari Exhibition, Go Contemporary Gallery, Dacia Palace, Bucharest, 2016.*

## **FAIRS**

*ART021, Shanghai Art Fair, 2025 - XIMA Gallery*

*RAD Art Fair, Hotel Caro, Bucharest, 2024 - IOMO Gallery*

## **PUBLICATIONS**

*Women: From Unicorns to Pets, Artmajeur Magazine, 2023*

*Issue no 2 'Tendencies in Painting', London Paint Club, 2022*

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