

Enigma Haute Couture

Nina Bublik of Enigma Haute Couture is a dedicated artist reviving the ancient rules of mask making and transforming shapes into the magical and theatrical image, which continues the traditions of the past and blending it seamlessly with an art of modern time.

Looking at Nina's masks sometimes feels as though you have been transported into an old-world castle in Venice, and other times as though you are walking in a wonderful fantasy forest.

Many masks are of traditional characters style, others are devoted to certain dates, times, personal experience of a customer or one of a kind modern style never seen before.

Nina says: I do not make mask, I create a whole image. I think that perfectly summarizes her



style as an artist. At her shows she is always available to explain the techniques and materials used to create the high-quality masks. She has a degree in esthetics and uses her experience to pick best materials and paint that is light, easy to wear and good for the skin. She would also be delighted to offer an assistance to help clients deciding between the many beautifully designed pieces that the show features. Her magnificent creations have been featured in many fashion shows, photo shoots and galleries.

Nina has been creating fine masks, head pieces and dolls since 2000. Ukrainian born, all her life she strive for perfection in human shapes, faces, colors in her art and understanding of deep emotions. Some people want to show it off, others prefer to hide under a "mask ". Her shows have many original masks intricately-designed and hand-painted with a fine gold or silver overlay on red or abstract masks featuring feathers, stones, crystals and lace. They are great to wear, but also come with a special display allowing hanging it on a wall for a 3 D art subject.

A centuries-old tradition of Venice, Italy, Venetian masquerade masks are typically worn during the Carnival of Venice but have become extremely popular for many different occasions where hiding the wearer's identity and social status is the goal or just for the fun of it at masquerade balls, weddings, proms or parties. Many a romantic encounter has been initiated wearing masquerade masks and they have become trendy in the 21st century for all types of parties and events over and beyond the traditional Mardi Gras theme. There are some purchased by collectors to proudly display in their homes as a piece of art

All Nina's masks are superb quality handmade creations that could only be found in a famous mask shops in Venice itself.

Enigma Haute Couture masks are on display till December 24th at the 7th Annual Holiday exhibit, at From Russia with Art Gallery, 281 Concord Avenue, Cambridge, MA.

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