

The Union of Bulgarian Artists (UBA) is a non-profit artistic association. The aim of the organisation is to protect the interests of its members and to promote the Bulgarian visual culture nationwide and abroad. Every practicing artist and critic with proven professional contributions may be admitted to membership in UBA.

The organisation has 16 specialised sections: painting, graphic arts and illustration, sculpture, criticism, caricature, artistic spatial design, stage design, restoration, monumental arts, design, ceramics, graphic design, "13" new forms of expression, wood-carving, artistic processing of metals and leather, textiles. Currently the UBA has 2700 members, artists and critics from all generations

The UBA has the largest exhibition complex in the country, which specialises in the presentation of contemporary and traditional Bulgarian art.

The UBA provides information about major national and international events and forums and assistance in the realisation of contacts for its members nationwide and abroad. The UBA has set up its **Creative Fund**, which comes up with the necessary resources to support

the various activities of the Union. This Fund comprises companies and working-bases from all over the country, as well as the "Bulgarski Hudozhnik" publishing house.

The **Council of Experts**, attached to the UBA, includes specialists who can give a competent opinion and evaluation about the authorship, quality, price and other characteristics of works of art of various nature, origin and age, as well as counsels about the organization of competitions of public interest.

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