

Irina Ilieva

Architect and Project Manager



PROFILE

With over 20 years of experience, I am a senior project manager specialised in architecture planning, art curation and event management. A creative problem solver who believes that small actions can have a big impact if they are prepared well. I have successfully implemented more than 160 architectural projects and art events in Berlin (DE), Prague (CZ) and Sofia (BG). In cooperation with artists, private and public authorities, we strive to inspire creativity, empathy and self-reflection. At the same time, I gained experience in managing budgets, staying on schedule and finishing on time.

My proven ability to work under pressure and manage strict deadlines is based on excellent organizational and leadership abilities with strong communication skills in multidisciplinary environments. I am highly motivated to find the next great and challenging project idea with social impact that is waiting to be realized.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Since 2009 **Art-Projects Manager, Gallery Owner //** Created, managed and implemented more than **100** art projects and art events in cooperation with more than 300 artists, private and public authorities. Created spatial solutions and managed operations, installation and exhibition of various medium-sized projects. Sample project: **Festival Manager** for ARCHITECTURE+ART WEEKEND 2018+2019.
- 2008 **Founder and CEO, gallery aquabitArt** Established an art space for contemporary culture at a renowned location in Berlin.
- Since 1999 **Architect, Project Manager and Construction Supervisor //** Designed, developed and implemented more than **60** large and small architectural projects for new buildings, renovations, modernisations, loft conversions, balcony extensions, according to all phases of German Fee Structure for Architects and Engineers (HOAI, LP 1-9). Project cooperation with KLOTZBACH Architects + Engineers. Sample project: **Modernisation** of apartment building in 2019 including 660 qm of additional living space, 19 new balconies and 2,361 qm useful area.
- 1999 **Self-employed as Architect** Member of the Berlin Chamber of Architects.
- 1999-1991 **Freelancer as Designer and Draughtsman,** various Berlin arch. offices, i.a. Klotzbach + Partner, Arch. Wolf-Rüdiger Borchardt.

EDUCATION

- 1992-1986 **Architecture Diploma / Master's Degree (MA)** University of Architecture, Civil Engineering and Geodesy (UACEG), Sofia, Bulgaria
- 1986-1982 **Higher education entrance qualification** Vocational training as computer scientist, basic programming languages certificate. Mathematical High School Sofia, Bulgaria

SPECIAL SKILLS

- ★ **CAD:** AutoCAD, ARCHICAD
- ★ **Image:** Adobe Photoshop, GIMP, SketchUp
- ★ **IT/Coding:** Html/Css Php, SEO, Joomla, WordPress, Social Media, Email marketing
- ★ **Office:** MS Word/Excel, Open Office
- ★ **Driving licence** class B

LANGUAGES

- ★ **German** (business fluent, German citizenship)
- ★ **English** (business fluent)
- ★ **Bulgarian** (native speaker) ★ **Italian** (conversational)
- ★ **Russian** (conversational) ★ **Czech** (beginner)

PUBLICATIONS

- 2015 **CUBE Magazine** "Splendour of colour in the hallway / Newly designed entrance areas exude an inviting atmosphere"

INTERVIEWS

- 2016 **Creative City Berlin** "The Future Can Come"
- 2010 **archimag** "11 Fragen an..."

PROJECT SELECTION 2019-2011

Architect and Art Project Manager

Entire portfolio Architect: www.arch.aquabit.com

Entire portfolio Art Project Manager: www.art.aquabit.com



- 2019 **Project Architect for detailed planning**
Modernisation of apartment building, Gervinusstraße 7/7A, 10629 Berlin / LP 5
★ Developed and delivered the entire detailed planning for the loft conversion, the new construction of a side wing and balconies extension in a team of 3 architects
★ In collaboration with KLOTZBACH Architekten + Ingenieure ★ 660 qm of additional living space and 19 new balconies ★ 2,332 qm floor space.



- 2019 **Project Manager Site-Specific Light Art Installation, Berlin**
AQUABIT II in aquabitArt gallery. Artist Peter Vink (NL)
★ Initiated, curated and implemented a site-specific installation ★ Managed the entire communication with customers, audience, artist, print and social media ★ Published press release, created flyer and announcements in leading websites for art ★ Managed the technical site infrastructure ★ Developed the public relations and raised visibility at print and social media ★ Facilitated 2 special events.



- 2019 **Festival Manager, Berlin**
ARCHITECTURE+ART WEEKEND 2019 / Beyond Bauhaus, second edition
<https://architecture-art-weekend.com>
★ Initiated the second edition of the festival, selected the topic, created the concept, invited and coordinated participants, created the art tours ★ Updated the website, developed the public relations, press release, flyer, announcements ★ Facilitated the festival centre
★ Applied for funding ★ Won 11 Participants: Semjon Contemporary, Benhadj & Djilali, ifa Galerie Berlin, aquabitArt gallery, Zwischenakt, Klosterruine, Bärenzwinger, Luisa Catucci Gallery, Pfortnerhaus (when the image is new...), Art Tours Berlin, art:berlin. CLB Berlin.



- 2019 **Public Speaker, Prague Quadrennial Festival and Conference**
Theme: Is Architecture and Art Compatible Today?
★ Created the theme, concept and free speech presentation as a guest speaker in front of ca. 300 experts in Architecture and Scenography ★ Raised awareness of the importance of collaboration between architects and artists in the building process from the very beginning.



- 2018 **Founder and Festival Manager, Berlin**
ARCHITECTURE+ART WEEKEND 2018 / Berlin Remixing, first edition
<https://architecture-art-weekend.com/en/aaw2018/>
★ Initiated the festival, created the concept, selected the topic ★ Developed the logo, website and social media ★ Invited and coordinated the participants and created the art tours ★ Published press release, flyer, announcements ★ Provided the festival centre
★ Applied for funding and achieved support by the Berlin Chamber of Architects and the Festival "Make City" ★ Won 10 Participants: Jewish Museum Berlin, Galerie Benhadj & Djilali, Galerie aquabitArt, Projekträume Rosalux, East of Elsewhere, CNTRM WRNHS, Bärenzwinger, Klosterruine, Rosengarten Treptow, ZKR Spreepark, Art Tours BertaBerlin.



- 2018 **Project and Artist Manager Site-Specific Installation, Berlin**
ENTER AT YOUR OWN RISK in aquabitArt gallery. Artist and architect Pascal Brateau (FR).
★ Implemented the artistic concept in a specific spatial environment ★ Developed the public relations, published press release, created flyer and announcements ★ Facilitated 3 special events, artist talk and interview ★ Applied for funding and achieved support by Maison de l'architecture de Lorraine.



2018- **Project Architect for design planning**

2017 **New single-family house, Berlin Frohnau / LP 1-5**

- ★ Determined the customer requirements, developed a basic evaluation, completed the preliminary design, the design and the approval planning in a team of 5 professionals
- ★ In collaboration with KLOTZBACH Architekten + Ingenieure ★ 525 qm floor space.



2018- **Project Architect for design and detailed planning**

2014 **Modernisation of apartment building, Winsstraße 47, 10405 Berlin / LP 1-5, 8**

- ★ Created, constructed and delivered: inventory taking, area calculation, preliminary design, sketches, variants, approval planning
- ★ Constructed and developed the detailed planning for individual apartments, bathrooms and kitchens, balcony extension, commercial use conversion. Created cost overviews. Supervised and coordinated the various construction partners on site
- ★ In cooperation with KLOTZBACH Architekten + Ingenieure ★ 2,361 qm floor space.



2017 **Project Manager Site-Specific Light Art Installation, Berlin**

AQUABIT in aquabitArt gallery. Artist Peter Vink (NL)

- ★ Initiated and implemented a site-specific installation
- ★ Managed the entire communication
- ★ Achieved support by the Kingdom of the Netherlands and Stichting Stokroos
- ★ Facilitated 4 special events.



2016 **Project Manager Site-Specific Installation, Berlin**

PLAZEBO in aquabitArt gallery. Artist Vanessa Enriquez (MX), Architect Jürgen MAYER.H (DE)

- ★ Created the concept and invited the artists
- ★ Published press release, created flyer and announcements
- ★ Facilitated artist talk, delivered video documentation.



2015 **Project Manager Site-Specific Installation, Berlin**

EX und HOPP ? in Galerie aquabitArt. Mit BORGMAN | LENK, Jan Körbes (REFUNC), Vanessa Enriquez, ISSSresearch

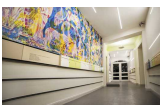
- ★ Created the concept and invited the artists
- ★ Published press release, created flyer and announcements
- ★ Facilitated artist talk and 2 performances.



2014- **Leading Architect for interior design and detailed planning**

2013 **Modernisation and repair condominium, Belehradská, Prague / LP 1-9**

- ★ Developed an inventory, area calculation, preliminary design, sketch variants according to customer requirements
- ★ Created the detailed planning for special areas, bathroom and kitchen
- ★ Selected and co-determined interior colour schemes, sanitary articles and building materials
- ★ Assured quality, costs and deadlines
- ★ 75 qm living space, construction costs 60.000 €.



2013- **Leading Architect for design, detailed planning and supervision**

2012 **Entrance redesign apartment building, Pappelallee 76, 10437 Berlin / LP 1-9**

- ★ Created and implemented the redesign of the entrance areas
- ★ Presented and developed an individual and recognisable design, detailed planning and cost calculation together with 20 owners and the property management
- ★ Exceeded the expectations for user-friendliness, improved the headroom and optimized the functions
- ★ Reduced operating costs by 30% through a new LED lighting concept
- ★ Integrated artwork with dynamic convertibility through RGB-lightning
- ★ Achieved variable exhibition areas
- ★ Led the price and performance negotiations with the constructing companies
- ★ Supervised the construction, coordinated the quality, monitored and optimized processes, costs and deadlines, follow-up management
- ★ Construction costs 45.000 €.



2012- **Project Architect for design and detailed planning**

2011 **Modernisation of apartment building, Goltzstr. 32, 10781 Berlin-Schöneberg / LP 1-8**

- ★ Delivered: inventory, area calculation, preliminary design, sketches, approval planning
- ★ Developed the detailed planning for loft conversion, elevator installation, balcony annex, modernisation individual apartments, interior for commercial use
- ★ Supervised and coordinated various construction partners on site
- ★ In cooperation with KLOTZBACH Architekten + Ingenieure
- ★ Floor space before conversion 2.120 qm, after - 2.580 qm.