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AAMI Corporation Headquarters



Miha Murn

President of AAMI Corporation
Founder & Director of ART Expo International

AAMI Corporation is proud to operate globally, with a new special focus on the Middle East. Our presence in the region began in 2019 in Dubai, where we started connecting artists, gallerists, art institutions, and collectors to our network. Since then, we have collaborated with Millennium Atria in Business Bay and Crowne Plaza in Deira and presented our activities and company, alongside our general partner BTC d.d., at the Slovenian Pavilion at Expo 2020 Dubai. We have organized exhibitions and events, showcasing artists from the UAE in Europe as well as European artists in the UAE. Now, we are planning to strengthen our ties with the UAE and accelerate the development of our business activities in the region.

Last year, we launched our new biennale, ART Expo Trieste, in Italy. This year, we are hosting the 4th edition of ART Expo Ljubljana at Brdo Estate in Slovenia, and next year, we will inaugurate ART Expo Graz in Austria. Over the years, we have continuously updated and developed content for our newspaper, AAMI Times. Every year, we organize exhibitions and projects that have become traditions, spanning cities from London to Prague to Ljubljana and beyond. We are now focusing on bringing some of these projects to the UAE.

With our growing AAMI Family community, we are expanding membership in our public cultural Salvador Club and our private business Botticelli Club, creating an ecosystem across more than 20 countries. Since our foundation, we have presented and promoted works by over 4,000 artists worldwide. We have also begun collaborating with auction houses, including Christie's, with which we recently organized thew conference Art as an Investment. Additionally, we are forming partnerships with corporate and individual collectors, curating and managing their art collections. I am truly honored and proud to further strengthen our connections across different Emirates in this incredible country.



AAMI Team at ART Expo Trieste



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AAMI Corporation is a global leader in bridging the worlds of business and art. This endeavor was inspired by the vision of its founder, Miha Murn (also known as Michael Gregorjev Murn), who sought to enhance the accessibility of art and support artists in showcasing their work within the art market. What began as a vision has since evolved into a distinguished conglomerate comprising multiple companies and brands, including the Institute AAMI, Mega-Graf Ltd., AAMI Foundation, AAMI Times newspaper, the private business Botticelli Club, and ART Expo International art fairs (ART Expo Ljubljana, ART Expo Trieste, and ART Expo Graz). Additionally, it encompasses MGM International Business and the public cultural Salvador Club.

Operating across Slovenia, Italy, Austria, Hungary, the Czech Republic, the Netherlands, Spain, the United Kingdom, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates, India, China, and beyond, AAMI Corporation remains committed to uniting the business sector with the arts and cultural industries on a global scale.

www.aamicorporation.com

BTC City Ljubljana



BTC d.d.

General Partner of Institute AAMI General Partner of ART Expo International

The BTC Company is one of the leading commercial property management and development firms in the region. Under the brand name BTC City, it manages one of the largest shopping, business, and leisure centers in Europe, located in Ljubljana, the capital of Slovenia. Additionally, it operates two shopping centers in Novo Mesto and Murska Sobota and provides first-class property management services for some of Slovenia's largest clients in the commercial real estate sector. The BTC Company also runs a logistics service business unit—one of the leading companies in FMCG logistics in Slovenia—the renowned regional spa & wellness icon Water Park Atlantis, various sports and recreational facilities, and its own restaurant.

Recently, the BTC Company has been expanding its international business partnerships across multiple areas of development. With its existing business activities and the well-integrated BTC City Ljubljana, which consists of diverse programs, customer and business segments, as well as construction, traffic, and technological infrastructure, it attracts more than 21 million visitors per year and generates a vast number of human and technological interactions. As such, BTC aims to position itself internationally as a real-world testing environment for various software and hardware solutions, particularly in the fields of Industry 4.0 and Society 5.0 initiatives. This comprehensively designed business ecosystem, built in collaboration with numerous business partners, aligns with BTC's strategic vision of becoming a globally integrated business hub driven by innovation and development.

www.btc.si/en







Makeski ART

www.makeski.art

Years of artistic exploration with a unique painting medium—where color reaches its fullest luminosity—combined with a passion for experimentation, have led to the development of diverse painting techniques. These experiences have given the artist opportunities to express himself in entirely new ways. His distinctive style, Makeski ART, emerged from this creative journey. Through the practice of intuitive painting, he experiences a profound connection with himself, and many of his works are born from this emotional process. If his paintings resonate with others or are found to be inspiring and moving, then a true connection has been made.



Karol Kuhar

FB / Karol Kuhar

Karol Kuhar was born near Kranj (Slovenia) in 1952. He first introduced himself to the art world with a solo exhibition more than fifty years ago at the Prešeren House in Kranj (1972). Since then, Kuhar has exhibited in 60 solo exhibitions and over 100 group exhibitions. In recent years, he has developed a special technique in which he uses burnt and colored metal, collaging it onto waste printing plates. Kuhar has received numerous awards and recognitions for his work.





Alex Knapic

www.alexknapic.com

Alex Knapic (b. 1970) lives in Poreč, Istria, Croatia. His work in the business world focuses on interior, exterior, and landscape design, showcased through 3D technology. Alex also works with mosaics, painting, and art installations, blending mosaic and painting techniques on both canvas and sculptures. He is a member of the International Organisation of Contemporary Mosaicists in Ravenna. In 2021, Alex received the "St. Mauro" award, and in 2023, he was named the Winner of ART Expo Ljubljana. In July 2024, he held a solo exhibition in Monte Carlo, and later that year, he presented eight sculptures in the group exhibition Diplopia at Miart Gallery, St. James's Street, alongside Lorenzo Quinn.



Svetlana Vico

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Svetlana Vico was born in 1985 in Serbia. By profession, she is a graduated physiotherapist. She started painting as a self-taught artist a few years ago. As a great lover of classical art and Baroque, she finds inspiration in the works of masters from the 17th and 18th centuries, as well as the Renaissance. For her, people, nature, and scenes from everyday life are an inexhaustible source of ideas. Her favorite technique is oil on canvas. So far, she has participated in three group exhibitions in December 2022, 2023, and 2024 at the City Gallery in Herceg Novi. Svetlana lives and works in Herceg Novi, where she runs an art supply store that sometimes becomes her painting studio.





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PastelArt / Igor Kotnik

www.pastelartigorkotnik.com

Igor Kotnik, an artist educated at the School of Design and Painting in Ljubljana, specializes in dry pastels and vibrant acrylics, drawing inspiration from his Prague roots. His unique technique blends spontaneous exploration with structured forms, resulting in evocative narratives that intertwine nature and abstraction while stimulating a childlike sense of wonder. Guided by his passion and the rhythms of classical piano, Kotnik's creations emerge organically through mixed media, focusing on rendering emotions and movement in a way that allows for endless variation. His art has been showcased in solo and group exhibitions both domestically and internationally, with works held in private collections across Europe.



Filip Borelli

www.filipborelli.art

Filip Borelli is an award-winning multidisciplinary artist exploring the interplay of light, sound, and movement. He holds Master's degrees from the Academy of Fine Arts and the Faculty of Economics in Zagreb. Active since 2014, he works as a performer, musician, and creator of innovative installations and performances. He is a member of the HGU and HDLU and lives and works in Zagreb.



Jackson Villamizar

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Jackson Villamizar, born in Colombia and raised in Italy, combines origami with modern coating techniques learned from his brother Luis, an interior decorator. His paper sculptures, treated to mimic corten steel and oxidized copper, explore structural limits. His goal is to continue experimenting and uncover new artistic applications for these materials.



Julia Nova

www.julianova.com

Julia Nova is a UK-based artist known for her large-scale Pointillist paintings, where the circle takes center stage. For her, the circle represents unity, infinity, and the interconnectedness of existence, mirroring patterns in nature, from galaxies to atoms. Her work explores the balance between perception and reality, inviting viewers to step close, then back, to see how individual elements transform into a greater whole. Each piece is a meditative journey, offering a space for contemplation and grounding. She aims for her art to be a "visual reminder" of perspective and beauty—a small sanctuary in the chaos of modern life.



Nenad M. Brown

www.nenadbrown.com

Nenad M. Brown was born in 1993 in Loznica, Serbia, and later lived in the small town of Zvornik, Bosnia and Herzegovina. Since 2022, he has been residing in Croatia. Before developing an interest in painting, he expressed himself through poetry. As he explored the world of art and taught himself, he discovered that abstract painting offered him the most freedom to express his imagination and emotions, allowing him to create works on familiar subjects.



Matjaz Matia Zagar

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Born in 1971 in Sempeter pri Gorici, Slovenia, and raised near Italy, Matjaz Matija Zagar has always been influenced by art, architecture, music, and food. Aesthetics have played a vital role in his life; as a child, he collected beautiful stones from the Soca River, believing they reflected his own essence. He began painting in high school and continued his artistic journey in various cities. For the past few years, he has been creating in Kobarid, Slovenia.



Yana Ros

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Yana Ros is a professional artist educated at both the Classical Academy and the Academy of Contemporary Art. As a contemporary figurative painter, she translates a symphony of human emotion onto canvas. Her paintings are characterized by a fusion of abstract and figurative elements, realism, and decorative aspects. She often plays with shapes and colors, conveying deep emotions and complex concepts. Her art serves as an exploration of inner experiences, sensory perceptions, and cultural dynamics. Her works pulsate with the essence of beauty, echoing profound narratives through each gesture.



Evelin Dogan

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We build ourselves through life, but we rarely allow ourselves to show what we feel or what we long for. After her fiftieth birthday, Evelin realized that she could not wait until there would be enough time someday. The time is now—the time to live fully and create as much as possible. For her, this is a fulfillment she did not know she was seeking.



Razzak Jubayer

FB / Razzak Jubayer

Razzak Jubayer is an academic painter and graphic artist, born in Iraq, who has been living and working in Piran, Slovenia, for over 30 years. Influenced by sophism, surrealism, his roots, and his current living environment, his artwork explores complex themes such as the nature of identity, the tension between exile and belonging, and the pursuit of freedom.



Musical Stories by Matea Leko

Matea Leko

www.matealeko.eu

Matea Leko is an accomplished pianist celebrated for her ability to weave musical stories through her piano performances. Her artistry transcends the boundaries of sound, offering listeners immersive auditory experiences that resonate deeply. Recognised for her emotional depth and technical mastery, Matea has captivated audiences across Europe and beyond. Born in Zagreb, where she first discovered her passion for classical music, Matea's musical journey began at a young age. She pursued her studies at the Academy of Music in Zagreb, where she had the privilege of performing with the Zagreb Philharmonic and recording for Croatian national television. Her exceptional talent and dedication then led her to Vienna, the heart of classical music, where she studied at the prestigious University of Music and Performing Arts, Vienna (MDW - Universität für Musik und darstellende Kunst Wien).

Matea's career reached a significant milestone when she recorded her debut album as a soloist with an orchestra under the German label ARS Produktion. This landmark achievement brought widespread recognition and marked the beginning of an international career. She has since performed in over 200 concerts, enchanting audiences in venues from Stockholm to Israel, showcasing a repertoire that spans diverse musical styles and cultural influences. In 2020, during the global lockdown, Matea launched the project Musical Stories, recording monthly piano recitals for her YouTube channel. This initiative brought solace and inspiration to a worldwide audience, with over three million viewers tuning in to experience her unique musical interpretations. Matea Leko's dedication to her craft and her ability to connect with audiences through her performances solidify her reputation as one of the most inspiring pianists of her generation. Her artistry continues to enrich the world of classical music, leaving a lasting impression wherever she performs.



Michael Gregorjev Murn

www.mgm-art.com

Michael Gregorjev Murn (b. 1994) is a multidisciplinary artist and entrepreneur whose work spans painting, graphic art, photography, sculpture, poetry, and writing. With over 6,000 pieces, 40+ solo exhibitions, and participation in 100+ international showcases, his art is part of prestigious collections held by diplomats and business leaders across Europe.

His latest milestone, a solo exhibition at Miart Gallery London, marks the beginning of an ambitious eight-year global tour, concluding with a retrospective in New York. Situated in Mayfair, Miart Gallery has exhibited renowned artists such as Banksy, Lorenzo Quinn, and Gary James McQueen. The exhibition featured 50 artworks showcasing his expertise in abstract painting and digital graphics, alongside the launch of his monograph, offering insights into his artistic journey.

Murn's creative process reflects his philosophy of exploration and innovation, embracing diverse cultures, religions, and intellectual traditions. His art, frequently described as immersive and thought-provoking, invites deep engagement rather than passive observation. Art critic Richard Baker-Howard describes his work as reflecting "a world as it is perceived, not as it is known," rejecting superficial artistic expressions in favour of deeper intellectual exploration. Murn is President of AAMI Corporation, leading initiatives across Slovenia, Italy, Austria, the



UK, UAE, China, and more. He directs Mega-Graf Ltd., MGM International Business, and ART Expo Ljubljana, while also founding the Botticelli Club and Salvador Club, boasting over 400 members. He is actively involved in 20+ global business and cultural organisations, including the Rotary Club Ljubljana International and Global Chamber of Business Leaders.

His ability to merge art and business has gained support from key figures such as Jože Mermal (BTC d.d.), Dejan Rajbar (ECM Partners), Lord German OBE (House of Lords) and former Slovenian President Borut Pahor actively promoting his exhibitions.













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