

## Alexandru Darida Award Winning Artist

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• INTERESTS: ALEXANDRU DARIDA IS AN ARTIST KNOWN FOR HIS PIONEERING ACTIVIST ART. HIS WORK INCLUDES OIL PAINTINGS DRAWINGS AND ACRYLIC SCULPTURES THAT SPEAK TO SUCH DIVERSE SUBJECTS AS STEM CELL RESEARCH AND THE RELATIONSHIP OF MAN WITH NATURE. DARIDA'S PASSION FOR MUSIC AND PHILOSOPHY AND CRAVING TO DISCOVER AN IDEAL OF PURITY INFORM HIS SUBJECTS WHICH ARE IN A STATE OF CONSTANT FLUX. HE SAYS "IF THE PAINTING IS TO BE THE CLEAREST AND MOST ACCURATE MIRROR OF A GIVEN PERIOD THE ARTIST HAS TO BE ABLE TO CONSTANTLY GO THROUGH A METAMORPHOSIS "DARIDA TACKLES CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES SUCH AS STEM CELL RESEARCH, RENEWABLE GREEN ENERGY SOURCES, MAN'S PLACE IN RELATION TO NATURE AND MUSIC RELATED TO THE COSMIC FORCES. IN ART WORLD NEWS 2008 SARAH SEAMARK EDITOR IN CHIEF WROTE "DARIDA INTENDS THAT HIS ORGANIC PAINTINGS ACT AS A CATALYST TO INSPIRE THOSE WHO VIEW THEM TO REACH INTO THEIR SOUL AND CONNECT WITH NATURE. HE IS USING HIS GIFT AS AN ARTIST NOT ONLY AS A MIRROR, BUT AS A MOTIVATOR FOR CHANGE. THE VIBRANT ABUNDANTLY TEXTURED ARTWORK EXPLORES THE EMOTIONAL IMPACT OF COLOR, PROPORTION AND SURFACE.

## **EXPERIENCE:**

• IN 2011, ALEXANDRU DARIDA FINE ART, CELEBRATED 25TH ANNIVERSARY. IN ALL THESE YEARS HE HAS BEEN EXHIBITED HIS ARTWORK IN OVER 200 GALLERY SHOWS AND MANY MUSEUMS EXHIBITIONS. HIS ART CAN BE FOUND IN COLLECTIVE AND PRIVATE COLLECTIONS AROUND THE WORLD: UNITED STATES, AUSTRALIA, BRAZIL, BELGIUM, CHOREA, CANADA, CHINA, COLOMBIA, INDIA, ITALY, IRELAND, FRANCE, GERMANY, MEXICO, POLAND, ROMANIA, RUSSIA SWITZERLAND, UNITED KINGDOM DOINA URICARIU PHD AUTHOR WRITER POET, ART CRITIC DIRECTOR OF ROMANIAN CULTURAL INSTITUTE NEW YORK WROTE: "ALEXANDRU DARIDA BRINGS IN THE CONTEMPORARY PAINTING VALUES THAT MODERNITY IS STRUGGLING TO DEFORM AND

LOSE . IT IS AS HE WOULD PAINT GATHERING RAINBOWS IN EVERY PAINT BRUSH FEATURE."

- KLIM ALTMAN EXECUTIVE CURATOR OF FINE ART BY HYAT SAYS: I HAVE TAKEN THE LIBERTY OF SELECTING A VERY SPECIAL COLLECTION OF ART WORKS FROM THE VERY BEST THE ART WORLD HAS TO OFFER. DARIDA IS AMONG THOSE TOP COLLECTED ARTIST
- CLAUDIA MOSCOVICI PHD IN COMPARATIVE LITERATURE, ART CRITIC FOUNDER OF THE POSTROMANTIC INTERNATIONAL AESTHETIC MOVEMENT WROTE IN HER 2002 BOOK "ROMANTICISM AND POST ROMANTICISM": ALEXANDRU DARIDA APPLICATION OF PAINT IS BOTH DELICATE AND ROUGH .SOFT PLAYS OF LIGHT AND SHADOW HIGHLIGHT THE LUMINOSITY OF GOLD AT THE SAME TIME THE VITALITY OF HEAVY SWIRLING AND KNIFE EDGE APPLICATION OF PAINT ENDOWS HIS PAINTINGS WITH A MODERN FEEL"
- AWARDS (SELECTED)
- AWARD OF EXCELLENCE CITY OF CHICAGO 2010
- President's Award American Electrology Association 2012
- THE ART OF HUMAN RIGHTS 2010 ART AGAINST AIDS—HEARTLAND ALLIANCE 2008 ALEXANDRU DARIDA WAS NAMED BY SOTHEBY" LEGENDS OF OUR TIMES" ART SHOW AND AUCTION
- FORMELLO- ROME- ITALY INTERNATIONAL PRIZE FOR PAINTING
- AWARD OF EXCELLENCE IN THE MULTIMEDIA MINIATURE SHOW IN ROMANIA
- Publications (Selected):
- ALEXANDRU DARIDA PAINTINGS AND SCULPTURES ARE PUBLISHED IN LIMITED EDITIONS BY MASTERPIECE PUBLISHING SINCE 2001

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- SELECTED EXHIBITIONS:
- 2014 ROMANIAN CULTURAL INSTITUTE NEW YORK
- 2013 RIVER EAST ART CENTER MAIN GALLERY CHICAGO
- 2013 Monarch Fine Art La Jolla California
- 2012 Shanghai Art Fair
- 2011 Illinois State Museum
- 2010 CITY HALL OF CHICAGO
- 2010 Dali-Lamb Museum Chicago
- 2009 The Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum Chicago
- 2009 Repose "Global Consciousness" Chicago

- 2008 LAGUNA BEACH MASTERPIECE ART SHOW
- 2007 International Art Expo New York
- 2006 International Art Expo New York
- 2005 MOZART GALLERY "CELEBRATION OF MUSIC" CHICAGO
- 2003 Fine Art Forum Metropolitan Pavilion Chelsea District of New York
- 2002 International Art Expo New York
- 2001 International Art Expo New York
- 2000 International Art Expo Las Vegas
- 1999 SMITHSONIAN FOLK LIFE FESTIVAL ART SHOW WASHINGTON DC