

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

DIGITAL & DESIGN ARTIST

PERSONAL DETAILS

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Behance: <https://www.behance.net/xristastavrou>
Youtube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/xristastavrou>

ONLINE GALLERIES

Artmajeur Online Gallery: <https://www.artmajeur.com/xristastavrou>
Saatchi Online Gallery: <https://www.saatchiart.com/xristastavrou>
Yessy Online Gallery: <https://www.yessy.com/xristastavrou>
Pixels Online Shop: <https://xristastavrou.pixels.com/>

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Fine Art America: <https://fineartamerica.com/profiles/xristastavrou>
Threadless: <https://xristastavrou.threadless.com/>

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.

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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 creative mind never stops; I'm continuously informed about 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 from 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 the research, new areas of interest arise and lead to my next work. 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 1974 in Nicosia, Cyprus. She is married and has two lovely children. She started dabbling in art from a very young age and at school, she has excelled in Art and awarded a prize for the highest grade in technical design and excellence in History of Art. For the academic year 1993-1994, she was awarded a full scholarship from an Art University in Cyprus, in H.N.D "Graphic Art and Advertising Design" and consequently followed her art passion in the UK. In 1997 she received her Bachelor of "Graphic and Media Design" from the University of the Arts London. Since then she is continuously informed on the new trends in contemporary art and everything around her is an inspiration to her work. She worked at several Local Design Agencies and in the late 1999's she started focusing on web designing where she spends the last 18 years working as a web designer and developer at the biggest Telecommunication Authority Company in Cyprus.

Although family and work commitments prevailed, she managed to pursue her passion for art. Her art is a form of expression and an extension of her personality. Her creative mind never stops; Her designs are inspired by her imagination and the passion she derives with even from the smallest and insignificant things in life. She is an extremely visceral person and in many ways, she puts herself wholeheartedly into each design. She never focusses on specific art styles as she does not want to frame herself within a kind of technique and be more loyal to her own feelings. Different mediums always allow her to express different ideas and during research new areas of interest arise and lead to her next work.

She sometimes uses subjects that allow her to satisfy her obsession with colours and fantasy. Her Art "Sweet Dreams", a colour drawing painting was created with colour markers, black ink, and acrylic paint. Within her art somehow, She communicates that elusive sense of sheer joy. She loves illustrations and every time she feels happy in her life she creates art with colours and full of imaginary images and objects.

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She is generally not too concerned with creating a great deal of meaning beyond the aesthetic. Imagery is often borrowed from her life; sweet things around her and stuff that might evoke a sense of wonderment and ultimate fantasy.

In 2009, 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 silkscreen and digital printing. This method of working opened up opportunities using her talent in digital design supporting charitable organizations in her country by designing a range of T-Shirts, logos all contributing to provide proceeds for those in need.

In 2010, Xrista has started to fuse 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. She always loves experimenting with different media and styles and her passion for digital art always led her to draw digital works of art and transfer them to fabrics of her own cloth creations. The art “Perplexity” was an inspiration from her Scarf Collection 2018-2019. Composition of abstract playful forms, elements, textures and bright warm colors that accidentally created through the working process. The results can be surprising even to Xrista. That’s what makes abstract art so unique to her. It is created from intense thought processes, an attempt to amplify her fantasy and dreams of love, fashion, and beauty. This is what She loves most about abstract art; the ability to express her creativity by creating a visual experience that is free and unencumbered by the weight of objects and is always open to interpretation. Her goal is to inspire those who see her work to look more carefully and discover what emotions, sensations or memories emerge. They are invited to discover the meaning behind her work by traveling around the art without expectation and by looking at colors, styles, materials, surface and how they interact.

In 2011 she was invited and started a collaboration with Etherial Rock ‘n’ Roll Brand (www.etherial.eu) where she managed the Clothing Line for almost 6 years. During that period, she had 2 Solo and 3 Group Fashion presentations and has created her first “Digital Skull Queen” as an inspiration from her T-Shirt Collection 2013-2014. Skull Art Queen marked her art career. In 2015 her art has been featured in solo and group art exhibitions. She has won various competitions and had her work published in internationally well-known Books, Magazines and Calendars. In 2016 Xrista has been the subject of several Fashion Blogs and magazines.

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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 first prize for the “Visual Symbol of the Cyprus Walk of Fame”, thanking those who 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, featuring past and present arts and collections. Very impressive and unique Collections for the brand Etherial (www.etherial.eu) with her Glamour T-shirts and the well known “Be a Hero” Collection specially 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 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”. A digital design artist whose work has always been informed by a richness of imagination and who is not afraid to outlining her inspirations and feelings, demonstrating the workings of an erudite and passionate mind with a fantasy that conveys into her pieces.

See all Xrista’s work and read more about her story on her website and Online Store:

<https://www.xristastavrou.com/> | <https://xristastavrou.pixels.com/>

ARTISTIC EDUCATION

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| 1986-1988 Engomi Gymnasium | Has studied at the workshop of the award-winning late Cypriot painter Lefteris Economou for three years. Nicosia, Cyprus |
| 1992 B' Kykkos Lyceum | Attending Technical Drawing Classes Receive a prize for the Highest Performance in Technical Drawing and a prize for excellent performance in History of Art and Technical Drawing. Nicosia, Cyprus |
| 1993 Frederick University | H.N.D in Graphic Art and Advertising Design Received a full scholarship at Frederick University for the academic year 1993-1994 as first among all academic-year students. Nicosia, Cyprus |
| 1994 Frederick University | H.N.D in Graphic Art and Advertising Design Commendation Certificate for the highest average mark in the graduating class. Nicosia, Cyprus |
| 1994-1997 University of the Arts London | BA (Hons) Graphic and Media Design Studied at the University of the Arts London, in the area «Graphic and Media Design». London, UK |
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ACHIEVEMENTS AND AWARDS

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| 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 | Received a 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 | CWOF Cyprus Walk of Fame LTD (Cyprus), CBSW and Sons LTD Had been participated in 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 | 2013 - T-Shirt Collection S/S 2014 Elite Fashion Shows in Nicosia, Cyprus 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>T-Shirt "Be a Hero" Collection Nicosia - Cyprus</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 into a new realm of desirability. The skull silkscreen printed designs have a quirky mix of colors and fabrics.</p> |
| <p>2014</p> <p>Volunteer Experience Fashion Show Product Manager</p> | <p>Etherial T-Shirt Collection SS 2015</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 on the island, at the biggest Fashion Show in Nicosia, at the Presidential House.</p> |
| <p>2015</p> <p>Group Exhibition</p> | <p>The Cyprus Chamber of Fine Arts (E.K.A.T.E.) Famagusta Gate, Nicosia Cyprus</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>Day of the Dead 2016 - Sugar Skulls Calendar Published: July 22, 2015, ISBN: 978-1-63136-009-1</p> <p>Xrista's Skull Art Queen has been selected by Amber Lotus Publishing Ltd to be featured on the amazing Day of the Dead World Calendar 2016, 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>Aygo Contest Wrap & Drive</p> <p>She had been participated in the Design contest for Toyota Cyprus the "Aygo Contest Wrap & Drive" 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!</p> |

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| 2015 | Skull Sourcebook - Over 500 Skulls in Art & Culture |
| Publications | Published: May 10, 2016, ISBN: 978-1-63106-158-5 |
| Race Point Publishing | Xrista's Skull Art Queen has been selected by Race Point Publishing, New York, to be featured on the amazing Skull Sourcebook 2016 , among the top accomplished artists such as Damien Hirst and George Ioannou. |
| 2016 | Christmas Book Illustration "The Santa Claus' Hat" |
| Publications | Published: December 2016, ISBN: 978-9963-271-21-4 |
| Elias Epiphaniou Publications | Has been selected and successfully illustrated a children's book: www.xristastavrou.com/XS/Work/Drawings/ Book Description: 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 https://sites.google.com/site/eliasepiphanioupublications/ . |
| 2017 | Sugar Skulls 2018: Day of the Dead Calendar – Mini Calendar, Wall Calendar |
| Art Calendar | Published: May, 2017, ISBN: 978-1-63136-251-4 |
| Amber Lotus Publishing Ltd. | Xrista's Skull Art Queen with Butterflies has been selected by Amber Lotus Publishing Ltd. to be featured on the amazing Day of the Dead Calendar 2018 among the top accomplished artists in the world. Calendar Description: 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 on July 2017. |
| 2018 | ARTBOX.PROJECT NEW YORK 1.0 |
| Art Recognition/Certifications | Xrista has been accepted by the Jury for the ARTBOX.PROJECT NEW YORK 1.0 with her ARTS " Grandma " and " Colors " and will be shown at the ARMORY ARTWEEKS NEW YORK, 5th-16th of March. |
| THE ARTBOX.GALLERY | Certifications received: " GRANDMA " and " COLORS ". |

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| 2018 | Art Competition "Open Art Exhibition 2018" |
| Art Recognition/Certifications Light Space & Time Online Art Gallery | Xrista received an Award Certificate from John R. Math from Light Space & Time Online Art Gallery for her outstanding Painting " Grandma ". The Art was chosen from 702 entries which were submitted from around the world. |
| USA | The Art is available to view online at Saatchi Art . |
| 2018 | Art Competition "Patterns Art Exhibition 2018" |
| Art Recognition/Certifications Light Space & Time Online Art Gallery | Xrista received a Special Recognition Award from John R. Math from Light Space & Time Online Art Gallery for her outstanding Pattern " Perplexity ". |
| USA | The Art is available to view online at Saatchi Art . |
| 2019 | Art Competition "Patterns Art Exhibition 2019" |
| Art Recognition/Certifications Light Space & Time Online Art Gallery | Xrista received a Special Merit Award from John R. Math from Light Space & Time Online Art Gallery for her outstanding Pattern " Perplexity V2 ". |
| USA | The Art is available to view online at Saatchi Art and Yessy Online Gallery . |
| 2019 | ARTBOX.PROJECT Miami 2.0 |
| Art Recognition/Certifications THE ARTBOX.GALLERY | Xrista has been accepted by the Jury for the ARTBOX.PROJECT Miami 2.0 with her ART " Perplexity V2 " and will be shown at the Miami Art Weeks, 02. - 08. December 2019. |
| | Certification received: " Perplexity V2 " |
| 2020 | ARTBOX.PROJECT Barcelona 1.0 |
| Art Recognition/Certifications THE ARTBOX.GALLERY | Xrista has been accepted by the Jury for the ARTBOX.PROJECT Barcelona 1.0 with her ART " Dreaming " and will be shown at the Gallery VALID WORLD HALL, Carrer de Buena-ventura Muñoz, 6, 08018 Barcelona, Spain, during 18. - 22. March 2020. |
| | Certification received: " Dreaming " |

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE & CAUSES

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 \(PASYKAF\)](#)