

## Artistic CV Blerta Kambo



### Biography & Education

Studied environmental engineering.

Self-taught photographer with 14 years of working professional experience. Visual artist.

In January 2023 graduated with a Master of Arts in Film Making at the London Film School.

### Past Work Experience

Early works 2009-2013

Covers and editorials in all major magazines in Albania

Commercial portfolio includes fashion, advertising, social, documentary, lifestyle, event, corporate, political, and architecture photography.

Dec 2013-July 2017

Full time primary official photographer to the Albanian Prime Minister Edi Rama

Jan 2018- Sept 2019

Photographer for the EU Delegation to Albania

Currently

Freelance photographer and filmmaker

### Videos and publications

2012 Elina Duni Quartet (cover and booklet) Matane Malit  
ECM Records, Munich, Germany

2013 "When you remember" (Kur te kujtosh) – Elina Duni music video, (writer- director)

2016 included in the book "Yearbook Landscape Architecture and Urban Design in the Netherlands 2016" published by Blauwdruk  
Project Cape Square, Durres by Boom Landscape (architecture studio based in Amsterdam, The Netherlands) Photographs: Blerta Kambo

2016 photos published by Wallpaper magazine, ArchDaily and ArtDaily

2016 included in the book Imago Mundi Luciano Benneton Collection Albania/ Knots 163  
Contemporary Artists from Albania published by Fabrica, Milano, Italy

2017 "Edi Rama" artist presentation, 3.52min video (writer, director, camera and editor) for the Venice Biannual 2017/ Viva Arte Viva, Venice, Italy

2017 book **published in** “Chapter 1, Skanderberg Square” by 51N4E (based in Brussels, Belgium) Ruby Press/ Berlin, Germany. Photographs by Filip Dujardin and Blerta Kambo Book and other visuals in the printed form and slides where also presented at the 2017 Chicago Architecture Biennial, Chicago, USA

2019 **cover and editorial** for ‘Bauwelt’ magazine, Berlin, Germany

2019 **published** in Kajet Journal, No3 ‘On Struggle’, Bucharest, Romania

2019 **published** in ‘Places du Grand Paris’, Société du grand Paris, Paris, France

2020 Contributor with the photographs for the exhibition for the “The things around us” including the **main poster** at the Center for Contemporary Architecture, Montreal, Canada

2021 **published** as contributor in ‘Edi Hila’ ‘s monograph, published by Sternberg Press, Vienna, Austria

2021 **published** as contributor in “Design in Dialogue. Chapter II” a collaboration with Newrope at ETH Zurich, CH, Ruby Press, Berlin, Ge

## **Group exhibitions, curatorial initiatives and talks**

### 2008

- Wannarexia series, group exhibition at FAP Gallery, Tirana, Albania
- Albania08 , group exhibition at Salaison Gallery, Paris, France
- Albanian Women Exposed, group exhibition, New York, USA
- Focus Photo Competition, group exhibition, Fier, Albania
- November Prize, group exhibition, Skopje, Macedonia

### 2009

- Ardhje Contemporary Art Award, group exhibition; Zeta Gallery, Tirana, Albania
- Onufri ; group exhibition at the National Art Gallery; Tirana, Albania
- Holocen. Climate Changes Art – group exhibition at the Scanderberg Square, Tirana, Albania (as well as author of the curatorial concept)

### 2010

- Balkans in Ancon, group exhibition at 400MQ Gallery; Ancona/ Italy
- Squat the city, group exhibition by Tirana Art Lab Tirana / Albania

### 2011

- I have also other favorites, group exhibition at Stacion – Center for Contemporary Art – Pristina, Kosovo

### 2012

- “Peace for Peace” music, poetry and video performance at Tirana Express, Tirana, Albania ( author of the curatorial concept)
- Solo Exhibition at Tirana Express, Tirana, Albania (All photos sold and donated to the Rodon Cape Guards, an environmental. An initiative to clean the beach of Rodon, Albania)
- Solo exhibition in cooperation with DIHA Deutsche Industrie–und Handelsvereinigung in Albanien , Tirana, Albania (All photos sold and donated to the children’s SOS- -Kinderdorf in, Albania)
- Winner of the 1st Prize World Bank National Photo Competition, Tirana, Albania

### 2013

- “Pieces of Albania” exhibition and music collaboration with Elina Duni. Berlin, Germany

“Seven”, group exhibition in Tirana Albania

2014

-Group exhibition “3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary” Robert Kananaj Gallery, Toronto, Canada

-Artist talk –Blerta Kambo. Shkodra, Albania

2017

-“We prefer not to” group exhibition, the Hague, Netherlands

(a collaboration with Klodiana Millona, on the architectural work “It’s not the fault of the house”)

2018

“The Unfinished house”, collaboration for the installation with Klodiana Millona; Salone del Mobile 2018 Ventura Future, Milano, Italy

2018

Image and sound workshop, group exhibition and performance, and ‘Almost true’ book published by Void, Athens, Greece

2019

Winner of the Vodafone Albania Excellency Scholarship Award

2020

Exhibition “The things around us”, at the Centre for Canadian Architecture, Montreal, QC, Canada

Exhibition poster and published stills

2022

Guest speaker at the International Symposium of Film, Architecture and Urban Studies. ETH, Zurich

2023

Solo photography exhibition “The unfinished House”, Rodic Davidson Architects studio, London, UK

### **Jury Member**

- 2009 Gjon Mili International Photography Competition organized by the National Art Gallery; Prishtina, Kosovo

- 2015 “Insta- Kosovo” National Competition organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kosovo

- 2015 “Shkrepe“ National Competition organized by UNDP and Albanian Ministry of State, Albania

- 2016 “Colors of Albania” National Competition organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Albania

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- 2019 ‘Europe and me’ a national photo competition organized by the Delegation of the European Union in Albania

-2019 Country mentor for Albania in the regional photography project “Balkan Girl Power”