

## Toma Plejić CV (Curriculum Vitae)

Toma Plejić was born in 1977 in Rijeka and graduated from the Faculty of Architecture in Zagreb in 2001. Together with Lea Pelivan, he founded STUDIO UP in 2003 after winning the competition for the high school and sports hall building in Koprivnica. This project earned them the award at the 38th Zagreb Salon, presented by Stefano Boeri in the same year. In 2009, the completed project received the “Mies van der Rohe – Special Mention for Emerging Architects” award from Francis Rambert, Ole Bauman, Irena Fialova, Fulvio Irace, Luis M. Mansilla, Vasa J. Perović, Carme Pinos, and Luis Hortet.

Toma Plejić represented Croatia at the Venice Biennale in 2004 with the pavilion Frameworks, in collaboration with Lea Pelivan, Petra Mišković, and Ivan Franke, upon invitation by Helena Paver Njirić. In 2010, he participated again at the Venice Biennale with a floating pavilion pavilion.hr, collaborating with several architects, invited by Leo Modrčin.

In 2011, on the invitation of Terence Riley, the biennale curator of Shenzhen and Hong Kong, and the curator of the “Ultra Light Village” exhibition, he realized the pavilion Gizmo in collaboration with Lea Pelivan.

The works created in collaboration with Lea Pelivan have been showcased at the exhibition New Trajectories: Contemporary Architecture of Slovenia and Croatia, curated by Mariana Ibanez at Harvard University. They were also presented at the solo exhibition DISCHARGE at the DESSA Gallery in Ljubljana, in collaboration with curator Maja Ivanič.

STUDIO UP was featured in the book *Peripheral Moment* by Ivan Rupnik, published in 2011 by Actar Publishers in Barcelona.

Toma, along with Lea Pelivan, curated the post-lockdown 56th Zagreb Salon of Architecture and Urbanism, titled Ping - Repository of the Future, in 2021. They also created the installation Doppelgänger and the performance Mirror/Mirror at the 23rd international exhibition Unknown Unknowns. An Introduction to Mysteries at the Milan Triennale in 2022.

Toma currently teaches at the Faculty of Civil Engineering, Architecture, and Geodesy in Split.