

ALEXANDER KHOKHLOV

Alexander Khokhlov is a photographer based in Moscow, Russia, renowned for his surreal eye-tricking portraits that focus on the interplay of face art and non-organic textures. His celebrated series 'Weird Beauty' and '2D or not 2D' were created in collaboration with make-up artist Valeriya Kutsan. Through a mix of face art, photography and post-production, Khokhlov created posters that went on to be selected as promo images for the 11th Dubai Film Festival and included in Designcollector's Top 10 Russian projects in 2013.

He now works together with his wife, designer and make-up artist Veronica Ershova. One of their first collaborations was Flower Marge, a series of portraits of a thoroughly made-up and coiffed – and spookily accurate – real-life impersonator of Marge Simpson. The 'making of' video for this project quickly earned 1.5 million views on YouTube. Khokhlov and Ershova are currently working on a series entitled 'Shapes and Illusions', combining the techniques of face art, photography and decoration. This project has already earned Khokhlov the 2nd place in the One Eyeland Photography Awards.