

## Irina Baslik El Houri

Irina Basalik's paintings embody the secret wishes and dreams of the human soul. The young Ukrainian artist has lived in numerous countries in Europe and Middle East before settling down in Costa Blanca in Spain. In her work aspects of European culture are linked with oriental traditions. Irina's strong imagination and her dreams are an important source of inspiration for her paintings. Lively figures and abstract bodies play and dance on her canvases, fish fly, a violin smokes a cigarette – Irina's world is full of surrealist sceneries. The artist has been part of the international art scene since 10 years and has participated in numerous exhibitions around Europe.

1980

Irina Basalik was born on the 29th of September 1980 in Kramatorsk, Ukraine.

1988–98

The young artist began drawing during while going to school. Her teachers were impressed by her skills at such young age. She participated in several international artistic exhibitions between schools in the Soviet Union.

1998–2002

Irina Basalik graduated in Economics and Marketing as major and History of Art and Painting as minor at Dombas Government Academy.

2005–07

Basalik entered a very creative artistic phase, which was followed by numerous exhibitions. In 2006, during the Lebanon War, Irina Basalik had to stay home, since the streets were too dangerous. To escape the horrors of the war she listened to music and let it inspire her for her series "Dreams" about musicians and their musical instruments.

2008

August: Exhibition "Dreams" at the Galerie Surface Libre, Beirut, Lebanon.  
December: Exhibition for UNESCO, collaboration with the Lions Club of Lebanon.

These exhibitions were a great success and numerous magazines and newspapers published very positive reports about Irina Basalik artworks.

### Exhibitions:

2015

Gallery INA DEDERER & FRIENDS, Switzerland

2014

Art Gallery Altea in Alincante, Spain

2011

Exhibition for young artists organized by the State in Donetsk, Ukraine

2010

Hypo Bank, in Salzburg, Austria

2009

Gallery TangoToBuddha in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus

