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ANCA BARJOVANU

Anca Barjovanu (1998, RO) is a multidisciplinary artist currently living in The Hague, NL.

My work draws from autobiographical elements evoking themes of transformation, alienation and identity. I create visual narratives that challenge the relationship between reality and fiction. My protagonists are often hybrids, dragons and otherworldly creatures, exceeding the humanly structures of race, gender, and social norms. Through my practice, I try to build my own mythology, a mirrored dreamlike universe inspired by the everyday life of an Eastern European girl who chased a different life. Situated at the intersection of sculpture, jewelry, and storytelling, my creations merge tactile materials with symbolic forms to explore memory, transformation, and the body's relationship to space. By blending the intricate precision of jewelry-making with the expressive freedom of larger sculptural forms, I challenge boundaries—between utility and art, memory and material, object and ornament. My work invites viewers to consider how we carry identity, mythology, and connection through objects that adorn or inhabit our lives.

WEBSITES

currently under construction

ancabarjovanustudi.wixsite.com/my-site-1

SOCIAL MEDIA

www.instagram.com/ancabarjovanu/

MEMBER OF ARTISTS' INITIATIVE/COLLECTIVE/INCUBATOR

co-founder - Milk and Cereals Project

MEMBER OF A PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION/ARTISTS' ASSOCIATION

Stichting See Lab

EDUCATION

2021 - Master Degree in Jewellery Design Royal Academy of Arts, Antwerp

2017 - Bachelor Fine Arts/ Sculpture Den Haag, Koninklijke Academie van Beeldende Kunsten diploma

2015 - philosophy CEX Filosofie

EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 Exorcise the candy house Design Biennale Rotterdam - Katoenhuis Rotterdam, Netherlands candyhouse.webflow.io/ Group
- 2025 Anonymous drawings & lines of fiction Kunsthau Erfurt Erfurt, Germany Group
- 2024 - Pharmakon Gallery Bucharest, Romania limited edition of silver pretzels created in collaboration with artist Iulia Bucuresteanu. Duo
- 2024 Anonymous Drawings Kunstraum Krauzberg Berlin, Germany Group
- 2023 CosmoVisions MedusaOffspace Brussels, Belgium Group
- 2023 1000 shape-shifting chocolate chips Laak The Hague, Netherlands Group
- 2023 In transit Munich Jewellery Week Munich, Germany Group
- 2022 Every moment a junction Nest The Hague, Netherlands www.nestruimte.nl/en/program/opening-every-moment-a-junction/ Group
- 2022 Jewellery Expo Dingen Die Niet Verkopen Antwerp, Belgium www.instagram.com/dingendienietverkopen/?hl=en Group
- 2022 Antwerp Fashion Department Show 2022 Waagnatie Antwerp, Belgium seven earcuffs jewelley pieces showcased in collaboration with Sofia Hermens Fernandez graduating collection ss22 at the Royal Academy of Fine Arts, Antwerp

PROJECTS

- 2020 EP: 1 Tunnel Dharma Initiatives The Hague, Netherlands dharmainitiatives.net/ contributed to this project with works and photo-documentation
- 2020 EP: 2 Dunes Dharma Initiatives The Hague, Netherlands dharmainitiatives.net/ contributed to this project with works and photo-documentation

2021	Light clarity avocado salad in the morning Jecza Gallery Timisoara, Romania curated by Horatiu Lipot www.jeczagallery.com/exhibition/light-clarity-avocado-salad-in-the-morning/ Group
2021	Nothing Sacred Superweakness The Hague, Netherlands tzvetnik.online/article/nothing-sacred-group-show-at-superweakness-the-hague Group
2021	SPECIAL MAGICK by GROTA Rubik Space Cluj-Napoca, Romania www.rubikspace.com/ Group
2021	Graduation Show Royal Academy of Art, The Hague The Hague, Netherlands graduation2021.kabk.nl/
2019	Wonderful Inappropriate Realities UNAgaleria Bucharest, Romania unarte.org/unagaleria/ Group
2019	Aumaumuo Oumuamua Amsterdam, Netherlands curated by Gijs Stork www.facebook.com/events/2385209705053653/?acontext=%7B%22event_action_history%22%3A%7B%22mechanism%22%3A%22search_results%22%2C%22surface%22%3A%22search%22%7D%2C%22ref_n Group
2019	Great Expectations Goodbuy Gallery Bucharest, Romania www.instagram.com/goodbuy.world/ Group
2019	Soft like heaven/ Hard as hell Cazul101 Bucharest, Romania cazul101.com/ Solo
2019	The Mandatory Sculpture Exhibition Trixie The Hague, Netherlands linktr.ee/trixie_thehague Group

COMMISSIONS

2021	A living shrine KABK, The Royal Academy of Arts in The Hague The Hague, Netherlands comission work for Studium Generale - Wxitchcraft / KABK in The Hague, NL finished
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PUBLICATIONS

2024	We are into Self Published Porternovelli Bucharest, Romania www.weareinto.ro/ INTO is an X-ray of the new and the next, inspired by international trends but defined by specific local elements. Porter Novelli Romania has its eyes set on the ever-changing local cultural scene: inspirational individuals, subcultures, initiatives and communities. We're aiming to connect and engage an expanding network of innovative and disruptive ideas with powerful brands that see into the future.
2023	Braids Journal Book Self Published NIGN and Gabriela Galeano Batres The Hague, Netherlands www.instagram.com/braids_journal/ Annual queer archiving journal

REVIEWS

2025	What's Real is Unfamiliar: Design Biennale Rotterdam rethinks design perceptions Magazine Aarthi Mohan Rotterdam, Netherlands www.stirworld.com/see-features-whats-real-is-unfamiliar-design-biennale-rotterdam-rethinks-design-perceptions? utm_source=autosuggestion_search&utm_medium=stirworld_search
2023	NIGHT BY NIGHT Magazine Glamcult Amsterdam, Netherlands www.glamcult.com/visual-essay/night-by-night/ photoshoot feauturing "Silver Earcuff"
2022	"De vele kanten van wxthcraft een bezoek aan Every moment a junction bij Nest" Magazine Robin Barry Netherlands www.metropolism.com/nl/features/47425_de-vele-kanten-van-wxthcraft-every-moment-a-junction-bij-nest

- 2021 KABK Graduation Show: The Female Gaze cannot be overlooked Magazine Dagmar Foest The Hague, Netherlands jegensentevens.nl/2021/07/kabk-graduation-show-the-female-gaze-cannot-be-overlooked/
- 2021 Graduation Shows 2021 – KABK The Hague Magazine Nele Brökelmann The Hague, Netherlands www.metropolism.com/nl/reviews/44087_graduation_shows_2021_kabk_the_hague
- 2021 Eindexamen Expositie; KABK Den Haag 2021 Niek Hendrix The Hague, Netherlands www.lost-painters.nl/eindexamen-expositie-kabk-den-haag-2021/
- 2021 Art in corona times 81b. Graduation Show 2021; Royal Academy of Art (KABK), The Hague Bertus Pieters The Hague, Netherlands villanextdoor2.wordpress.com/
- 2021 Regiunea in obiectiv TV TVR Timisoara Timisoara, Romania www.facebook.com/watch/live/?v=687984169270152&ref=watch_permalink Andrei Jecza from Jecza Gallery talking about the group show "Light clarity avocado salad in the morning" in which I present two works.
- 2021 Manifest pentru lipsa spatiilor artistice din Cluj (en: Manifest for the lack of art spaces in Cluj) Magazine Cristina Beligar Cluj Napoca, Romania www.scena9.ro/article/spatii-artistice-cluj-rubik-fabrica-pensule article talking about the group show "SPECIAL MAGICK" by GROTA where I showed two works



Sleeping Away , 2025
wood, plaster, A1, latex, acrylic varnish and epoxy., 154 x 300 cm,



Candy Crush in Blue & Pink, 2025
steel, oil sticks and oil paint on canvas



A living shrine, 2022
welding and plasma cutter in steel, 420x130x180cm



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welding and plasma cutter in steel, 420x130x180cm



Bulletproof Cupid 1, 2022
oil patels on paper, 21.0 x 29.7 cm



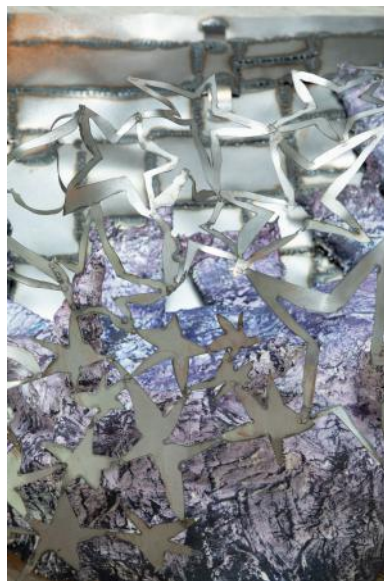
Wings, 2022
mixed, 120x40cm



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Sleeping dragon, 2021
plaster, silicone, acrylic varnish, welding and plasma cutter on steel., 60x170cm



Sleeping dragon, 2021
welding and plasma cutter on steel, 60x170



Sleeping dragon, 2021
plaster, silicone, acrylic varnish, welding and plasma cutter on steel., 60x170