

Alexej Sachov

Ukrainian-German Conceptual Artist



Summary:

Alexej Sachov (b. 1972, Kharkiv) is a conceptual artist whose practice takes place entirely during scuba dives. With a background in rocket engineering and formal training at the Kyiv Photography School (2019–2023), he explores emergence, transformation, and survival. He works with abstractions formed by natural processes, tracing connections to art history and investigating how form and color emerge. His methods include long exposures, a Big Bang staged with collected marine debris, close studies of corals, waves, and bubbles, and interactions between light, water, air, movement, pressure, and minerals. The work develops through continuous experimentation and long-term observation. No composites, no digital painting. The ocean provides both subject and condition.

Awards and Recognitions:

- Selected for the Aesthetica Art Prize 20 Years anniversary exhibition, 2026 among 50 contemporary artists.
- Best of Photo Basel 2024 by PhMuseum and The Guardian.
- Finalist of the Aesthetica Art Prize (2024), Longlisted - 2023, 2025, and 2026.
- Nature Photographer of the Year 2023, and multiple Gold awards by Prix de la Photographie Paris, 2021-2024.
- Two-time 1st place, Travel Photographer of the Year (TPOTY), 2022.
- 1st Place Underwater Photography and 3-time Jury Top 5, International Photography Awards (IPA), 2022-2023.
- 1st Place, "Sustainability Stories," United Nations University, 2021.

Recent & Upcoming Exhibitions and Art Fairs:

- Photo Basel, Solo Booth, Switzerland, June 2026.
- The Photography Show presented by AIPAD, Solo Booth, New York, USA, April 2026.
- New Voices, Paris, November 2025.
- VOLTA Basel, June 2025.
- ARTMUC, Munich, Germany, May 2025.
- ST-ART, Strasbourg, France, December 2024.
- ARTMUC art fair, Munich, Germany, October 2024.
- INC art fair, Hamburg, Germany, September 2024.
- Photo Basel, Switzerland, June 2024.
- GREENTECH Festival, Messe Berlin, Germany, May 2024.
- York Art Gallery, The Aesthetica Art Prize exhibition, Great Britain, February - March 2024.
- Marunouchi Photo Gallery, Tokyo Photo Awards Winners, Tokyo, Japan, March 2024.
- 24b Gallery, Le Prix de la Photographie de Paris, France, November 2023.
- Tampa International Airport, USA, 2023.
- Travel Photographer of the Year, UK and Hong-Kong, 2023.
- ClampArt Gallery, collective exhibition, New York, USA, 2022.

Institutions:

- Florida Museum of Photographic Arts, exhibition Annual Photo Competition, Tampa, USA, 2022.
- Museum Technische Sammlungen Dresden, "Sustainability Stories", Germany, 2021.

Representation: [M Art Gallery](#) and [form.gallery](#)

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