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5 Ukrainian Art Accounts to Follow on Instagram Now

Artists continue to work, documenting the impact of events as they unfold to keep the world watching.

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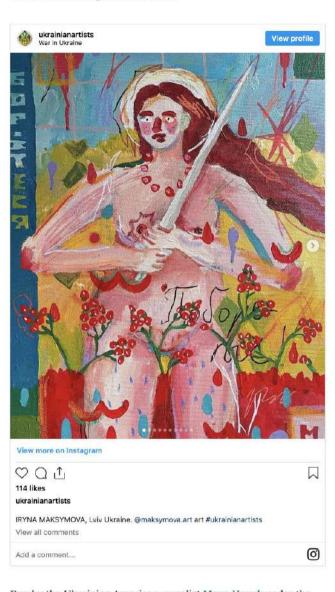
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Social media give us responses to the Russian invasion of Ukraine almost instantly, but some of the most moving responses I've seen come from the young Ukrainian artists who've managed to make new work documenting events as they unfold.

What follows are four accounts run by Ukrainian artists — one currently in Austria, and three still in the country — and one by Ukrainian Americans, all working to keep the world's attention on what's happening on the ground.

I've also been following the wave of relief efforts centered in New York, among them the Moldovan-born artist <u>Alexandra Borovski</u>'s sale of beautiful, obsessive ink drawings to help the American artist <u>Clemens Poole</u> ferry relief supplies from Poland. A collective called <u>Spilka</u>, co-founded by the Ukrainian American multimedia artist <u>Betty Roytburd</u>, is reaching isolated Ukrainians overlooked by larger aid groups — and organizing Ukrainian-food-themed fund-raisers in Bushwick, Brooklyn.

Ukrainian Artists @ukrainianartists



Run by the Ukrainian American muralist Maya Hayuk under the aegis of a new activist group called Ukrainian Artists & Allies, this feed has been slowly but steadily posting excellent work by a range of Ukrainian artists. ("To encourage artistic survival and celebrate it," says UAA co-founder Katrina Majkut, "is a political act of defiance.") Some of the best pieces so far have been a lovely expressionist painting of a heroic sword-wielding nude by the former graphic designer Iryna Maksymova and a series of graphic woodcut-like images by Oleg Gryshchenko that use the Ukrainian flag's sky blue and sunflower yellow as a background. Working with the Ukrainian Institute of Modern Art, Ukrainian Artists & Allies has also launched a major fund-raiser on Artsy.