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Art Exhibition: "The Women of Mitro"  
Opening Date: 29 March 2019  
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*Celebrating female artists  
from Mitrovica!*

*Also featuring artworks by male artists inspired  
by the women of Mitrovica!*

As Kosovo celebrates Women's Day on 08 March, the Kosovo Art Exchange Gallery celebrates the women of Mitrovica. Featuring artworks in all mediums by female artists that have either been born in Mitrovica or considers herself connected to Mitrovica. This exhibition also includes works by male artists who are inspired by the women of Mitrovica.

The artists showcasing their works are:

Eglantina Avdiu, Photography  
Albana Berisha, Illustration  
Besim Ibrahim, Photography  
Granit Kutllovci - Acrylic on Canvas  
Florentina Pllana, Photography  
Rilind Sadiku, Sculpture  
Arbnora Skuroshi, Photography  
Naim Spahiu, Acrylic on Canvas  
Elvane Tahiri, Wool Textile  
3DX, Jewelry by 3D printer

This is a diverse selection of art ranging from photography to paintings to sculpture to illustration. The exhibition includes over 15 works, all created within the last 5 years.

In addition to the juried selections, the Kosovo Art Exchange Gallery features photography from the Museum of Mitrovica and various displays of textiles and jewelry from Mundësia Mitrovica.

"This exhibition shows-off the variety of talent in/from the community here of Mitrovica. This exhibition at its core, reminds us that art is both a simple and complex expression of human creativity. This creative expression exists everywhere and should be accessible to all. We are deeply thankful to Mundësia and the Museum of Mitrovica for their partnership in providing pieces that speak to history, tradition, and to our present day. Without it, this exhibition would not have the depth and completeness of experience for the visitor." ---  
Jacqueline Dulin, Executive Director, Kosovo Art Exchange Gallery.

### **Jurors**

The exhibition was juried by guest judges Nadine Hennesey and Lydia Musliu (Americans).

Nadine first came to Kosovo with her daughter Lydia, who was 10 at the time, shortly after the war in 2001. Nadine had a heart for orphans and widows. She herself was widowed at the age of 24, 5 months pregnant with her daughter, after only 11 months of marriage. So when they arrived in Kosovo, Nadine opened the House of Laughter where children who lost their parents in the war could learn English and other subjects, play games, and have the opportunity to simply have fun and be kids. She has been working to improve the city of Mitrovica through education for the past 18 years and now is the founder and director of the Kosovo Leadership Academy.

Lydia went to the States to study education in 2009. In 2010, she married Lavdim, whom she met at the House of Laughter. They returned in 2015 and now work alongside Nadine at the school. Lydia works part time teaching English and full time raising their three children.

### **General Information**

The gallery is free and open to the public.

The Kosovo Art Exchange ("KAE") is an NGO / non-profit arts organization and gallery that encourages and supports the development of national visual artists in Kosovo. The mission of KAE Gallery is to provide opportunities for young emerging visual artists, increase community awareness, appreciation, and support of Kosovo artists, particularly in Mitrovica.

The KAE Gallery is located in the center of Mitrovica, Kosovo on the Adem Jashari Square.

The KAE Gallery spring hours are:

Tuesday - Thursday: 11:00 - 6:00  
Friday - Saturday: 11:00 - 7:00  
Sunday: 2:00 - 6:00  
Monday: Closed

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Visitors must be at least 12 years old or accompanied by an adult.

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