



HELIDON XHIXHA

Born in Durrës, Albania in 1970 but lives and works between Milan and Dubai.

“The puzzle of deterministic chaos is just one example from twentieth-century science that shows how the limitations of human understanding make nature appear noisy, complicated and unpredictable ...Behind the veil of apparent randomness, many processes in nature are highly ordered, following simple rules.”

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Helidon Xhixha spent his childhood in the studio of his father from whom he inherits a strong passion for fine art but particularly for sculpture. In 1998 he wins a scholarship at the Kingston University of London and in February 1999, he graduates at BRERA, the Academy of Fine Arts in Milan, Italy.

Xhixha is a sculptor who creates three-dimensional and often large-scale works that refract and reflect the environments in which they're placed, most famously through carefully engineered works of polished steel. Although he has also extensively worked with glass, steel has remained his primary muse and material for over 15 years.

His art has a very contemporary identity due to the diversity of his creative processes resulting from his artistic exigencies with the emphasis placed upon the aesthetic tension derived from the relationship between the physical expressiveness of the materials used and the effects of light.

“Iceberg“, a powerful mass of steel emerging from the water is Xhixha most famous work devoted to the issue of climate change, it was the first installation ever to obtain permission to float on the Grand Canal, during the Venice Biennale in 2015. The work also draws the attention of international media as The New York Times, The Guardian and CNN. To mark the opening of the London Design Biennale in 2016, Xhixha was commissioned to design the layout of the central courtyard in Somerset House and he won the Public Medal Award for best installation with “Bliss“, a series of concentric yet dramatically split blocks designed as a visual metaphor for the migration of peoples, inspired by Plato's Ideal City.

Xhixha's sculptures have also appeared in museums, art fairs, and public buildings across the globe. He has contributed work to the National 9/11 Memorial in New York and was recently commissioned to design works for luxury residence.



ARTIST'S BIOGRAPHY

EDUCATION

1998

He won a scholarship to attend a specialization course at Kingston University in London, UK.

1999

He graduated from the Brera Academy of Fine Arts, Milan, Italy.

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2017

Helidon Xhixha: In Ordine Sparso, Boboli Gardens, Florence, Italy curated by Diego Giolitti and Dr. Eike Schmidt

2016

Shining Rock, Pietrasanta, Forte dei Marmi, Lido di Camaiore, Italy curated by Luca Beatrice
Refractive Vibes, ContiniArtUK, London, UK

Captured Radiance, Rosenbaum Contemporary, Boca Raton, Florida, USA

Action And Thought, Royal Palace Turin, Italy

2015

Helidon Xhixha, Rosenbaum Contemporary, Boca Raton, Florida, USA

Fashion and Art, La Tenda Experience, Expo Milano 2015, Via Solferino, Milano, Italy

Nutrirsi d'Arte, Banca Mediolanum, Padua, Italy

Art and Jewellery, Villa Passalacqua, Como, Italy

Expo Arte Italiana, Villa Bagatti Valsecchi, Varedo, Italy

2014

Mostra di Sculpture, Palazzo Mantegazza, Lugano, Switzerland

Helidon Xhixha at Art Wynwood, Lausberg Contemporary, Miami, Florida, USA

Sculpting Light, Galerie Lausberg, Düsseldorf, Germany

A Light in the Space, Houses of Art Gallery, Marbella, Spain

A Light in the Space, Art Southampton, Lausberg Contemporary, Southampton, New York, USA

2013

Echo Brickell, Miami, USA

ARTISSIMA, Gallery on the Move, Turin, Italy

International Art Fair Vienna, 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, USA

20 Anni di Electronic Art Café, performance curated by Achille Bonito Oliva, Bologna, Italy

2012

Sculpting Declinations, Fienil Arte Cultural Association, Pietrasanta, Italy

MiART, Spirale Milano, Milano, Italy

2011

ART Verona, Spirale Milano, Verona, Italy

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

Thunder Lights in the City, Monza, Italy

Summer Show, Houses of Art, Marbella Club Hotel, Marbella, Spain

Villa Durazzo, Santa Margherita Ligure, Genova, Italy

The Moulding Power of Light, ExConvento S. Lucia e Agata, Matera, Italy

Helidon Xhixha, Marina di Varazze, Varazze, Italy

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

Light as steel, Como, Italy

Leggero Come l'Acciaio, Mazzoleni Art Gallery, Bergamo, Italy

Wood and Steel, The Wood Museum, Riva 1920, Cantù, Como, Italy

Mazzoleni Art Gallery, Forte Village Resort, Sardinie, 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

2009

Leggero come l'Acciaio, Galleria ComoArte, Como, Italy

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

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SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2017

Made In Forte 1.0: Percorsi di Luci, Forte dei Marmi, Italy
Beirut Art Fair, ContiniArtUK, Beirut International Exhibition & Leisure Centre Down Town, Beirut, Lebanon

2016

London Design Biennale 2016, London, UK
Colour and Matter, Promenade du Port, Porto Cervo, Italy
ArtGeneve, Gallery on the Move, Palaexpo; Geneva, Switzerland
WOP, Lugano, Switzerland

2015

56th Venice Biennale, Syrian Pavilion, San Servolo island, Venice, Italy
Art Miami, Rosenbaum Contemporary, Miami, Florida, USA
Rosenbaum Contemporary, Bal Harbour, Florida, USA
International Contemporary Art Fair, New York, USA
Art Wynwood, Rosenbaum Contemporary, Miami, Florida, USA
Stemperando, International Biennial of Artworks on Paper; Turin, Italy
Art Stage Singapore, Contini Art UK, Convention Centre; Marina Bay Sands, Singapore
Breaking Through—Miami, St. Regis Bal Harbour; Bal Harbour, Florida
Artissima, International Fair of Contemporary Art, Turin, Italy
Acquaè, Venice 2015, Venice Pavillion, Expo 2015, Milan, Italy
Hymn to Life, The Prize Mother Teresa of Calcutta, USA Pavilion, Expo 2015; Milan, Italy
Vicenza Oro, Monolite d'acciaio, Vicenza, Italy
Art Market Budapest, Millenaris Cultural Center, Budapest, Hungary
Art Southampton, Rosenbaum Contemporary, Southampton, New York, USA
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, USA
Art in the Park, Muse Sunny Isles, Collins Avenue; Sunny Isles Beach, Florida, USA

2014

Art Stage Singapore, ContiniArtUK, Singapore, Malaysia
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
"All about these...Ladies and Gentlemen," video screening, Co-Pilot project, Istanbul, Turkey
MiART, Gallery on the Move; Milan, Italy
At a Glance, Galerie Lausberg, Cologne, Germany
Art Cologne, Gallery on the Move, Cologne, Germany
Art Miami, Galerie Lausberg, Miami, Florida
Arte Verona, Gallery on the Move; Verona, Italy

2013

ArtMonaco, Grimaldi Forum, Principality of Monaco



Art Monaco, Nina Torres Fine Art Gallery; Monte Carlo, Monaco
Light in Paris, Espace Pierre Cardin, Paris, France
Design Day, Dubai, UAE
Light in Miami, Bayfront Park, Miami, USA
Electronic Art Café, Space Thank goodness, Bologna, Italy
First Friday Art Walk, Nina Torres Fine Art Gallery; Miami, Florida, USA

2012

Naturalmente, Italy-China Biennial, Monza, Italy
Declinations plastics, Fienilarte, Pietrasanta, Italy
AD – The House of the Italians, Fair Milan City, Milan, Italy
MiArt, Milan, Italy
Art Verona, Spirale Milano; Verona, Italy
Gateway of Light, 30 Years of Style, The Anniversary of AD Magazine, Milan, Italy

2011

Gallery Marco Monti, Monza, Italy
Flashes of light in the city, Monza, Italy
House of Art Marbella, Marbella, Spain
Shaping the form through light, Saint Lucia and Agatha convent, Matera, Italy
The Solo Project, Art Basel, Switzerland
Art Paris, De Primi Fine Art Gallery, Grand Palais, Paris, France
Strappi, Graffi e Bagliori, Galleria Mondo Arte, Milan, Italy
MiArt, Spirale Milano, Milan, Italy
Art Monaco, Galleria Ferrari, Grimaldi Forum, Monaco
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

IULM Open Air, IULM University, Milan, Italy
The Weight of the Palio, Banca di Legnano, Legnano, Italy
Energie Museum Magi'900, Pieve di Cento, Italy
Triennial Art Exhibition, Palace of the Arts, Milan, Italy
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

Bau 2009, Munich, Germany
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 Walls, 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 International Fair for Architecture, Materials, Systems; Monaco

2008

YOU want to be ... Actor or appearance?, Barclays Premier, Milan, Italy
Stark, The Humboldt Transformer Station, Berlin, Germany
ARTOUR-O MUST, International Culture Hall, Yiwu, China
ARTOUR-O MUST, Grand Hotel Minerva, Piazza S. Maria Novella, Florence, Italy
Il Lusso delle Opere di Helidon Xhixha, Bespoke, Fair of Luxury, Ex Palazzo del Ghiaccio; Milan, Italy
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

2007

Frame Paint, Venice, Italy

2002

Salone Arengo di Palazzo Borletto, Novara, Italy
Luci ed Ombre, Galleria Magenta, Via Roma, Milan, Italy

2001

Agora Gallery, New York, USA
One Company Brain, Think Finance, Milan, Italy
Brera Academy of Fine Arts, Milan, Italy
Sculpture contest, Open Air Museum, Tokyo, Japan

2000

Opened Factories, Procos Spa, Cameri, Italy
Naked for the summer, Art and Culture, Milan, Italy
Black Health Gallery, London, UK
Mulino Vecchio di Bellinzago, Parco Piemontese del Ticino; Bellinzago Novarese, Italy

1999

United States of America Consulate General, Milan, Italy
Kingston University, London, UK

1998

USA, Milan, Italy
Kingston University, London, UK

1997

Sforzesco Castle, Galliate, Italy



1996

Brera Laboratory of Modern and Contemporary Art, Milan, Italy

1989

Gallery of Figurative Art, Durres, Albania

National Gallery of Arts, Tirana, Albania

SELECTED MUSEUMS AND PUBLIC INSTALLATIONS

Albania

“Riflessi di storia”, Presidential Palace, Tirana

Germany

“Renaissance of Towers”, STARK The Transformer Station Umbolt, Kopenhagener Strasse, Berlin (Travelling Exhibition)

Italy

“Oceano”, Parco Internazionale della Scultura, Marina di Pietrasanta, Lucca, Italy

“Monolite d'acciaio”, National Museum of Science and Technology Leonardo da Vinci, Milan

“Suono d'acciaio”, The Violin Museum, Stradivari Foundation, Cremona

Palazzo della Ragione, Milan

“Via Acquaviva”, Zona Porto Canale, Cremona

Palazzo della Provincia, Bergamo

“Renaissance of Towers”, Piazza Alessandro Volta , Como (Travelling Exhibition)

“Renaissance of Towers”, Piazza de' Rucellai, Florence (Travelling Exhibition)

“Renaissance of Towers”, Piazza Vigili del Fuoco; Milan (Travelling Exhibition)

“Renaissance of Towers”, Piazza IV Novembre, Legnano (Travelling Exhibition)

“Renaissance of Towers”, Provincial Authorities Building, Via Torquato Tasso, Bergamo (Travelling Exhibition)

“Renaissance of Towers”, Cornice Venice International Art Fair, Venice (Travelling Exhibition)

“Renaissance of Towers” Corso Umberto I, lakeside; Stresa (VB) (Travelling Exhibition)

Piazza Fire Department, Milan

Piazza Santa Maria Novella, Florence

Piazza El Alamein, Giulio Cesare project, Novara

“Airone”, Fountain, Piazza Magnani Ricotti, Novara

“Testa di cavallo”, Piazza El Alamein, Novara

Ferrari factory, Maranello (Mo)

Corso Umberto I, Stresa

Piazza Marinone, Mosezzo San Pietro, Italy Martyrs Square of Liberty, Banca Popolare di Intra, Novara

“Everlasting”, La Porta di Milano, Terminal 1, Malpensa Airport, Milan

“Waterfalls”, Giuseppe Bussolin Square, Padua

“Lighted Runways”, Terminal 1, Malpensa Airport, Milan

“Iceberg”, Venice Biennale, San Servolo Island, Venice

“The Four Elements”, Venice Biennale, San Servolo Island, Venice

“Pillars of Light”, Venice Biennale, San Servolo Island, Venice

“Riflessi dal cielo”, Lombardy Regional Government Building, Milan

“Light Collision”, Lombardy Regional Government Building, Milan

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“The Coil”, Arvedi Steel Plant, Via Acquaviva 18, Zona Porto Canale, Cremona
“Steel and Kauri”, Riva 1920, The Museum of Wood, Via Milano 110, Cantu
“Light and Shade”, Gemine Muse, Young Artists in Italian Museums, Novara
“Cavallino Rampante”, Ferrari Factory; Maranello
Bas-relief, Piazza Marinone, San Pietro Mosezzo (NO)
“Horses”, Piazza Martiri della Libertà, Banca Popolare di Intra, Novara

France

“Seahorse”, Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat, Côte d’Azur

Monaco

“Vela”, New Yacht Club de Monaco, Quai Louise II

Switzerland

“Mantegazza” Palazzo Mantegazza, Riva Paradiso, Lugano

“Riflessi Lunari”, Helsinn Healthcare SA, Pazzallo

“The Three Monoliths”, Montanstahl Factory, Via Gerrette, Stabio

UAE

“Elliptical Light”, Grand Hotel Melia, Port Rashid, Dubai

USA

“Endless Melody”, Melody Tower, Miami, Florida

“The Wall”, Bayfront Park, Miami, Florida

“The Mirror”, Miami, Florida

“Thunder Light”, St. Regis Bal Harbour, Bal Harbour, Florida

“Oceano”, Muse Sunny Isles Sales Gallery, Sunny Isles Beach, Florida

Echo Brickell, Miami, Florida

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

2003

He won the first prize at the second edition of the Gemine Muse Young Artists in Italian Museums at Novara (Italy) with his piece ‘Light and Shade’

2009

He received the Lifetime Achievement Award – the Ninth Edition of the National Art award by the City of Novara, Italy.

2013

His artwork “Monolite d’Acciaio” was included in the permanent collection of the National Museum Leonardo Da Vinci, Milan, Italy.

2015

He exhibited at the 56th Venice Biennale.

2016

He won the Public Medal for the best Installation at the London Design Biennale at Somerset House in London for his monumental sculpture “Bliss”.



He received the Cultural Classic Award 2016 at Naples (Italy) – Vanvitelliano Seminar of Nola (28 May 2016)

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

2016

Exhibition Catalogue. Helidon Xhixha: Refractive Vibes. Essays by Richard Cork. London, UK.

Exhibition Catalogue. Helidon Xhixha: Shining Rock. Essays by Luca Beatrice. Pietrasanta, Italy.

2015

Exhibition Catalogue. All the world's Futures, Venice Biennale 2015. Venice, Italy.

2009

Badellino, Enrico. Helidon Xhixha: leggero come l'acciaio. Milano: Skira.

2011

Poli, Francesco. Helidon Xhixha: plasmare la forma attraverso la luce. [Poggibonsi] (Siena): C. Cambi.