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HELIDON XHIXHA

Helidon Xhixha was born in Durrës, Albania, in December 1970. He was raised in a family of artists and inherited his respect for the fine arts and passion for sculpting from his father.

While waiting to begin his studies at the Academy of Arts in Tirana, he decided to move to Italy where he attended the Brera Art Academy of Milan. Through a scholarship he won in 1998, he was able to attend London's Kingston University where he improved his techniques in engraving, sculpting and photography. He graduated from Milan's Brera Academy in February 1999. He very quickly became renowned in the academic art sphere for his unique style. His creations included works in Murano glass and sculptures in stainless steel using innovative and specialized techniques.

Within a few years, steel became the base of all of Xhixha's sculptures. However, it should be noted that Xhixha thinks of steel as a tool used to manipulate light, rather than the sole medium of his work, famously describing his practice with the words, "I do not sculpt materials; I use materials to sculpt light." The reflective nature of the works give them an inherent site-specific dependency—the sculptures utilize their environment to capture and transform the surrounding colors and shapes, giving them a dynamic and energetic quality.

Xhixha embraces the idea of the monument—the works are presented as strong, physical objects—but rejects the rhetoric usually associated with such a style, emphasizing instead the interplay between steel, light and the environment.

"I was born as a monumental artist, and I have always considered art with a sense of greatness and vastness as it is the ultimate expression of the human mind and soul," Xhixha said. "Even when I work on a smaller sculpture, I mold in it the concept of immensity."

Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2017 "Helidon Xhixha: In Ordine Sparso," Boboli Garden; Florence, Italy
- 2016 "Shining Rock;" Pietrasanta, Italy
"Refractive Vibes," Contini Art UK; London, England
"Helidon Xhixha: Captured Radiance," Rosenbaum Contemporary; Boca Raton, Florida
ArtGeneve, Gallery on the Move, Palaexpo; Geneva, Switzerland
"Action and Thought," Juvarra's Halls of the State Archive, The Royal Palace of Turin, Italy
- 2015 "Fashion and Art," La Tenda Experience, Expo Milano 2015, Via Solferino; Milano, Italy
"Nutrisci d'Arte," Banca Mediolanum; Padua, Italy
"Art and Jewelry," Villa Passalacqua; Como, Italy
Expo Arte Italiana, Villa Bagatti Valsecchi; Varedo, Italy

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Selected Solo Exhibitions (continued)

- 2014 “Mostra di Sculture;” Palazzo Mantegazza; Lugano, Switzerland
“Sculpting Light;” Galerie Lausberg; Düsseldorf, Germany
“A Light in the Space;” Houses of Art Gallery; Marbella, Spain
Art Southampton, Lausberg Contemporary; Southampton, New York
Art Wynwood; Miami, Florida
- 2013 Art Miami, Galerie Lausberg; Miami, Florida
Echo Brickell Sales Center; Miami, Florida
ARTISSIMA; Gallery on the Move; Turin, Italy
International Art Fair Vienna 2013, Gallery on the Move; Vienna, Austria
“Les Arts dans l’habitation;” Continental Art Gallery, Port de Plaisance;
Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat, France
“Contemporary Art at Its Best;” Houses of Art Marbella; Marbella, Spain
“Art and Design;” ESPACE Pierre Cardin; Paris, France
“The Moulding Power of Light;” La Galerie Nationale, Design Days Dubai;
Dubai, United Arab Emirates
“Energia dell’Acciaio attraverso l’Arte;” National Museum of Science and
Technology Leonardo da Vinci; Milan, Italy
“Light in Miami;” Nina Torres Fine Art Gallery; Miami, Florida
“20 Anni di Electronic Art Café,” performance curated by Achille Bonito
Oliva; Bologna, Italy
- 2012 “Sculpting Declinations;” Fienil Arte, Cultural Association of Pietrasanta;
Pietrasanta, Italy
MiArt, Spirale Milano; Milan, Italy
- 2011 “Lampi di Luce in Città,” Marco Monti Art Gallery; Monza, Italy
“Lampi di Luce in Città—Una città Museo,” Municipality of Monza, Spirale
Milano; Monza, Italy
ART Verona, Spirale Milano; Verona, Italy
Marina di Varazze; Varazze, Italy
“Summer Show,” Houses of Art, Marbella Club Hotel; Marbella, Spain
“Plasmare la Forma attraverso la Luce;” Progetto ArteVita; Matera, Italy
“The Solo Project;” De Primi Fine Art Gallery, St. Jakobshalle; Basel,
Switzerland
“Modellare la Luce attraverso l’Acciaia,” Museum of Villa Durazzo; S.M.
Ligure, Italy
- 2010 “Acciaio e Kauri,” Museo del Legno, Riva 1920; Cantù, Italy
“Il Peso Del palio,” Banca di Legnano; Legnano, Italy
“Energie;” Museo Magi 900; Bologna, Italy
Helidon Xhixha Personal Exhibition, Colonna del Grillo, Castelmonastero;
Siena, Italy
“Renaissance of towers—Leggero come l’acciaio,” Mazzoleni Art Gallery;
Bergamo, Italy
- 2009 “Leggero come l’Acciaio,” Galleria ComoArte; Como, Italy

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Selected Solo Exhibitions (continued)

- 2008 "Tu vuoi essere Attore...o comparsa?" Barclays Premier, Spirale Milano; Milan, Italy
"Energy;" Urban installations, Palazzo Melchionni; Alessandria, Italy
- 2006 Urban installations; Novara, Italy
Helidon Xhixha Personal Exhibition, Questura di Novara; Novara, Italy
- 2005 "Testa di Cavallo," Al Halamen Roundabout; Novara, Italy
- 2004 "Luce," New Art Gallery; Borgomanero, Italy
- 2003 "Horses," personal exhibition, Jumeirah; Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2016 London Design Biennale; London, England
- 2015 Art Miami, Rosenbaum Contemporary; Miami, Florida
"Breaking Through—Miami," Rosenbaum Contemporary, St. Regis Bal Harbour; Bal Harbour, Florida
Artissima, International Fair of Contemporary Art; Turin, Italy
"Acqua é," Venice 2015, Venice Pavillion, Expo 2015; Milan, Italy
"Hymn to Life," The Prize Mother Teresa of Calcutta, USA Pavilion, Expo 2015; Milan, Italy
Art Market Budapest, Millenaris Cultural Center; Budapest, Hungary
"Collective Exhibition," Rosenbaum Contemporary, St. Regis Bal Harbour, Bal Harbour, Florida
Art Southampton, Rosenbaum Contemporary; New York
Art Brussels, Gallery on the Move; Brussels, Belgium
Art Cologne, Gallery on the Move; Cologne, Germany
"From Enlightenment to Light," Miami Country Day School; Miami, Florida
Art Wynwood, Rosenbaum Contemporary; Miami, Florida
"Stemperando," International Biennial of Art Works on Paper; Turin, Italy
"Vicenza Oro," Monolite d'acciaio; Vicenza, Italy
"Art Stage Singapore," Contini Art UK, Convention Centre, Bayfront Avenue, Singapore
"Art in the Park," Muse Sunny Isles, Collins Avenue; Sunny Isles Beach, Florida
- 2014 Art Miami, Galerie Lausberg; Miami, Florida
"Art Fair 2014—At a Glance," Galerie Lausberg; Cologne, Germany
Art Verona, Gallery on the Move; Verona, Italy
Mese della Cultura e della Lingua Italiana, Collective Exhibition of Italian Contemporary Artists, Yacht Club of Monaco, Monaco
"Yachting and Art," Continental Art Fair Gallery; Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat, France

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Selected Group Exhibitions (continued)

- 2014 Art Cologne, Gallery on the Move; Cologne, Germany
MiArt, Gallery on the Move; Milan, Italy
"All about these...Ladies and Gentlemen," video screening, Co-Pilot project; Istanbul, Turkey
- 2013 Art Monaco, Nina Torres Fine Art Gallery; Monte Carlo, Monaco
"First Friday Art Walk," Nina Torres Fine Art Gallery; Miami, Florida
- 2012 "Naturalmente," Italy-China Biennial; Monza, Italy
Art Verona, Spirale Milano; Verona, Italy
"Gateway of Light, 30 Years of Style, The Anniversary of AD Magazine;" Milan, Italy
- 2011 "Strappi, Graffi e Bagliori," Galleria Mondo Arte; Milan, Italy
MiArt, Spirale Milano; Milan, Italy
Art Monaco, Galleria Ferrari, Grimaldi Forum, Monaco
Art Paris, De Primi Fine Art Gallery, Grand Palais; Paris, France
"Tra le Briccole di Venezia," Salone Internazionale del Mobile, IMM Cologne Germany; Cologne, Germany
"Tra le Briccole di Venezia," Museum of Applied Arts (MAKK); Cologne, Germany
- 2010 10th Edition National Art Prize, City of Novara; Orta San Giulio, Italy
"The Present and the Future," Manoir de Cologny, Place du Manoir; Geneva, Switzerland
Arte Verona, Galleria Ferrari; Verona, Italy
"Chiedimi il Rosso," Overlook Centro d'Arte; Pistoia, Italy
"Riflessi in Laguna," Le briccole di Venezia, Riva 1920; Venezia, Italy
"Openspace," IULM University; Milan, Italy
"Riflessi in Laguna," Le briccole di Venezia, Salone Internazionale del Mobile, Triennale di Milano; Milan, Italy
MiArt, Spirale Milano; Milan, Italy
- 2009 "Luxury on the Lake," Galleria la Perla, Cernobbio; Como, Italy
"From Columbus to Columbus," Sala Verdi, Conservatorio di Milano, Fondazione UECO; Milan, Italy
Ninth Edition of National Prize for Sculpture and Paintings, City of Novara, Salone Arengo, Palazzo Borletto; Novara, Italy
Art Verona, Spirale Milano; Verona, Italy
"Blue Note," Emma Re's concert; Milan, Italy
"Steel Wall," Salusperaquam XLVIII Fuorisalone del Mobile; Milan, Italy
MiArt, Spirale Milano; Milan, Italy
"Renaissance of Towers," Progetto MIRAGGI, Piazza Vigili del Fuoco; Milan, Italy
"Steel Walls," BAU 2009 International Fair for Architecture; Munich, Germany
- 2008 "Il Lusso delle Opere di Helidon Xhixha," Bespoke, Fair of Luxury, Ex Palazzo del Ghiaccio; Milan, Italy

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Selected Group Exhibitions (continued)

- 2008 Arte Verona, Spirale Milano; Verona, Italy
"ArteForte," Spirale Milano, Forte dei Marmi; Lucca, Italy
Il Lago in Mostra: Passato, Presente e Futuro dell'Arte, Pallanza Villa Giulia; Verbania, Italy
ARTOUR-O MUST, International Culture Hall; Yiwu, China
ARTOUR-O MUST, Grand Hotel Minerva, Piazza S. Maria Novella; Florence, Italy
- 2002 "Luci ed Ombre," Galleria Magenta, Via Roma; Milan, Italy
Salone Arengo di Palazzo Borletto; Novara, Italy
- 2001 Agora Gallery, New York
"One Company Brain;" Think Finance; Milan, Italy
Accademia di Belle Arti di Brera; Milan, Italy
Sculpture contest, OpenAir Museum; Tokyo, Japan
- 2000 "Opened Factories," Procos S.p.A., Cameri, Italy
Mulino Vecchio di Bellinzago, Parco Piemontese del Ticino; Bellinzago Novarese, Italy
"Nudo per l'estate;" artistic and cultural event; Milan, Italy
Black Health Gallery; London, England
- 1999 United States of America Consulate General; Milan, Italy
Kingston University; London, England

Monumental Works

- 2016 "Endless Melody," Melody Tower; Miami, Florida
- 2015 "Thunder Light;" St. Regis Bal Harbour; Miami, Florida
"Riflessi Lunari;" Helsinn Healthcare SA; Pazzallo, Switzerland
"Everlasting;" La Porta di Milano, Terminal 1, Malpensa Airport; Milan, Italy
"Waterfalls," Giuseppe Bussolin Square; Padua, Italy
"Lighted Runways," Terminal 1, Malpensa Airport; Milan, Italy
"Iceberg," Venice Biennale, San Servolo Island; Venice, Italy
"The Four Elements," Venice Biennale, San Servolo Island; Venice, Italy
"Pillars of Light," Venice Biennale, San Servolo Island; Venice, Italy
- 2014 "Mantegazza," Palazzo Mantegazza, Riva Paradiso; Lugano, Switzerland
"Oceano," Muse Sunny Isles Sales Gallery; Sunny Isles Beach, Florida
"Vela," New Yacht Club de Monaco, Quai Louise II, Monaco
"Seahorse," Saint Jean Cap Ferrat; Côte d'Azur, France
- 2013 "Monolite d'acciaio;" National Museum of Science and Technology Leonardo da Vinci; Milan, Italy
"The Wall;" Bayfront Park; Miami, Florida

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Monumental Works (continued)

- 2012 "Riflessi di storia;" Presidential Palace; Tirana, Albania
"Suono d'acciaio;" The Violin Museum, Stradivari Foundation; Cremona, Italy
"Riflessi dal cielo;" Lombardy Regional Government Building; Milan, Italy
"Light Collision;" Lombardy Regional Government Building; Milan, Italy
- 2011 "Elliptical Light;" Grand Hotel Melia, Port Rashid; Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- 2010 "Renaissance of Towers;" Piazza IV Novembre; Legnano, Italy
"The Coil;" Arvedi Steel Plant, Via Acquaviva 18, Zona Porto Canale; Cremona, Italy
"Renaissance of Towers;" Provincial Authorities Building, Via Torquato Tasso; Bergamo, Italy
"Steel and Kauri;" Riva 1920, The Museum of Wood, Via Milano 110; Cantu, Italy
- 2009 "Renaissance of Towers;" Piazza Alessandro Volta; Como, Italy
"Renaissance of Towers;" Piazza Vigili del Fuoco; Milan, Italy
- 2008 "Renaissance of Towers;" STARK The Transformer Station Umbolt, Copenhagener Strasse; Berlin, Germany
"Renaissance of Towers;" Piazza de' Rucellai; Florence, Italy
"The Three Monoliths;" Montanstahl Factory, Via Gerrette; Stabio, Switzerland
Piazza Santa Maria Novella; Florence, Italy
- 2007 "Renaissance of Towers;" Cornice Venice International Art Fair; Venice, Italy
- 2004 "Aironi;" Piazza Magnani Ricotti; Novara, Italy
"Testa di cavallo;" Piazza El Alamein; Novara, Italy
- 2003 "Light and Shade;" Gemine Muse, Young Artists in Italian Museums; Novara, Italy
"Cavallino Rampante;" Ferrari Factory; Maranello, Italy
- 2002 "Renaissance of Towers;" Corso Umberto I, lakeside; Stresa (VB), Italy
- 2001 Bas-relief; Piazza Marinone; San Pietro Mosezzo (NO), Italy
"Horses;" Piazza Martiri della Libertà, Banca Popolare di Intra; Novara, Italy

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Awards

- 2016 London Design Biennale, Public Medal for Best Installation; London, England
Naples Cultural Classic Award; Naples, Italy
- 2009 Lifetime Achievement Award, Ninth Edition of the National Art Award, City of Novara
- 2003 First Prize for "Light and Shade," Second Edition of the "Gemine Muse Young Artists in Italian Museums," Novara, under the patronage of the Ministry of Heritage and Culture and in collaboration with Gai (Young Italian Artists) and CIDAC Association (City of Art and Culture)