

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

DIGITAL & DESIGN ARTIST

## PERSONAL DETAILS

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## SOCIAL PROFILES

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Twitter: [twitter.com/xristastavrou](http://twitter.com/xristastavrou)  
Tumblr: [xristastavrou.tumblr.com](http://xristastavrou.tumblr.com)  
Pinterest: [www.pinterest.com/xristastavrou](http://www.pinterest.com/xristastavrou)  
Youtube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/xristastavrou>  
Behance: <https://www.behance.net/xristastavrou>

## ONLINE GALLERIES AND SHOPS

Zedge Premium: <https://zedge.page.link/xristastavrou>  
Fine Art America: <https://fineartamerica.com/profiles/xristastavrou>  
Artmajeur Online Gallery: <https://www.artmajeur.com/xristastavrou>  
Saatchi Online Gallery: <https://www.saatchiart.com/xristastavrou>  
Pixels Online Shop: <https://xristastavrou.pixels.com/>  
Spoonflower: <https://www.spoonflower.com/profiles/xristastavrou>  
Threadless: <https://xristastavrou.threadless.com/>  
Shutterstock: <https://www.shutterstock.com/g/xristastavrou>  
BIGSTOCK: <https://www.bigstockphoto.com/search/?contributor=xristastavrou>  
Dreamstime: [https://www.dreamstime.com/xristastavrou\\_info](https://www.dreamstime.com/xristastavrou_info)

## 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 artworks are inspired by my imagination and the passion I derive from even 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 even from the smallest and insignificant things in life. 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 and imagination. 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 colors and fantasy.

Her Art "Sweet Dreams", a color drawing painting was created with color 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 colors 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, scarves 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. The digital art “Perplexity”, which received many awards and certifications, 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. 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 is what makes her enthusiastic about abstract art. 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, surfaces, and how they interact.

In 2011 she was invited and started a collaboration with Etherial Rock ‘n’ Roll Brand ([www.etherial.eu](http://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.

For the past 15 years, her 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 she uses a variety of materials and processes in each design her philosophy is consistent. ‘Communication’ with her audience is mostly what she has in mind when she paints. She never has hidden messages and she loves it when viewers express different emotional reactions and perceptions for each work. Xrista 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. The Art can be found in the online Gallery of [Saatchi Art](#) and [Artmajeur](#).

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

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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”.

Xrista although already digitally literate, conquers projects by promoting her work through her launched website [www.xristastavrou.com](http://www.xristastavrou.com), featuring past and present arts and collections. 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 and faces 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 famous online Galleries.

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## EDUCATION

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

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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	<b>CWOF Cyprus Walk of Fame LTD (Cyprus), CBSW and Sons LTD</b> Xrista has participated in the design contest for the «Visual symbol of the Cyprus Walk of Fame» and she has received the first prize as the first out of 150 participants around the world.
2013 Volunteer Experience Group Fashion Show Product Manager	<b>2013 - T-Shirt Collection S/S 2014 Elite Fashion Shows in Nicosia, Cyprus</b> Xrista has 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, where she presented her whole Collection supporting the Cyprus Association of Cancer Patients and Friends (PASYKAF).  Reference: <a href="http://www.malefashiontrends.com.mx">www.malefashiontrends.com.mx</a>

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<p>2013 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 Brand collaborate in supporting the Cyprus Association of Cancer Patients and Friends (PASYKAF) with their T-shirt collection "Be a Hero" by driven the association to another level. Xrista had pushed the T-shirt into a new realm of desirability. Her skull silkscreen printed designs had a quirky mix of colors and fabrics that led to a very big success.</p> <p>Reference: <a href="http://www.malefashiontrends.com.mx">www.malefashiontrends.com.mx</a></p>
<p>2014 Volunteer Experience Fashion Show Product Manager</p>	<p><b>Etherial T-Shirt Collection SS 2015</b></p> <p>Xrista has 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>Reference: <a href="http://www.malefashiontrends.com.mx">www.malefashiontrends.com.mx</a></p>
<p>2015 Group Exhibition</p>	<p><b>The Cyprus Chamber of Fine Arts (E.KA.T.E.)</b> <b>Famagusta Gate, Nicosia Cyprus</b></p> <p>Xrista as a member of E.KA.TE. , has participated at an Honorary Event By House of Representatives for E.KA.TE. Members/Honorary, with her painting 'Little Lady'.</p>
<p>2015 Wall Calendar/Publications Amber Lotus Publishing Ltd.</p>	<p><b>Day of the Dead 2016 - Sugar Skulls Calendar</b> <b>Published: July 22, 2015</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>

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2015	<b>Aygo Contest Wrap &amp; Drive</b>
Competition Toyota Cyprus	Xrista has participated in the Design contest for Toyota Cyprus the "Aygo Contest Wrap & Drive" and received the first prize as the first out of all participants.  Participants had the opportunity to design and decorate the exterior of the new Toyota Aygo!
2015	<b>Skull Sourcebook - Over 500 Skulls in Art &amp; Culture</b>
Publications Race Point Publishing	<b>Published: May 10, 2016</b>  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.
2016	<b>Christmas Book Illustration "The Santa Claus' Hat"</b>
Publications Elias Epiphaniou Publications	<b>Published: December 2016</b>  Xrista 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>  <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> .
2017	<b>Sugar Skulls 2018: Day of the Dead Calendar – Mini Calendar, Wall Calendar</b>
Art Calendar Amber Lotus Publishing Ltd.	<b>Published: May, 2017</b>  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.  <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 on July 2017.

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2018	<b>ARTBOX.PROJECT NEW YORK 1.0</b>
Art Recognition/Certifications THE ARTBOX.GALLERY	Xrista has been accepted by the Jury for the <a href="#">ARTBOX.PROJECT NEW YORK 1.0</a> with her paintings " <a href="#">Grandma</a> " and " <a href="#">Colors</a> " and were presented at the ARMORY ARTWEEKS in New York, from 5th-16th of March.  Certifications received: " <a href="#">GRANDMA</a> " and " <a href="#">COLORS</a> ".
2018	<b>Art Competition "Open Art Exhibition 2018"</b>
Art Recognition/Certifications Light Space & Time Online Art Gallery  USA	Xrista received an <a href="#">Award Certificate</a> from John R. Math from Light Space & Time Online Art Gallery for her outstanding Painting " <b>Grandma</b> ". The Art was chosen from 702 entries that were submitted from around the world.  The Art is available to view online at <a href="#">Saatchi Art</a> and <a href="#">Artmajeur</a> Galleries.
2018	<b>Art Competition "Patterns Art Exhibition 2018"</b>
Art Recognition/Certifications Light Space & Time Online Art Gallery  USA	Xrista received a <a href="#">Special Recognition Award</a> from John R. Math from Light Space & Time Online Art Gallery for her outstanding Pattern Art " <b>Perplexity</b> ".  The Art is available to view online at <a href="#">Saatchi Art</a> .
2019	<b>Art Competition "Patterns Art Exhibition 2019"</b>
Art Recognition/Certifications Light Space & Time Online Art Gallery  USA	Xrista received a <a href="#">Special Merit Award</a> from John R. Math from Light Space & Time Online Art Gallery for her outstanding Pattern " <b>Perplexity V2</b> ".  The Art is available to view online at <a href="#">Saatchi Art</a> and <a href="#">Artmajeur</a> Galleries.
2019	<b>ARTBOX.PROJECT Miami 2.0</b>
Art Recognition/Certifications THE ARTBOX.GALLERY	Xrista was accepted by the Jury for the <b>ARTBOX.PROJECT Miami 2.0</b> with her ART " <a href="#">Perplexity V2</a> " and was presented at the Miami Art Weeks, from 02. - 08. of December 2019.  Certification received: " <a href="#">Perplexity V2</a> "

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<p>2020</p> <p>Art Recognition/Certifications THE ARTBOX.GALLERY</p>	<p><b>ARTBOX.PROJECT Barcelona 1.0</b></p> <p>Xrista has been accepted by the Jury for the ARTBOX.PROJECT Barcelona 1.0 with her painting "<b>Dreaming</b>" and was presented at the Gallery VALID WORLD HALL, Carrer de Buenaventura Muñoz, 6, 08018 Barcelona, Spain, from 18 - 22 of March 2020.</p> <p>Certification received: "<a href="#">Dreaming</a>"</p>
<p>2020</p> <p>Art Recognition/Certifications Light Space &amp; Time Online Art Gallery USA</p>	<p><b>10th Annual "Figurative" 2020 Art Exhibition</b></p> <p>Xrista received an <a href="#">Award Certificate</a> from John R. Math, Light Space &amp; Time Online Art Gallery for her outstanding Painting "<b>Grandma</b>". The Art was chosen from 623 entries from 27 different countries from around the world, as well as from 30 different states and District of Columbia. The painting is available to view online at <a href="#">Artmajeur</a> Gallery.</p> <p>Xrista also received an <a href="#">Award Certificate</a> for her 7th Place in Paint &amp; Other Media category for the same painting.</p>
<p>2020</p> <p>Art Recognition/Certifications Light Space &amp; Time Online Art Gallery USA</p>	<p><b>Art Competition "Figurative" 2020 Art Exhibition</b></p> <p>Xrista received a <a href="#">Special Recognition Award</a> from John R. Math, Light Space &amp; Time Online Art Gallery for her outstanding Digital Art "<b>Dreaming</b>".</p> <p>The Art is available to view online at <a href="#">Artmajeur</a> Gallery.</p>
<p>2020</p> <p>Art Recognition/Certifications Jacques-Armand Akoun FRANCE</p>	<p><b>Artist Value Certification</b></p> <p>Certification has been established by Jacques-Armand Akoun on Mar 11, 2020. La cote des peintres (Français) Broché – 5 mars 2020.</p> <p>Publication of the artist value on AKOUN's contemporary artists values reference book: Edition 2020 (5 mars 2020)</p> <p>Langue: Français ISBN-10: 2212573529</p>

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2020	<b>Luxembourg Art Prize 2018</b>
Art Recognition/Certifications The inacothèque museum LUXEMBOURG	Xrista receives the encouragement of the members of the artistic commission, and the museum invites her to continue in this direction. Certification received: " <b><u>Luxembourg Art Prize 2018</u></b> "
2020	<b>Luxembourg Art Prize 2020</b>
Art Recognition/Certifications The inacothèque museum LUXEMBOURG	Xrista receives the encouragement of the members of the artistic commission, and the museum invites her to continue in this direction. Certification received: " <b><u>Luxembourg Art Prize 2020</u></b> "

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## PUBLICATIONS

2015	<b>Day of the Dead 2016 - Sugar Skulls Calendar</b> <b>Published: July 22, 2015, ISBN: 978-1-63136-009-1</b>
Wall Calendar/Publications Amber Lotus Publishing Ltd.	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.
2015	<b>Skull Sourcebook - Over 500 Skulls in Art &amp; Culture</b> <b>Published: May 10, 2016, ISBN: 978-1-63106-158-5</b>
Publications Race Point Publishing	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 Ioannou.
2016	<b>Christmas Book Illustration "The Santa Claus' Hat"</b> <b>Published: December 2016, ISBN: 978-9963-271-21-4</b>
Publications Elias Epiphaniou Publications	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> <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> .
2017	<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>
Art Calendar Amber Lotus Publishing Ltd	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.

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## 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 \(PASYKAF\)](#)