

# ORGANIZATION PROFILE

## Association of Fine and Applied Artists of Zemun

### Managing Body of the Art Gallery "Stara Kapetanija"

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#### 1. BASIC INFORMATION

| Field                 | Details                                                                                              |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Organization Name     | Društvo likovnih i primenjenih umetnika Zemuna<br>(Association of Fine and Applied Artists of Zemun) |
| Managing Body Of      | Umetnička galerija "Stara kapetanija" (Art Gallery "Stara Kapetanija")                               |
| Year of Establishment | 1985                                                                                                 |
| Legal Status          | Registered non-profit cultural organization in Serbia                                                |
| Headquarters Address  | Kej oslobođenja 8, 11080 Belgrade (Zemun), Serbia                                                    |
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| Field             | Details                                                         |
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| Contact Person    | Miroslav Stevanović                                             |
| Areas of Activity | Culture, Contemporary Visual Arts, Cultural Heritage, Education |

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## 2. ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION

The **Association of Fine and Applied Artists of Zemun** was established in 1985 with the mission of promoting and supporting contemporary visual and applied arts in Zemun, one of the oldest and most historic municipalities of Belgrade. The Association is the founder and managing body of the **Art Gallery "Stara Kapetanija"**, the oldest active gallery in Zemun.

Since its founding, the Association has been dedicated to creating a vibrant cultural space that connects artists of different generations, poetics and artistic practices. Through exhibitions, cultural events and educational programs, the Association actively contributes to the cultural life of Zemun and the wider Belgrade region.

To date, the Association has organized **over 500 exhibitions** and hosted hundreds of artists from Serbia and the region.

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## 3. OUR GALLERY: "STARA KAPETANIJA"

The Art Gallery "Stara Kapetanija" is located on the banks of the Danube River, in the heart of historic Zemun. The gallery is a venue dedicated to contemporary visual and applied arts, bringing together artists through:

- Solo and group exhibitions
- Cultural events and festivals
- Educational programs and guided tours
- Open calls and competitions for emerging artists

*Key Facts about the Gallery:*

| Fact            | Detail                                                      |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Established     | 1985                                                        |
| Status          | The oldest active gallery in Zemun                          |
| Building        | Historic building from 1907, protected as cultural heritage |
| Program         | Over 10 exhibitions annually                                |
| Track Record    | Hundreds of exhibitions organized to date                   |
| Gallery Space   | [Add square meters if known]                                |
| Annual Visitors | [Add number if known]                                       |

The gallery hosts the traditional annual exhibition "**Zemunski salon**" and regularly issues open calls for exhibitions in the following year (e.g., competition for 2027 already announced).

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## 4. MISSION AND OBJECTIVES

*Our Mission:*

To provide an open and inclusive space for dialogue between artists, audiences and the local community, nurturing contemporary artistic practice and preserving the cultural identity of Zemun.

*Key Objectives:*

| <b>Objective</b>                 | <b>Description</b>                                                                           |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Exhibition Program</b>        | Organize solo and group exhibitions of contemporary visual and applied arts                  |
| <b>Artist Support</b>            | Support emerging and established artists through open calls and exhibition opportunities     |
| <b>Networking</b>                | Connect artists of different generations, poetics and artistic practices                     |
| <b>Local Impact</b>              | Contribute to the cultural and touristic potential of Zemun through quality artistic content |
| <b>International Cooperation</b> | Develop international cultural exchange and cooperation projects                             |

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## 5. RECENT EXHIBITIONS AND ACTIVITIES

The gallery maintains a dynamic and continuous program. Recent exhibitions include:

| Exhibition                                                             | Artist                          | Notes                                                                              |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| "Čudna šuma" (Strange Forest)                                          | Andrija Cvetković               | First solo exhibition of a young artist from Banja Luka (opening: August 18, 2026) |
| "Emotivne antene" (Emotional Antennas)                                 | Dragoljub Mitrović-Drimski      | Digital graphics exhibition                                                        |
| "Dnevnik odrastanja" (Diary of Growing Up)                             | Lejla Slezović Nikšić           | Solo exhibition                                                                    |
| "Leptiri – moć transformacije" (Butterflies – Power of Transformation) | Ivan Špehar                     | Painting exhibition                                                                |
| "Zašto si mi tako žuta" (Why Are You So Yellow To Me)                  | Artelje Arts and Culture Center | Traditional annual exhibition                                                      |

The gallery also regularly issues open calls for exhibitions (e.g., competition for 2027 already announced), demonstrating our commitment to long-term planning and support for artists.

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## 6. UNIQUE VALUE AND RECOGNITION

| Aspect                            | Description                                                                                   |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Longevity and Tradition</b>    | 39 years of continuous operation –<br>a symbol of cultural stability in Zemun                 |
| <b>Historic Ambience</b>          | Located in a historic building on the<br>Danube riverbank in the old town center              |
| <b>Openness and Accessibility</b> | Welcoming to artists of all ages and experience levels;<br>a key platform for emerging talent |
| <b>Local Identity</b>             | An indispensable part of Zemun's<br>cultural identity and touristic offer                     |

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## 7. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

The Association is managed by its founding members and operates according to its statutes. Key responsibilities include:

- Program planning and exhibition selection
- Financial management and fundraising
- Artist selection through open calls
- Maintenance and preservation of the gallery space

The Association does not have permanent paid staff; operations are managed on a voluntary basis by art historians and members, with support from project-based collaborators.

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## 8. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

The Association is actively seeking international partners for cultural exchange projects. We are particularly interested in:

- **Visegrad+ Projects:** We are developing a project titled "NEST — Spaces of Belonging" and looking for partners from V4 and Western Balkan countries.
- **Artist Residencies:** We are open to hosting or co-organizing artist residency programs.
- **Joint Exhibitions:** We seek to co-organize exhibitions with galleries and cultural institutions from other countries.
- **Educational Programs:** We are interested in student workshops and exchange programs.
- **Publication Projects:** We welcome collaboration on catalogs and art publications.

### *Current Partnership Call:*

We are currently seeking partners for our Visegrad+ project "**NEST — Spaces of Belonging**". We are looking for:

- **2 partner organizations from V4 countries** (Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, or Slovakia)
- **1 partner organization from the Western Balkans** (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Albania, or Kosovo)

**Ideal partners:** Cultural institutions, galleries, art collectives, NGOs, or universities with experience in contemporary art and exhibitions.

### *Partnership Interests:*

#### **Region**

#### **Type of Partners**

#### **V4 Countries** (Czech

Republic, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia)

Galleries, cultural institutions, art collectives, universities

**Region****Type of Partners**

**Western Balkans** (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Albania, Kosovo)

Galleries, cultural institutions, art organizations

**EU Countries**

Cultural institutes, art organizations, universities

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## 9. CONTACT AND CONNECT

We welcome inquiries from artists, institutions, sponsors and potential partners. As stated on our website:

*"The conversation begins here. Are you interested in a work, an exhibition or a program of the gallery? Write to us, we will be happy to introduce you to the artists and their works."*

*Contact Us:*

**Purpose****Contact****General Inquiries**

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## 10. SHORT SUMMARY FOR PARTNER SEARCH PLATFORMS

For **SALTO Otlas** and similar platforms:

### Short summary (max 160 characters):

*The oldest active gallery in Zemun, promoting contemporary art & cultural exchange since 1985.*

### Full description:

Društvo likovnih i primenjenih umetnika Zemuna manages Umetnička galerija "Stara kapetanija", the oldest active gallery in Zemun (since 1985). Located on the Danube riverbank in the historic center, the gallery promotes contemporary visual arts through exhibitions, events and educational programs. We connect artists of all generations and foster dialogue between art and the local community. We organize over 10 exhibitions annually. We are interested in international cultural cooperation, particularly with partners from V4 and Western Balkan countries. We are currently seeking partners for our Visegrad+ project "NEST — Spaces of Belonging."

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## 11. KEYWORDS (for online profiles)

| # | Keyword          |
|---|------------------|
| 1 | Art              |
| 2 | Culture          |
| 3 | Contemporary Art |
| 4 | Visual Arts      |

| #  | Keyword           |
|----|-------------------|
| 5  | Exhibition        |
| 6  | Gallery           |
| 7  | Cultural Exchange |
| 8  | Western Balkans   |
| 9  | Visegrad          |
| 10 | Youth             |
| 11 | Cultural Heritage |
| 12 | Networking        |

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## 12. LOGO AND VISUAL IDENTITY



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