

Zivana Gojanovic

Biography

Croatian born artist Zivana Gojanovic used to live and work in the United States for more than two decades, but recently moved back to Croatia to be closer to her remaining family. She has been called an existential emotionalist who makes paintings that convey the subtle nuances of man's enigmatic place within the worldly plane. Gojanovic grows and shapes her paintings almost as if nurturing an organic process, building them layer by layer over a period of weeks, sometimes months. This allows the artist to connect with, and react to, the painting as it evolves, striving to fill the work with imagery and emotion so that the viewer can relate as strongly as she does. Through her unique compositions, meticulous color palettes and old master layering and glazing processes, she manages to capture the energy and power of our solitary human existence. Gojanovic attended the School of Fine Arts and the University of Art & Design in Croatia. She has been included in exhibits in the United States, Croatia and Japan. As long as she has been painting, the artist has mined the annals of fine literature for inspiration. Some books speak to her on a visual level while others trigger something more abstract, yet in each occurrence something ultimately connects with her core, propelling her to create an outward manifestation of the story within.

Education

School of Fine Arts, Split, Croatia

University of Art & Design, Zagreb, Croatia

Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2014 Hohmann Fine Art, Palm Desert, CA
- 2012 Christian Hohmann Fine Art, Palm Desert, CA
- 2010 Christian Hohmann Fine Art, Palm Desert, CA
- 2009 Marion Mayer Contemporary Art, Laguna Beach, CA
- 2008 RE Welch Gallery, Palm Desert, CA
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Denise Roberge Gallery, Palm Desert, CA
Susan Woltz Gallery, Seattle, WA
Accolades Gallery, Ventura, CA
2007 Galeria Jan, La Jolla, CA
2006 Susan Woltz Gallery, Seattle, WA
Accolades Gallery, Ventura, CA
Denise Roberge Gallery, Palm Desert, CA
2004 Patricia Carlisle Fine Art, Santa Fe, NM
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2003 Maienza Wilson Design Gallery, Santa Barbara, CA
Expressions In Fine Art, Santa Fe, NM
2002 Patricia Carlisle Fine Art, Santa Fe, NM
2001 Marion Mayer Contemporary Art, Laguna Beach, CA
Denise Roberge Gallery, Palm Desert, CA
2000 Montecito Gallery, Montecito, CA
Gallery Blu, Palm Desert, CA
Art Fund Gallery, Santa Barbara, CA
1991 Niedermaier Gallery, Chicago, IL
1989 Zantman Art Galleries, Palm Desert, CA
1987 Museum of Split, Split, Croatia
1986 Babin Kuk Gallery, Dubrovnik, Croatia

Corporate and Private Collections

Napier Joseph McNamara LTD; New York, NY
Ericsson of Santa Barbara; Santa Barbara, CA
PHR Environmental Research; Washington, D.C.
John Tishman Architect; New York, NY
Hajime Komuyo; ToyoHashi City, Japan
Dr. Laura Schlessinger; Santa Barbara, CA

Accomplishments, Prizes

- 2009 Award of Excellence Artoteque London, London, England
- 2007 Established Artist Grant (Painting), Ventura, CA
- 2006 William Colville Foundation Grant, Santa Barbara, CA
- 2000 Individual Artist (Painting), Arts Fund of Santa Barbara, CA