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Born in Moscow. Master of Arts in Graphic Design, Moscow State University of Printing Arts 2003. International Theatre Seminar in Avignon, 2014.

She works in experimental theatre productions and contemporary plays (director Yuri Kvyatkovsky, Ivan Vyrypaev, Volker Schmidt) and aims to bring a fresh, non-standard approach from the related areas of art and is seeking to find her own language. For example, for the performance “Parikmakhersha” (Hairdresser) she created a set shaped as a giant pop-up book. Another performance, hip hopera “Cops on Fire”, is a bold synthesis of theatre, comics, hip-hop, 2-bit graphic, and film. This show became legendary in Russia and helped to attract a young audience to the theatre.

She designed sets and costumes for “Mila” movie/performance for Dozhd TV channel (Moscow 2013), “Sugar” project by I. Vyrypaev (Praktika Theatre, Moscow 2013), “Doll House” adaptation of Henrik Ibsen’s play by A. Stadnikov (Theatre Priyut Comedianta, Saint Petersburg 2013), hip hopera “Cops on Fire” (Mayakovsky Theatre, Moscow 2010), “Parikmakhersha” (Hairdresser) by S. Medvedev and “Product” by M. Ravenhill (Praktika Theatre, Moscow 2008 and 2007), and many others.

The author of the national pavilion at the XIII International Exhibition Scenography and Theater Architecture "Prague Quadrennial 2015" (the team with Yan Kalnberzin). Gold medal of the XIII International Exhibition Prague Quadrennial 2015 for the illustration cartoon book "Meyerhold's Dream" (Best PQ 2015 Publication).

Winner of the “Breakthrough” awards in the nomination for “Best Young Artist of Dramatic Theater” (Saint-Petersburg). Frequent participant in Russian and international exhibitions.

Personal site: <http://polka-dot.ru/en/scenography/>

COMPETITIONS AND EXHIBITIONS

Gold Medal of the XIII International Exhibition Scenography and Theatre Architecture Prague Quadrennial 2015, Prague

Breakthrough (Proryv) Theatre Awards Winner, Best theatrical designer, 2014
Participant in the International Theatre Seminar in Avignon, 2014

Exhibition of scenic artists, 1st International Youth Theatre Forum Kishinev, STD, 2012

Cops on Fire: Grand-prix of the Textura Festival, Perm, Russia 2011 / Artemiy Troitskiy
Steppenwolf Award Moscow, Russia 2010

Finalists of CJ Picture Book Festival Korea Foundation Cultural Center 2011

Exhibition of scenic artists "Itogi Sezona" (Season totals)
Moscow, New Manege, 2011, 2010

Exhibition of book Illustrations, Non-fiction book festival
Moscow, Central House of Artists, 2010, 2011

Illustrations exhibition, Boo!fest book festival
Moscow, Solyanka Gallery, 2009

Russian Team at CANNES LIONS
Young Lions Film competition, 2008

16 International Moscow Advertising Festival
silver prize, 2006

Participant of CANNES LIONS
Young Creators Press competition, 2006

Golden prize of 15 International Moscow Advertising Festival
social project for children, 2005

The exhibitions of Moscow book designers
Moscow house of artist on Kuznetzkiy most, 2002, 2003

Winner of Art of Book Competition
Association of Russian Publishers, nomination Debut, 2003