

Dan Maciuca

Dan Maciuca is a contemporary artist living and working in Cluj-Napoca, Romania. He was awarded his BA in 2002 and his MA in 2006, both for painting at the University of Art and Design in Cluj-Napoca, Romania. He pursued further studies, being awarded a PhD in 2013 at the University of Art and Design in Cluj-Napoca, Romania. He has exhibited his work extensively in Romania and has garnered



an international audience, exhibiting solo shows in Taipei, Romania, the UK. He has also exhibited various group shows both in Europe.

Maciuca's compositions are composed of strong emotional responses to living life in a contemporary age. He has stated that he does not view his work as criticism or political, but rather as an empirically expressive and poetic reaction to events and parts of his life. Maciuca's compositions communicate with the audience through an abstract expressionist language coalesced with figurative painting. He paints figures within urban landscapes, often evoking an essence of unpredictability and phantasmagoria that underlines the deeper metaphorical meanings of freedom, dreams, religion in the present day. Maciuca draws inspiration from the simplified and minimalist nature of contemporary architecture. The geometric formations and mathematical acknowledgements convey an artistic harmony, acting as a buffer amidst the chaotic neo-expressionistic characteristics that his painted figures embody.

Maciuca employs thick gestural impasto brushwork to form his urban landscapes and silhouetted figures. Unidentifiable and yet strangely familiar, these figures and places navigate the compositions just as we navigate our lives, Maciuca states "I try to express the expressivity of the abandonment, neglect, and disadvantages of certain social strata". The beauty of Maciuca's abstractions lies in their sincerity and honesty regarding its subject matter. Dream-like, eerie, and sombre, these descriptions set the tone for Maciuca's artistic oeuvre, relatable abstractions that accurately grasp the struggles, worries and anxieties he as a person has experienced.

Dan Maciuca CV

b. 1979 in Romania

Lives and works in Cluj-Napoca, Romania

Education

2008-2013 PhD, University of Art and Design, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

2002-2006 BA & MA in Painting, University of Art and Design, Cluj-Napoca,
Romania

Selected Solo Exhibitions

2023 *Spots of Reality Hidden Under the Gray Lens*, Mind Set Art Center, Taipei, Taiwan

2021 *The Path of the Dragon*, online exhibition, Viewing Room 17, Cluj, Romania

2020 *Online Exhibition*, Patrick Heide Contemporary Art, London, United Kingdom

2017 *Incandescent Space for Incandescent Time*, Zorzini Gallery, Bucharest, Romania

2016 *Utopian Proximity*, Patrick Heide Contemporary Art, London, United Kingdom

2014 *Colliding Geometry*, Zorzini gallery. Bucharest, Romania

2012 *Nothing to Hide*, Bazis Platform, Cluj, Romania

2011 *Common Place*, Ivan Gallery, Bucharest, Romania

2009 *Post Romantic. Post Atomic. Post Rock. Post Socialist Realism.*, Laika gallery,
Bucharest, Romania

2006 *Critical Temperature*, Art Museum, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

Selected Group Exhibitions

2023 *Over the Top*, Patrick Heide Contemporary Art, Brussels, Belgium

2023 *Cluj Revisited*, Martin Kudlek Gallery, Koln, Germany

2022 *(Re)constructing Vision*, Art Museum, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

2021 *Network Access*, Funnel Contemporary Art, Belgrade, Serbia

- 2020 *Timeout*, Patrick Heide Contemporary Art, London, United Kingdom
- 2019 *The Nightwatch*, Art Museum, Bistrita-Nasaud, Romania
- 2018 *Wild Wild East*, Zorzini Gallery, Bucharest, Romania
- 2018 *Duo Show by Szilard Gaspar and Dan Maciuca*, Zorzini Gallery, Bucharest, Romania
- 2017 *The Inventory*, Zorzini Gallery, Bucharest, Romania
- 2017 *Burning Island*, Museum of the City, Belgrade, Serbia
- 2017 *Breaking Rules*, Art Museum, Cluj-Napoca, Romania
- 2017 *Neon Gallery / Art Academy*, Wroclaw, Poland
- 2015 *Apparence and Essence*, Art Encounters, Timișoara, Romania
- 2015 *Painting-Cluj*, Galerie Martin Kudlek, Cologne, Germany
- 2014 *The Flesh of Things, Un-Painting the Romantics*, Jecza Gallery, Timișoara, Romania
- 2013 *Hidden Field*, Bazis Platform, Pescara, Italy
- 2013 *MUTATIONS*, BAZIS Contemporary Art Space, Berlin, Germany
- 2013 *HOTSPOT CLUJ – NEW ROMANIAN ART*, ARKEN Museum of Modern Art, Ishøj, Denmark
- 2012 *Cluj meets Berlin*, BAZIS Contemporary Art Space, Berlin, Germany
- 2012 *Modern Talking*, Art Museum, Cluj- Napoca, Romania
- 2011 *The First Ten Years – Radio Galleries*, Art Museum, Cluj-Napoca, Romania
- 2010 *Unusual suspects*, Ivan gallery, Bucharest, Romania
- 2008 *Under Natural Circumstances*, Modern Museum, Debrecen, Hungary

Awards

- 2004 2nd Place, VSUP, Drawing, Prague, Czech Republic

Selected Works



Dan Maciuca
Leaving the city, 2023
Oil on canvas
78 3/4 x 59 in
200 x 150 cm



Dan Maciuca
I'll meet you in a dream, 2023
Oil on canvas
28 x 21 in
71 x 53.5 cm

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