



NIKOLAY NIKOLOV

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Education

- Sofia University, Faculty of journalism *Post-graduate qualification in photography*
- Languages: Bulgarian *native*, English *advanced*, German *beginner*

Professional experience

- **Photojournalist and part of the editorial team at *Banitza* /Feb 2015 - Sep 2016/**
Creating photo and video content for Banitza /banitza.net/ - online magazine about culture and freedom. Discussing with the team and implementing ideas and journalistic approaches over various topics and problems.
- **Photojournalist at *Zebra.BGN* media group /Feb 2014 - Jun 2014/**
Covering news events for the *Clubz.bg* website and the *Club Z* monthly political print magazine.
- **Freelance photojournalist /Sep 2012 - Feb 2014/**
Founding *Blindspot* and developing it as a recognizable brand related to photojournalism and photo documentaries.
- **Trainee photojournalist at *Economedia* media group /Jun 2012 - Sep 2012/**
Covering news events and developing stories for *Dnevnik.bg* website and *Capital daily* newspaper - part of one of the biggest and most influential media groups in Bulgaria.
- **Freelance photojournalist /Jun 2011 - Jun 2012/**
First recognition as a photojournalist. Third prize at *BG Press Photo 2012* awarded by the Bulgarian president Rossen Plevneliev
- **Photo editor and photojournalist at *Akademika BG* /Sep 2010 - Jun 2011/**
Covering news events for the *Akademika.bg* informational educational web portal and maintaining the photo data base.

Personal projects

- **Blindspot /2012 - ∞/**

Personal portfolio website and the brand that unites all of Nikolay's work. Blindspot represents his mission to deliver valuable and thoughtful photography to the world.

Website: blindspot.bg | Facebook: fb.com/Blindspot.BG

- **The Invisibles /2017-2018/**

Telling the stories of the inhabitants of the disappearing Bulgarian villages. Once those places were the very core and moving force of former communist Bulgaria. But now with slowly dying population and economy they are naturally disappearing from the map of Bulgaria. The only ghosts wandering around seem to be the elderly people who had been born, raised and practically spent their entire life there.

Website: nevidimite.eu | Facebook: fb.com/nevidimite

- **The Bulgarian Dream /2016-2017/**

Various people stand in front of Nikolay's camera answering one single question: "What would you do if you knew you would definitely succeed?"

The human aspirations, dreams and hopes are often particularly intimate and personal part of our own inner world, which we prefer to hide too often. The Bulgarian Dream, however, believes that sharing and explicitly stating our dreams, brings them closer, makes them more real, more foreseeable.

Website: TheBulgarianDream.com | Facebook: fb.com/BulDream

- **Panelki Land /2014 - 2015/**

Exploring spaces, inhabitants and events placed in the context of the former communist regime and the still continuing twenty-five years struggle for true democracy and authentic civil society here in Bulgaria. Something's gone. Something's wrong. Something's on the horizon. Or is it?

Website: panelki.blindspot.bg | Facebook: fb.com/PanelkiLand

- **Minimalistic Sofia /2013 - 2014/**

Exploring the visual connection between inhabitants and surroundings in Sofia, Bulgaria. Through abstract and preposterous concepts the project emphasizes alienation as main illness of the Bulgarian post-communist society

Website: minisofia.com | Facebook: fb.com/MinimalisticSofia

Additional skills

- Image editing with Adobe Photoshop and Lightroom
- Managing and maintaining social media accounts and blogs
- Tweaking HTML and CSS code
- Speaking in front of TV camera
- Excellent category B driver

Publications and awards

- Third prize at the *BG Press Photo 2014* competition in the photo essay category about the *Minimalistic Sofia* project awarded by the *Pullitzer prize* winner Edward Keating
/Sep 2014/
- Third prize at the *BG Press Photo 2012* competition at the *Young photojournalists* category awarded by the Bulgarian president Rossen Plevneliev
/Mar 2012/
- Photo exhibition *10x10: Faces outside the frame* during the *NIGHT 2016* festival in Plovdiv, Bulgaria /Sep 2016/ and in *Odeon* cinema during the *2016 Sofia Pride Art Week* in Sofia, Bulgaria
/Jun 2016/
- Receiving a thanksgiving certificate for unreserved support and contribution to the development of the program *Bulgarian Youth Delegates to UN*
/May 2017/
- Selected by *European Youth Press* to be part of the *Orange Magazine* team covering the *Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung* conference about global migration processes
/Mar 2017/
- Interviews for *bTV*, *Nova TV*, *Bulgarian National Radio*, *Bulgarian National Television*, *Bulgaria ON AIR*, *Kanal3* about *The Bulgarian Dream* project
/Jan 2017/
- Interview for *bTV* about the *Panelki Land* project
/Oct 2015/
- Interview for *TV7* about the *Blindspot* project
/Dec 2014/
- Interview for *Bulgarian National Radio* about the *Minimalistic Sofia* project
/Aug 2014/
- Published works by *Agence France-Presse*, *The Atlantic*, *Dnevnik*, *Capital*, *Standart*, *Club Z* etc.