

Sorin Cretu
- Curriculum Vitae -

BACKGROUND INFO:

- Born in 1977, Romania, living in Laval, QC, Canada.
- As an artist painter (under artist's name, SORiAN), created the style "*Philosophical Visionary Surrealism*"; focused on the conceptual, the visionary, the surreal, weaving various philosophical, social, psychological concepts and metaphors into compositions and narratives, which invite the beholder to decrypt them and re-evaluate one's own point of view.
- As a professional, working in IT quality engineering as a Senior Specialist in computerized systems validation; focused on requirements elicitation and validation testing.
- As a doctorand with Doctoral School of Philosophy, Faculty of Philosophy, Bucharest University, elaborated a research thesis under the title "*Integrating Art, Neuroscience and Artificial Intelligence*"; focused on the comprehension of human creativity, intelligence, and the possibilities of conceptualizing an AI that possesses both.

EDUCATION:

- Studied art (School of Arts, Piatra-Neamț, Romania (1984 to 1992) - Diplomas
- Studied at National Theoretical College Petru Rares, Piatra-Neamț, Romania (mathematics and physics module) (1992-1996) – College Degree
- Studied Theoretical Philosophy - University of Bucharest, Romania (1997-2001) (BA with MA equivalency in Philosophy)
- Studied project management and business analysis at McGill University:
 - Comprehensive Project Management Certificate – 2014
 - Comprehensive Business Analysis Certificate – Feb 2019
 - Applied Business Analysis Graduate Course – May 2019
- Doctorand with the Doctoral School of Philosophy, Faculty of Philosophy, Bucharest University, 2020 till present

ART EXHIBITS:

- Borough of Pierrefonds-Roxboro Exhibit - April 2015
- Mtl en Arts Show July 2015
- Dollard Artists Association Annual Exhibit - August 2015
- Mtl en Arts -Plaza Show - August 2015
- 42nd International Exposition of CAPSQ "The diversity in art", at the National Military Museum "*King Ferdinand the 1st*", in Bucharest, Romania, in collaboration with the Romanian Naval League - September 2015

- ARTRASTA - October 2015
- Salon Art-Shopping Paris, an exhibition of contemporary art at Carrousel du Louvre, Paris, France - October 2015
- Dollard Artists Association Annual Exhibit, Montréal - November 2015
- Salon National d'Habitation, Montréal - March 2016
- "Montréal Uncovered" at Paradox Theater, Montreal - April 2016
- Port Credit Artfest Ontario - May 2016
- "Montréal en Arts" Show, Montreal - July 2016
- Dollard Artists Association Annual Exhibit - August 2016
- Artfest Toronto - September 2016
- Rotterdam International Art Fair- September 2016
- Dollard Artists Association Annual Exhibit, Montreal - November 2016
- CAPSQ -32nd Gala Contest, Brancusi Cultural Center, Montreal - October 2016
- Beaulne Museum, Solo Exhibit "Evolution of Consciousness" - January to March 2017
- New York, One Art Space Gallery, "Visionary Alchemy" Exhibit - April to May 2017
- WASM Art Exhibit, Montreal - May 2017
- Artfest Toronto Exhibit - September 2017
- International Exhibit organized by Mondial Art Academia at "Instituto de Cultura y Patrimonio de Antioquia" Medellín – Colombia - October 2017
- 33e Concours-Gala organisée par CAPSQ, Montreal - October 2017
- International Exhibit organized by Mondial Art Academia at "Casa de la Cultura La Barquerena" Medellín – Colombia - March 2018
- BMO Financial Group Spring Exhibit and Auction organized in association with Jeunesse, J'écoute, Montreal - April 2018
- 48-ième Exposition Internationale du CAPSQ, organisé à L'abbaye De Fontdouce en France - April 2018
- WASM Art Exhibit, Montreal - 2018
- Montreal Board of Trade Exposition - 2018
- "Cenaclul Eminescu", Montreal, Poet's Anniversary, public speaking, January - 2019
- 34e Concours-Gala 2019 organized by CAPSQ, Montreal – April 2019
- Visionary Art Trip 2019, Moscow - March 2019
- WASM Exhibit 2019, a Sale and Juried Art Competition - April 2019
- L'Annuelle Des Arts de ALPAP Exposition Concours - May-June 2019
- "Visionary Art Trip" 2019, Belgrade - May 2019
- "Visionary Art Trip" 2019, St. Petersburg - June 2019
- Coffee 2 Go – SORiAN ArT partnership (Romania) Launch – September 2019
- MTL Uncovered - Arts Gala, Montreal - February 22, 2020
- WASM 126th Juried Art Exhibition 2021, LivArt Gallery, Montreal
- Exhibition "Representational Fantastic" organized by The Society for Art of Imagination, 2021, Kirkland Arts Center, WA, USA
- "Portals" Exhibition - Society for Art of Imagination 2022, Kunstmatrix.com

- Artists in Montreal (AIM) 's Virtual Valentine's Art Show 2022
- 127th Annual WASM JURIED ART EXHIBITION and SALE "*Chrysalis*", GALLERY GORA, Montreal
- "*Sacred Realms*" Exhibition with Art of Imagination 2022, Kunstmatrix.com
- Contest Exhibit organised by CAPSQ (Le Cercle des Artistes Peintres et Sculpteurs du Québec), Salon des Gouverneurs, Centre Léonardo da Vinci, Montreal, October 2022
- Valentine's Virtual Art Show 2023 organized by Artists in Montreal (AIM), on the Valentine's Day Theme "*The Object of My Desire*" with Visions of a Shaman 4 (2017), 2023
- Exhibit „*Voces Vere*" ("*Vocile Primăverii*"), organized by Uniunea Artiștilor Plastici și Muzicieni Români din Canada (UAPMR Ca), Céntré Leonardo Da Vinci, La salle de Gouverneurs, 2023
- "*Exposition-Concours de Groupe du Printemps*" organized by CAPSQ (Le Cercle des Artistes Peintres et Sculpteurs du Québec), Centre Léonard de Vinci - La salle de Gouverneurs, with my painting "*Nefertum*" (2018), April 2023
- Exhibit "*Rapsodie de vară*" organized by Uniunea Artiștilor Plastici și Muzicieni Români din Canada (UAPMR Ca), Consulatul General al României la Montreal, 1 June- 31 July 2023
- Summer Art Show 2023 organized by Artists in Montreal (AIM) at Valmi Gallery, Montreal, participating with "*Vision at the edge of the world*" (2016), June 30 to July 5, 2023
- CAPSQ Exhibition Group Contest organized at Centre Leonardo da Vinci, Salon des Gouverneurs, participating with my painting "*Origins*" (2018), Montreal , September 2023

RECOGNITIONS:

- Honorary Diploma awarded for the paintings "*Birth of Self*"(2015), "*The forest of gods*"(2015) and "*Dragon of sand*"(2014), Salon Art Shopping, Carrousel du Louvre, Paris, France, 2015
- Honorary Diploma awarded with the occasion of "*The 42nd International Exhibit of CAPSQ The diversity in art*", Bucharest, Romania, Military National Museum "Ferdinand 1er", 2015
- High distinction for Abstraction awarded for the painting "*Conundrum with three graces in the presence of their demon*" (2014), "*The 42nd International Exhibit of CAPSQ The diversity in art*", "Bucharest, Romania, Military National Museum "Ferdinand 1er", 2015
- Honorary Diploma awarded for the paintings "*Unknown Man crucified*" (2014), "*Demons' Reunion*" (2015) and "*Blind Dreamers*" (2016), Rotterdam International Art Fair, September 2016
- Gold medal awarded for the painting "*The Psychedelic Clown*" (2015), 32nd Gala Contest, Brancusi Cultural Center, Montreal, organized by CAPSQ, October 2016
- 2ème GRAND PRIX awarded for the painting "*The Laughing Jesus*" (2017), 33rd Visual Arts International Gala Contest organized by CAPSQ, October 2017
- Gold medal awarded for "*The Laughing Jesus*"(2017), CPASQ Exhibit in France, 2018
- Honorary Diploma awarded with the occasion of the Art Exhibit «*Victoire de Samothrace* », Polonia, 2018
- Honorary Diploma awarded for "*Gaia*" (2016), Visionary Art Trip – St. Petersburg, 2019
- Honorary Diploma awarded fort "*Visions of a Shaman 4*" (2017), Visionary Art Trip – Moscow 2019

- Gold medal awarded for "Lilim's Metamorphoses of Light" (2018), CAPSQ Exhibit, organized at Brancusi Art Center, Montreal, 2019
- Gold medal awarded for my painting "Undying" (2020), at CAPSQ Exhibition "La diversité dans l'art", Exposition-Concours, October 2022
- "Trophée en Frontière Figurative" for my painting "Nefertum" (2018), Exposition-Concours de Groupe du Printemps organisée par CAPSQ (Le Cercle des Artistes Peintres et Sculpteurs du Québec, Centre Léonard de Vinci - La salle de Gouverneurs, Avril 2023
- "Trophée en Peinture Surréaliste" for my painting "Origins" (2018) - CAPSQ Exhibition Group Contest, Centre Leonardo da Vinci, Salon des Gouverneurs, Montreal, September 2023

PUBLICATIONS AND APARITIONS

Art activity:

- Mondial Art Academia Catalogs 2015-2016 & 2017-2018
- The painting "Visions of a Shaman 1" was referenced by Professor Vera Fibisan in her teaching content, presented as part of the course "Introduction to Creative Writing" at the University of Sheffield, United Kingdom. Professor Fibisan stated: "It [Visions of a Shaman 1] offered an insightful gaze into how poetry can be visually represented, plurality of meaning and interpretation. Very inspirational work!"
- "Visions of a Shaman 4" (2017) chosen as the cover of "Enzyme Arts Magazine", a high-end thematic magazine focusing on arts, culture and both local and international issues, established in Seattle, USA
- The "Romanian Artists of Alberta and Friends Collection" Catalog – Calgary, 2019
- Interview published in "Repere Literare" Magazine, magazine issued by "Cenaclul Eminescu", Montreal, Canada (part 1 in Vol. 2, Nr.3, 2022 and part 2 in Vol. 2, Nr.4, Dec 2022)
- My painting "Undying" 2020, along with its story showcased on the cover of "Repere Literare", magazine, Vol.3, Nr.2, 2023, issued by "Cenaclul Eminescu", Montreal, Canada

Philosophy activity:

- Participated at the "Consciousness and Reality" Graduate Conference 2022 organized (mixed format) by the Faculty of Philosophy, University of Bucharest, 10-11 June 2022
- Paper "Heuristics, cognitive biases, metaphors, embodied mind. The road to being human" published in "Studii în hermeneutica pre-judicativă și meontologie" ("Studies in pre-judicative Hermeneutics and meontology"). Vol. 7, coordinated by Prof. Univ. Dr. Viorel Cernica, Bucharest, University Press, 2023
- Paper "The Advent of AGI" publishing in "Studii în hermeneutica pre-judicativă și meontologie" ("Studies in pre-judicative Hermeneutics and meontology"). Vol. 8, coordinated by Prof. Univ. Dr. Viorel Cernica, Bucharest, University Press, 2024

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