

## Cristian Lapusan

Cristian Lapusan is a contemporary artist currently working in Cluj-Napoca, Romania. He received his BA and MA in painting at the University of Art and Design in Cluj-Napoca, he later pursued further education, earning himself a PhD in Visual Art from the University of Art and Design, Cluj-Napoca, in 2019.

Lapusan's artistic approach unearths the deep emotional complexities that manifest in today's contemporary age. He portrays physical bodies while subsequently depicting the wants, needs and desires of life, coalescing our corporeal reality with dreams and idolisations, creating powerful compositions that materialise our vulnerabilities and



anxieties. Lapusan's work is intricate, characterised by detailed scenes and landscapes featuring realistic representations of figures and objects. The landscapes harbour atmospheric depth and poignant scenography while the anonymous figures symbolise a collective rather than an individual. Lapusan seeks to reveal personal narratives that resonate with all who view his work, unexplored dreams, aspirations, vulnerable contemplations of the past and the struggles of navigating our futures, all the themes that accurately encapsulate the essence of humanity.

Lapusan explains, "I guide the viewer to analyse and debate an extremely current, sensitive, and challenging theme through its vulnerability and at the same time its intrinsic reflexive character - the fragile and inseparable relationship between man and its nature".

Cristian Lapusan has exhibited his work extensively in Romania and has garnered an international audience, exhibiting solo shows in the Netherlands, France, the UK and the USA. He has also exhibited in group shows both in Romania as well as Europe and New York.

## **Cristian Lapusan CV**

B. 1976, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

### **Education**

2019 PhD Visual Arts, The University of Art and Design, Cluj-Napoca

2014 MA Painting, The University of Art and Design, Cluj-Napoca

2000 BA Painting, The University of Art and Design, Cluj-Napoca

### **Selected Solo Exhibitions**

2019 *Discord*, Museum of Art, Cluj- Napoca, Romania

2015 *Me and MyPeople*, Casa Matei Gallery, Cluj-Napoca Romania;

2014 Valery Larbaud Cultural Centre, Vichy, France

2010 *Dreams*, Covalenco Gallery, Eindhoven, Netherlands

2008 *Beautiful reality*, Covalenco Gallery, Eindhoven, Netherlands

2008 *Layers of Life: Portraits of a Different Kind*, EEFineart Gallery, Cambridge, UK

2007 *Contradictions*, Luroa Gallery, Las Palmas, Spain

2005 *The world we live in*, Luroa Gallery, Las Palmas, Spain

2002 *Expressions*, Vert Gallery, Piatra –Neamț, Romania

### **Selected Group Exhibitions**

2024 *The Cluj Collective*, JD Malat Gallery, London, United Kingdom

2023 *MASTERpieces*, Kunstmuseum Waldeviel, Schrems, Austria

2023 *De Facto.UAD 2023*, Contemporary Art Centre, Baia Mare, Romania

2023 *SCAF*, Contemporary Art Museum, Brukenthal, Sibiu, Romania

2023 *6 P-C*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Sibiu, Romania

2022 *The fading story of chimera*, Contemporary Art Museum, Brukenthal, Sibiu, Romania

2021 *SCAF*, Contemporary Art Museum, Brukenthal, Sibiu, Romania

- 2021 *Neo-manifest romantic*, Galateca Art Gallery, Bucharest, Romania
- 2020 *Neo-manifest romantic*, Museum of Art, Cluj Napoca, Romania
- 2020 *L'Art s'invite dans l'industrie 2.0*, Cluj Napoca, Romania
- 2019 *RE:start*, Museum of Art, Cluj Napoca, Romania
- 2019 *Vara tarzie - Fleur au Foyer*, Energom, Cluj Napoca, Romania,
- 2019 *The night watch*, Museum of Art, Cluj Napoca, Romania
- 2019 *L'Art s'invite dans l'industrie*, Energom, Cluj Napoca, Romania
- 2019 *The night watch*, Molfeta, Sala dei Templari, Italy
- 2018 *Sottobosco*, Museum of Art, Cluj Napoca, Romania
- 2018 *17 Reasons*, Museum of Art, Cluj Napoca, Romania
- 2017 *Con-front east*, Cluj-Napoca, Rivaa Gallery, New York, USA
- 2017 *Breaking Rules*, Museum of Art, Cluj Napoca, Romania
- 2017 *The School of Cluj: Painting and Graphic Arts*, Galeria Neon, Wroclaw, Poland
- 2017 *Din visul muzei adormite...*, Casa Matei Gallery, Cluj-Napoca Romania
- 2017 *The School of Cluj: Painting and Graphic Arts*, Pecs Galeria, Pecs, Hungary
- 2017 *Painting now*, Bistrita-Nasaud Art Museum, Bistrita
- 2016 *Cutting Edge*, Museum of Art, Cluj Napoca, Romania
- 2016 *Recall*, Museum of Art, Cluj Napoca, Romania
- 2016 *16 Rawickie mosty sztuki*, Museum Ziemi Rawiczu, Poland
- 2016 *Academiae Youth Art Bienalle*, Bressanone, Italy, Franzensfeste Fortezza
- 2015, *System error*, Museum of Art, Cluj Napoca, Romania
- 2015 *The intrwar period in Dobrogea*, Museum of Art, Constanta
- 2014 *Winter salon*, Artist Union of Cluj-Napoca, Museum of Art, Cluj Napoca
- 2006 Art-Event Antwerp expo, Belgium
- 2005 *Winter salon*, Artist Union of Cluj-Napoca, Museum of Art, Cluj-Napoca.
- 2005 Art Bienale - Lascăr Vorel, Piatra-Neamț, Museum of Art-Piatra Neamt, Romania
- 2004 *Winter salon*, Artist Union of Cluj-Napoca, Museum of Art, Cluj-Napoca.

2003 *June Exhibition, Mon d'art Gallery", Galați.*

2003 *April Exhibition, Art Phila Gallery, Denver, USA*

2002 *September Exhibition, Expo of visual arts, București, Romania*

2002 *Group exhibition, International Artexpo, New York, USA*



**Selected works**



**Cristian Lapusan**  
*Arizona Dream, 2023*  
Oil on canvas  
59 x 59 in  
150 x 150 cm



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*6.35 AM, 2023*  
Oil on canvas  
59 x 59 in  
150 x 150 cm