

## **Mircea But**

Born in Baia Mare in 1991, Mircea But lives and works in Cluj Napoca, Romania. Mircea But has graduated at the painting department of the University of Art and Design from Cluj Napoca, now owning both a bachelor's and a master's degree. As a student, he has been a part of several exhibitional projects, nationally as well as internationally, making some of his work available for a wider public.

Mircea has received two Erasmus scholarships. Years 2014 and 2015 have brought the artist the benefits of participating in the Paintbrush Factory artist-in-residence project at Spatiu Intact. His recent collaboration with Art + Text Budapest gallery will soon find notable results in an exhibition containing the artist's work during the Start Arts Fair, between the 15th and the 18th of September this year in London.

Mircea's art merges different environments and materials (acrylic, spray, collages, photography) in order to obtain an experimental touch. The process is as important as the final product, each of the pieces representing a new discovery and, when put together, a complete puzzle.

Their abstract aspects show easily due to their constant transcendence of de- and recontextualization, given the purifying purposes of art itself. The compositional and chromatic reduction leads to a minimalistic and subtly materialistic artistic view.

### **Exhibitions:**

October 2018 - Group exhibition "Blind date" Art Museum, Cluj-Napoca

October 2018 - Solo exhibition "Territories, memories, zeniths", Borderline Art Space at Victoria Gallery, Iasi

December 2017 - Solo exhibition "Cosmic Green Solitude", Art+Text Budapest Gallery, Budapest

November 2017- Group exhibition "The new locatar", Centrul de Interes, Cluj-Napoca

October 2017- Group exhibition "Breaking Rules" Art Museum, Cluj-Napoca

September 2016 - White Night of the Art Galleries, Pop-Up Autumn Salon, Spatiu Intact, Paintbrush Factory, Cluj-Napoca

December 2015 - Group Exhibition "Latin love", Perugia, Italy

June 2015 - UAD Graduate Exhibition – Expo Transilvania, Cluj-Napoca

May 2015 - Group Exhibition "Latin love", Macerata, Italy



April 2015 - Group Exhibition "Rumble in the jungle", Casa Matei Gallery, Cluj-Napoca  
March 2015 - Group Exhibition, "Wild Awake", Lateral Art Space, Paintbrush Factory, Cluj-Napoca  
October 2014 - Group Exhibition "Latin love", Bari, Italy  
June 2014 - Exhibited artist during the conference held by Luc Tuymans at Spatiu Intact, Paintbrush Factory, Cluj-Napoca  
June 2014 - Group Exhibition „Latin love“, Casa Matei Gallery  
March 2014 - Land Art Project IP "Green and Brown", Ille d'Ouessant, France  
December 2013 - Group Exhibition, Minerva Gallery, Cluj-Napoca  
November 2013 - Group Exhibition "Absorption", Anaid Gallery, Bucharest  
September 2013 - Art Camp exhibition "In varful campului", Iasi  
June 2013 - UAD Graduate Exhibition - Expo Transilvania, Cluj-Napoca  
April 2013 - Group Exhibition "Genetic adjusted", Humanitas Gallery, Cluj-Napoca  
May 2012 - Solo exhibition "Nomad" at "Expo Maraton", Casa Matei Gallery, Cluj-Napoca  
September 2011 - Group student exhibition, UAP Gallery, Baia Mare

**Residences and scholarships:**

August 2017- Art Residence at Budapest Art Factory  
2014-2015 - Art Residence at Spatiu Intact, Paintbrush Factory Cluj-Napoca  
July - September 2015 - Erasmus Placement scholarship at Plan B Gallery, Berlin  
November 2012 - March 2013 – Erasmus Study scholarship at Accademia di Belle Arti di Brera, Milano

