

Artist CV – Anna Petrova

Visual Fine Artist | Specializing in Oil Painting

Born in 1990 Moscow, Russia

Lives and works in Vancouver, BC, Canada

Biography

Anna Petrova (formerly known as Ananda Dhama) is a Russian-born artist based in Vancouver. Coming from five generations of Moscow designers, she began formal training in art at age ten and later studied architecture and psychology, culminating in a master's degree in psychology from Moscow State University. Her work fuses figurative realism with poetic and metaphysical elements, often exploring cultural identity, memory, and inner transformation. Influenced by classical European art and modern cinematic techniques, Anna's paintings reflect a balance between tradition and innovation.

She is currently represented by Vancouver Fine Art Gallery and continues to exhibit across Canada.

Education

- 2025 - *New York Academy of Art* - Portrait courses by Manu Saluja and Aidan Barker-Hill
- 2015–2017 - *Moscow State University of Psychology and Education* - Master's Degree in Psychology Education
- 2010–2013 - *Moscow Architectural Institute* - Bachelor in Architecture
- 2006–2010 - *College of Architecture and Construction No. 7, Moscow* - Technician in Architecture
- 2001–2006 - *Moscow Academic Art Lyceum of the Russian Academy of Arts* - Major in Fine Arts
- WES Canadian Equivalency – Master's degree

Employment

- 2024–present - Vancouver Fine Art Gallery, Represented Artist, Vancouver, BC
- 2022–2023 - Art Instructor (Lead), International Arts Academy, Vancouver, BC

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2025 - *Top Finalist*, August, PleinAir Salon
- 2025 - *The Almenara Art Prize*, Online Exhibition
- 2025 - *Brushstrokes of Love*, Vancouver Fine Art Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- 2024 - *A Beautiful Life: Still Life Exhibition*, Summer & Grace Gallery, Oakville, ON

- 2023 - *10 Squared Exhibition*, Federation of Canadian Artists, Vancouver, BC
- 2023 - *ArtSpecific*, BC-wide juried competition, Langley Arts Council, BC

Solo Exhibitions

- 2024 - *Blue Collection*, Vancouver Fine Art Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- 2022 - **Himalayas**, International Arts Academy, Vancouver, BC