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Ukrainian Bullets

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With the war in Ukraine entering most people’s lives worldwide, Ukrainian Bullets shows creative alternatives from life before the beginning of the war. In delineating a short documentary, I focused on contemporary young artists at the forefront of art, music, and architecture.

Artist Alina Samanova

Artist Daria Marchenko

Artist Pazza Pennello

Photo-painting by Alina Samanova

Painting of Trump by Daria Marchenko

Painting by Ukrainian artist Pazza Pennello

The artists

- **Daria Marchenko** graduated from Kyiv National University of Technologies and Design. She is best known for her involvement as an advocate for public art in Ukraine. She has created wall murals in over thirty countries. In “The Face of War,” she portrays Putin made from 5,000 bullet casings. Trump’s portrait “The Face of Money,” made together with Daniel Green, is made out of mostly pennies, nickels, and poker chips.
- **Pazza Pennello** (b. 1987) is a Ukrainian pop artist born in Odessa. She lives in Kyiv. Her artworks are part of private collections in Ukraine, France, Switzerland, and the USA.

- **Alina Samanova** (b. 1993) graduated from the University of the Arts in London. She lives in Kyiv. Her paintings depict both confident and vulnerable women in their chosen environment.
- **Stepan Ryabchenko** was born in Odessa (b. 1987) in a family of artists. Hi graduated as an architect.

Musicians

- **Antonii Baryshevskyi** is a pianist and composer. He was born (b. 1988) in Kyiv. He studied music at the Tchaikovsky National Academy of Music of Ukraine and at the École Supérieure de Musique in Paris.
- **DakhaBrakha** is a Ukrainian folk quartet that combines the musical styles of several ethnic groups.
- **Dakh Daughters** is a Ukrainian music and theater project started in 2012 in Kyiv. The band consists of seven women who play various instruments and sing in different languages (English, French, Russian, German) and dialects of Ukrainian. Dakh Daughters has performed in various Ukrainian cities and Poland, the Czech Republic, France, Russia, and Brazil.
- **Go_A** is a Ukrainian electro-folk band first formed in 2012 sent to represent Ukraine in the Eurovision Song Contest 2020 in Rotterdam, Netherlands (canceled due to COVID-19).

Architects

- **SPRW Architects**, based in Kyiv, with architect **Vitaly Vorobey** and designer **Aleksey Zvoliansky**, conceived “Flatness,” an art gallery.

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