

# X R I S T A S T A V R O U

DIGITAL & DESIGN ARTIST

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## SKILLS and EXPERTISE

Illustration and Drawing, Book Illustration, Art Painting, Digital and Textile Art, Vector Design, T-Shirt Design, Graphic Design, Brand Designs | Brand Identity & Advertising Design, Photography, Image Manipulation and Image Editing.

## ARTIST STATEMENT

My art is a form of expression and an extension of my personality. I started dabbling in art from a very young age. I have always had a piece of paper and a pencil in my hand. My work «Little Lady», always brings back childhood memories. My creative mind never stops; I'm continuously informed on the new trends in contemporary art and everything around me is an inspiration to my work. My designs are inspired by my imagination and the passion I derive with even from the smallest and insignificant things in life. I am an extremely visceral person and in many ways I put myself wholeheartedly into each design. I never focus on specific art styles as I do not want to frame myself within a particular kind of technique and be more loyal to my own feelings. Different mediums always allow me to express different ideas. During research new areas of interest arise and lead to my next work. My work «Colors» was an inspiration from my T-Shirt Collection 2016/17. For the past 20 years my work has almost always rooted in a personal mash-up of feelings and moments. Although there may not always be material similarities, they are linked by the richness of imagination and perfectionistic details. While I use a variety of materials and processes in each design my philosophy is consistent. Each work often consists of multiple sketches, in a range of different media and meanings and 'Communication' with my audience is mostly what I have in mind when I paint. I never have hidden messages and I love it when viewers express different emotional reactions and perceptions for each work.

## ARTIST BIO

Xrista was born in Limassol in August 1974. She devotes her free time to **Painting** and **Digital Art** in particular. She has studied at the workshop of the award-winning late Cypriot painter Lefteris Economou for three years (1986-1988). At school she excelled in Art and was awarded a prize for the highest grade in technical design and in her excellence in History of Art. For the academic year 1993-1994, she was awarded a full scholarship at Frederick University as first among all academic-year students in H.N.D "Graphic Art and Advertising Design". Consequently she studied at the University of the Arts London (1994-1997), in the area BA (Hons) "Graphic and Media Design", where she was accepted in the second academic year. Since then she is continuously informed on the new trends in contemporary art. Her passion for Digital Art and Fashion led her to draw digital works of art and transfer them to clothes of her own creation through the method of silk screen and digital printing accordingly.

Xrista fuses life into a screen of which we percept as just another modern age piece of machinery; her perseverance and outlook on this is was described as "experimenting on the unique experiences and capabilities they offer", to Xrista Stavrou it is just as the same as a black canvas. Xrista explains, "I no longer had to fill my house with paint and clean my paint-stained clothes! Today they have been replaced by a computer and a mouse!". It isn't often you get to feel or touch pieces of art hence Xrista Stavrou's focus on transferring her work onto clothes with her love for fashion as well, she manages to make this intervention take action. This method of working also opened up opportunities using her talents in digital design supporting charity organizations such as the Cyprus Association for children with cancer and related diseases

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including the Cyprus Association of Cancer Patients and Friends (PASYKAF) by designing a range of T-Shirts, logos all contributing to provide proceeds for those in need. When asked about why she decided to get involved in such volunteering activities, Xrista expressed that “love is not patronizing and charity isn’t about pity. Charity and love are the same; with charity you give love. The ability to use my creativity to help people and organizations always gives a purpose and a meaning to living. I can not do everything but I will not refuse to do the something that I can do. No one has ever become poor by giving. It’s not how much we give but how much love we put into giving”.

Xrista is an incredibly talented and famous digital artist, recognized not only in Cyprus but also abroad. She has won various competitions and had her name inserted in internationally well-known Books, Magazines, Calendars. Xrista’s «Skull Art Queen», presented on the «Day of the Dead» Calendar 2016 by Amber Lotus Publishing, up until now has about 68,000 views, a number which increases daily <http://www.saatchiart.com/art/Drawing-Skull-Art/322718/1722648/view>. The Art can be found in the online Gallery of Saatchi Art <https://www.saatchiart.com/>. All her hard working efforts finally paid off when chosen out of 50 other participants for the Cyprus Walk of Fame. A design contest where Xrista was awarded with first prize for the “Visual Symbol of the Cyprus Walk of Fame”, thanking those whom vote and supported her on this, Xrista describes this life accomplishment as “an honor for those who offered” focusing on her main design for the competition saying “the crown is among other things, a mark of honor”.

This digital design artist although already digitally literate she conquers projects by promoting her work through her launched website [www.xristastavrou.com](http://www.xristastavrou.com), featuring past and present arts and collections. Very impressive and unique Collections for the brand Etherial ([www.etherial.eu](http://www.etherial.eu)) with her Glamour T-shirts and the well known “Be a Hero” Collection especially designed for the Cyprus Association of Cancer Patients and Friends (PASYKAF).

By continuously keeping her imagination alive and being able to create a type of ‘pleasant deception’ looking closely at Xrista’s designs, you will always discover little angelical figured cubits or delicately shaded roses all of which fluidly evolve into surfacing what Xrista calls “experimentation with new media, a visual reality”. Each of her work have a signature design process that makes them unique from any other design that we have seen so far which identifies her as ‘the voice of today’s contemporary culture’. All of her designs are almost always rooted in a personal mash-up of feelings. “I’m an extremely visceral person and in many ways I put myself wholeheartedly into each design. I always try to convey my feelings and emotions through my designs and for most of my works, love and enthusiasm are the main characteristics”. A digital design artist whose work has always been informed by a richness of imagination who is not afraid if outlining her inspirations and feelings, demonstrating the workings of an erudite and passionate mind with a fantasy that conveys into a kitsch glamour meets iconic casual, matched with an urban insouciance typified into her pieces. Xrista Stavrou a philanthropist, talented digital artist, who is a true high-tech heroine to us all.

## ACHIEVEMENTS AND AWARDS

1989 Engomi Gymnasium	Honorary Diploma for contribution to the subject of Art and for having excelled in this subject.
1990 The Cyprus National Committee on the occasion of the European day of schools	Commendation for participation in the Art Competition held in 1990.
1992 B' Kykkos Lyceum	Prize for the Highest Performance in Technical Drawing. Prize for excellent performance in History of Art and Technical Drawing.
1993 Frederick University	Received a full scholarship at Frederick University for the academic year 1993-1994 as first among all academic-year students.
1994 Frederick University	Commendation Certificate for the highest average mark in graduating class. H.N.D in Graphic Art and Advertising Design.
2013 Competition	<b>CWOF Cyprus Walk of Fame LTD (Cyprus), CBSW and Sons LTD</b> Had been participated to the Design contest for the «Visual symbol of the Cyprus Walk of Fame» and had received the first prize as the first out of 150 participants around the word.
2013 Volunteer Experience Group Fashion Show Product Manager	<b>2013 - T-Shirt Collection S/S 2014 Elite Fashion Shows in Nicosia, Cyprus</b> Xrista successfully designed her new Etherial Collection Men/ Woman S/S14 and has been selected to participate at the Elite Fashion Show at Famagusta Gate in Nicosia, were she presented her whole Collection and support the Cyprus Association of Cancer Patients and Friends (PASYKAF).

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<p>2013</p> <p>Volunteer Experience Solo Presentation Product Manager</p>	<p><b>T-Shirt "Be a Hero" Collection</b> <b>Nicosia - Cyprus</b></p> <p>Xrista and Etherial' s collaboration ticks the boxes for fashion cool and social awareness supporting the Cyprus Association of Cancer Patients and Friends (PASYKAF) hence with their collaboration on the T-shirt collection "Be a Hero" it takes the association to another level and pushes the T-shirt in to a new realm of desirability. The skull silkscreen printed designs have quirky mix of colors and fabrics.</p>
<p>2014</p> <p>Volunteer Experience Fashion Show Product Manager</p>	<p><b>Etherial T-Shirt Collection SS 2015</b></p> <p>Xrista successfully designed and presented her new Etherial Men/ Women S/S15 Collection and has been selected to participate, as one of the most talented Designers in the island, at the biggest Fashion Show in Nicosia, at the Presidential House.</p>
<p>2015</p> <p>Group Exhibition</p>	<p><b>The Cyprus Chamber of Fine Arts (E.K.A.T.E.)</b> <b>Famagusta Gate, Nicosia Cyprus</b></p> <p>Honorary Event By House of Representatives for E.KA.TE. Members / Honorary Members Exhibition and Reception of E.KA.TE. at Famagusta Gate.</p>
<p>2015</p> <p>Wall Calendar/Publications Amber Lotus Publishing Ltd.</p>	<p><b>Day of the Dead 2016 - Sugar Skulls Calendar</b> <b>Published: July 22, 2015, ISBN: 978-1-63136-009-1</b></p> <p>Xrista's <a href="#">Skull Art Queen</a> has been selected by Amber Lotus Publishing Ltd to be featured on the amazing <a href="#">Day of the Dead World Calendar 2016</a>, among the top accomplished artists such as Brandon Maldonado, Jennifer Kuhns, The Little Friends of Printmaking, and Craig Watkins.</p>
<p>2015</p> <p>Competition Toyota Cyprus</p>	<p><b>Aygo Contest Wrap &amp; Drive</b></p> <p>She had been participated to the Design contest for Toyota Cyprus the "<a href="#">Aygo Contest Wrap &amp; Drive</a>" and had received the first prize as the first out of all participants around. Participants had the opportunity to design and decorate the exterior of the new Aygo any way they like! Aimed for graphic designers or anyone who loves to be creative and knows how to work with a designer programme such as Photoshop or Illustrator. The winner will drive a brand new Toyota Aygo for free, for one whole year, with their very own replica design specially prepared by Dickran Ouzounian &amp; Co. Ltd. adorning the exterior of the car.</p>

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<p>2015 Publications Race Point Publishing</p>	<p><b>Skull Sourcebook - Over 500 Skulls in Art &amp; Culture</b> <b>Published: May 10, 2016, ISBN: 978-1-63106-158-5</b></p> <p>Xrista's <a href="#">Skull Art Queen</a> has been selected by Race Point Publishing, New York, to be featured on the amazing <a href="#">Skull Sourcebook 2016</a>, among the top accomplished artists such as Damien Hirst and George loannou.</p>
<p>2016 Publications Elias Epiphaniou Publications</p>	<p><b>Christmas Book Illustration "The Santa Claus' Hat"</b> <b>Published: December 2016, ISBN: 978-9963-271-21-4</b></p> <p>Has been selected and successfully illustrated a children's book: <a href="http://www.xristastavrou.com/XS/Work/Drawings/">www.xristastavrou.com/XS/Work/Drawings/</a></p> <p><b>Book Description:</b> Full color pages with digital illustrations. A lovely Christmas story for children ages 4-7. The story is about Booby the teddy bear and his very special Christmas. A letter to Santa Claus, a puzzle and a lot of gifts and surprises!. Available to buy online at: <a href="https://sites.google.com/site/eliasepiphanioupublications/">https://sites.google.com/site/eliasepiphanioupublications/</a>.</p>
<p>2017 Art Calendar Amber Lotus Publishing Ltd.</p>	<p><b>Sugar Skulls 2018: Day of the Dead Calendar – Mini Calendar, Wall Calendar</b> <b>Published: May, 2017, ISBN: 978-1-63136-251-4</b></p> <p>Xrista's <a href="#">Skull Art Queen with Butterflies</a> has been selected by Amber Lotus Publishing Ltd. to be featured on the amazing <a href="#">Day of the Dead Calendar 2018</a> among the top accomplished artists in the world.</p> <p><b>Calendar Description:</b> Day of the Dead sugar skulls appear on everything from apparel to jewelry and tattoos. The Day of the Dead: Sugar Skulls wall calendar features fantastic Día de los Muertos pop culture icons in stunning paintings, vector art, and screen-printed posters. This is a vibrant tribute to life and a living Mexican folk tradition. The Calendar will be available in July 2017.</p>
<p>2018 Art Recognition/Certifications THE ARTBOX.GALLERY Switzerland</p>	<p><b>ARTBOX.PROJECT NEW YORK 1.0</b></p> <p>Xrista has been accepted by the Jury for the <a href="#">ARTBOX.PROJECT NEW YORK 1.0</a> with her ARTS "<a href="#">Grandma</a>" and "<a href="#">Colors</a>" and will be shown at the ARMORY ARTWEEKS NEW YORK, 5th-16th of March.</p> <p>Certifications received: "<a href="#">GRANDMA</a>" and "<a href="#">COLORS</a>".</p>

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CAUSES SHE CARES

Animal Welfare  
Arts and Culture  
Children Abuse  
Human Rights

ORGANIZATIONS SHE SUPPORTS

[Cyprus Association for children with cancer and related diseases](#)  
[The Cyprus Association of Cancer Patients and Friends \(PASYKAF\)](#)  
Child Abuse Prevention Association  
Missing People