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DIGITAL ARTIST & SURFACE PATTERN DESIGNER

PERSONAL DETAILS

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Behance: <https://www.behance.net/xristastavrou>

ONLINE GALLERIES AND SHOPS

OpenSea: <https://opensea.io/xristastavrou>
Zedge Premium: <https://zedge.page.link/xristastavrou>
Artmajeur Online Gallery: <https://www.artmajeur.com/xristastavrou>
Saatchi Online Gallery: <https://www.saatchiart.com/xristastavrou>
Spoonflower: <https://www.spoonflower.com/profiles/xristastavrou>
Fine Art America: <https://xristastavrou.pixels.com/>
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

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SKILLS and EXPERTISE

Tools & Technologies: Microsoft Expression Web, Microsoft SharePoint, Microsoft Office Tools, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe After Effects, Adobe Illustrator, HTML, Cascading Style Sheets (CSS), JavaScript, .NET Framework, SharePoint, Google Analytics - Analysis, Configuration, Functionality, Interface, Reports.

General Skills: Front-End Development, Web Designing and Developing, Manipulation and Image Editing, Advertising Design, Vector Illustration, Digital Printing.

KEY QUALIFICATIONS

Certifications Nintex Workflows and Nintex (3/10/2017), Sharepoint Server 2013 - Power User Workshop (16/09/2013), Web Strategy Workshop (14/11/08), Adobe Flash Actionscript 2.0 (1/9/11), Web 2.0 Technology & Applications (21/1/08), Ms Project(17/1/05), Innovation and Creativity in the Workplace (1-22/5/02).

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ARTIST STATEMENT

My art is a form of expression and an extension of my personality. My creative mind never stops, and everything around me is an inspiration for my work, even the most minor and insignificant things in life. I started doing art at a very young age. For me, art becomes a source of search, processing, and ultimately peace with various experiences. Sometimes I draw figures, faces, and things in which I find something profound. I like to capture a moment and put it in a work of art. What I like most about the design is the emotions. I love when I see something shaking in someone's eyes and face, something just below the surface, and I can capture it with my drawing. I want to inspire people with works of art that focus on the resilience, strength, and connection of the human spirit and emotions.

After graduating from University, I worked in many Local Design Offices. At the end of 1999, I started focusing on web design. I spent the last 21 years working as a web designer and developer at Cyprus's largest Telecommunication Authority Company. Although family and work commitments prevailed, I continued my passion for art in my spare time. I am an incredibly compassionate person, and in many ways, I put myself wholeheartedly into every work of art. I never focus on specific art styles and themes, as I do not want to be framed in a particular technique and be more faithful to my emotions and imagination. Different media always allow me to express other ideas, and during the research, new areas of interest emerge and lead to my subsequent work. Sometimes I even use themes to satisfy my obsession with colors and imagination. In a way, I communicate with this elusive sense of absolute joy in my art, and every time I feel happy in my life, I create art with colors and full of fantastic images and objects.

I always find beauty in bad things and try to transfer them to powerful and unique works of art. My work has been constantly rooted in the many personal emotions, moments, and things I have drawn from life for the past ten years. Evolution is my primary goal. It's something I demand of myself and my job. In recent years my works have been created spontaneously. At first, I did not realize it, but in the process, looking at them as a whole, I can say that indeed, there is an explosion of imagination. I avoid pre-defining the true meaning of the messages I send through my work and letting the viewer travel through my art. Although there may not always be similarities in subject matter, they are associated with a wealth of imagination and perfectionist detail, and my philosophy is consistent. Each work consists of different concepts, and "Communication" with my audience is what I have in mind when I paint. I never have hidden messages, and I like when viewers express different emotional reactions and perceptions about each of my works. Freedom of thought is a crucial feature of my work. I try to make the viewer perceive the meaning with his perception and way of thinking. The messages for each, however, may be different.

It is a blessing to be able to design and be creative. It gives me a sense of completion, harmony, and relaxation.

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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 excelled in art and was awarded a prize for the highest grade in technical design and excellence in the History of Art. For the academic year 1993-1994, she was awarded a full scholarship from an Art University in Cyprus, in HND "Graphic Art and Advertising Design." Consequently, she 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 has been 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. In the late 1999's, she started focusing on web designing, where she spent 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 imagination and love for the most minor and insignificant things in life inspire her work. She never focuses on specific art styles as she does not want to frame herself within a kind of technique and be more loyal to her feelings and imagination. Different mediums always allow her to express other ideas, and during research, new areas of interest arise and lead to her subsequent work. She sometimes uses subjects that will enable her to satisfy her obsession with colors and fantasy. "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 is full of imaginary images and objects. She is generally not too concerned with making 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 creation through silkscreen and digital printing. This working method 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 providing proceeds for those in need.

In 2010, Xrista 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, inspired her Scarf Collection 2018-2019. The working process accidentally created the composition of abstract playful forms, elements, textures, and bright warm colors. The results can be surprising even to Xrista. That's what makes abstract art so unique to her. It is produced from intense thought processes 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 always open to interpretation makes her enthusiastic about abstract art. Her goal is to inspire those who see her work more carefully and discover what emotions, sensations, or memories emerge. People are encouraged to discover the meaning behind her

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work by traveling around the art without expectation and looking at colors, styles, materials, surfaces, and how they interact.

In 2011 she was invited and collaborated with Etherial Rock' n' Roll Brand, where she managed the Clothing Line for almost six years. During that period, she had 2 Solo and 3 Group Fashion presentations and created her first "Digital Skull Queen" to inspire her T-Shirt Collection from 2013-2014. Skull Art Queen marked her art career. In 2015 She won various competitions and published her work in internationally well-known Books, Magazines, and Calendars. In 2016 Xrista was the subject of several Fashion Blogs and magazines.

Her work has been almost rooted in a personal mash-up of feelings and moments in the last fifteen years. Although there may not always be material similarities, her arts 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 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 is available to view online Galleries, [Saatchi Art](#) and [Artmajeur](#) accordingly.

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 voted 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, 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 connected by a richness of imagination and is not afraid to outlining her inspirations and feelings, demonstrating the workings of an erudite and passionate mind with a fantasy that conveys her pieces. See all of Xrista's work and read more about her story on her website and online Galleries.website and famous online Galleries.

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EDUCATION

1986-1988 Engomi Gymnasium	<p>Xrista 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>Attending Technical Drawing Classes</p> <p>Xrista received a prize for the Highest Performance in Technical Drawing and an award for excellent performance in History of Art and Technical Drawing.</p> <p>Nicosia, Cyprus</p>
1993 Frederick University	<p>H.N.D in Graphic Art and Advertising Design</p> <p>Xrista received a full scholarship at Frederick University for the academic year 1993-1994, as first among all students.</p> <p>Nicosia, Cyprus</p>
1994 Frederick University	<p>H.N.D in Graphic Art and Advertising Design</p> <p>Xrista received a Commendation Certificate for the highest average mark in the graduating class.</p> <p>Nicosia, Cyprus</p>
1994-1997 University of the Arts London	<p>BA (Hons) Graphic and Media Design</p> <p>Xrista 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	Xrista received an Honorary Diploma for contribution to Art and for having excelled in this subject.
1990 The Cyprus National Committee on the occasion of the European day of schools	Xrista received a Commendation for participation in the Art Competition held in 1990.
1992 B' Kykkos Lyceum	Xrista received a prize for the Highest Performance in Technical Drawing. Award for excellent performance in History of Art and Technical Drawing.
1993 Frederick University	Xrista received a full scholarship at Frederick University for the academic year 1993-1994 as first among all academic-year students.
1994 Frederick University	H.N.D in Graphic Art and Advertising Design Xrista received a Commendation Certificate for the highest average mark in graduating class.
2013 Competition	CWOF Cyprus Walk of Fame LTD (Cyprus), CBSW and Sons LTD Xrista 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 worldwide.
2013 Volunteer Experience Group Fashion Show Product Manager	2013 - T-Shirt Collection S/S 2014 Elite Fashion Shows in Nicosia, Cyprus Xrista has successfully designed her new Etherial Collection Men/Woman S/S14. She was 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). Collection: https://www.xristastavrou.com/XS/PS/post_J_2013.html Reference: www.malefashiontrends.com.mx

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<p>2013 Volunteer Experience Solo Presentation Product Manager</p>	<p>T-Shirt "Be a Hero" Collection Nicosia - Cyprus</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. She 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: www.malefashiontrends.com.mx</p>
<p>2014 Volunteer Experience Fashion Show Product Manager</p>	<p>Etherial T-Shirt Collection SS 2015</p> <p>Xrista has successfully designed and presented her new Etherial Men/ Women S/S15 Collection. As one of the most talented Designers on the island, she was selected to participate in the biggest Fashion Show in Nicosia, the Presidential House.</p> <p>Collection: www.xristastavrou.com , www.xristastavrou.com/post_J_2016.html Reference: www.malefashiontrends.com.mx</p>
<p>2015 Group Exhibition</p>	<p>The Cyprus Chamber of Fine Arts (E.KA.T.E.) Famagusta Gate, Nicosia Cyprus</p> <p>As a member of E.KA.TE. , Xrista has participated at an Honorary Event By the 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>Day of the Dead 2016 - Sugar Skulls Calendar Published: July 22, 2015</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>

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2015 Competition Toyota Cyprus	Aygo Contest Wrap & Drive Xrista 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 car!
2015 Publications Race Point Publishing	Skull Sourcebook - Over 500 Skulls in Art & Culture Published: May 10, 2016 Xrista's Skull Art Queen was 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 loannou.
2016 Publications Elias Epiphaniou Publications	Christmas Book Illustration "The Santa Claus' Hat" Published: December 2016 Xrista was 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 online at https://sites.google.com/site/eliasepiphanioupublications/ .
2017 Art Calendar Amber Lotus Publishing Ltd.	Sugar Skulls 2018: Day of the Dead Calendar – Mini Calendar, Wall Calendar Published: May, 2017 Xrista's Skull Art Queen with Butterflies was 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.

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

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

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2020 Art Recognition/Certifications The inacothèque museum LUXEMBOURG	Luxembourg Art Prize 2018 Xrista received a certificate for participating in the Luxembourg Art Prize from the artistic commission, and the museum invites her to continue in this direction. Certification received: " Luxembourg Art Prize 2018 "
2020 Art Recognition/Certifications The inacothèque museum LUXEMBOURG	Luxembourg Art Prize 2020 Xrista received a certificate for participating in the Luxembourg Art Prize from the artistic commission, and the museum invites her to continue in this direction. Certification received: " Luxembourg Art Prize 2020 "
2021 Art Recognition/Certifications Light Space & Time Online Art Gallery USA	Art Competition 10th Annual 'All Women' Online Art Exhibition Xrista received a Special Recognition Award from John R. Math, Light Space & Time Online Art Gallery for her outstanding Digital Art " Silence ". The Art is available to view online at Artmajeur and Saatchi Gallery.
2022 Art Recognition/Certifications Light Space & Time Online Art Gallery USA	Art Competition 13th Annual "Abstracts" Online Art Competition Xrista received a Special Recognition Award from John R. Math, Light Space & Time Online Art Gallery for her outstanding Digital Art " THERE IS HOPE. " The Art is available to view online at Artmajeur and Saatchi Gallery.

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PUBLICATIONS

2015	Day of the Dead 2016 - Sugar Skulls Calendar Published: July 22, 2015, ISBN: 978-1-63136-009-1
Wall Calendar/Publications Amber Lotus Publishing Ltd.	Xrista's Skull Art Queen was 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.
2015	Skull Sourcebook - Over 500 Skulls in Art & Culture Published: May 10, 2016, ISBN: 978-1-63106-158-5
Publications Race Point Publishing	Xrista's Skull Art Queen was 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" Published: December 2016, ISBN: 978-9963-271-21-4
Publications Elias Epiphaniou Publications	Xrista was 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/eliasepiphanioupublishations/
2017	Sugar Skulls 2018: Day of the Dead Calendar – Mini Calendar, Wall Calendar Published: May, 2017, ISBN: 978-1-63136-251-4
Art Calendar Amber Lotus Publishing Ltd	Xrista's Skull Art Queen with Butterflies was 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.

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VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE & CAUSES

CAUSES SHE CARES

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 \(PASYKAF\)](#)