

BIOGRAPHY & EXHIBITIONS

Cristina Marcu is a contemporary artist blending impressionist and expressionist styles. Her brightly colored works are inspired by the Russian and Romanian folk art that surrounded her as a child in her native country of Romania.

Cristina was born in Communist Moldavia, Romania in the politically charged 1960 's. Beginning at age seven, she attended the George Enescu Conservatory of Music where she studied classical piano. Romanian painters such as Nicolae Grigorescu and Corneliu Baba inspired Cristina from an early age and while she harbored a childhood dream to be a painter she turned that inspiration towards her musical studies.

At age thirteen Cristina and her sister followed their parents to the United States and lived in New York where she continued her musical studies. Cristina received her degree BA in Piano Performance from USC and began performing in concerts as well as teaching music privately.

Cristina began nurturing her painting aspirations in the early 1990 's. Her desire to paint became so strong that eventually she gave up teaching and performing to pursue her lifelong dream of being a painter.

Bright yellows, reds and oranges, accented with clear blues and greens echoes her romance with color. She looks to the French Impressionists for inspiration: Van Gogh for his bold colors and Matisse for his sense of line and design. Russian artist, Wassily Kandinsky 's early landscapes played an important role in the development of Cristina 's ever evolving work and like Kandinsky, Cristina has developed a deep desire to connect her spirituality and her music to her art.

Fluent in various mediums Cristina utilizes oil, watercolor and acrylic to paint diverse subject matter, with her focus primarily on landscapes, seascapes and still life. In addition, Cristina has authored *Sounds of Color*, a children 's book combining audio awareness and primary color recognition.

Exhibitions

- 2008 Marin Art Council Members Show - San Rafael, CA.
- 2008 Marin Arts Council Open Studios - Solo Show, Sausalito, CA.
- 2007 Gold Medal Exhibition, Viva Gallery, Sherman Oaks, CA
- 2006 Artist Member Show - Laguna Plein Air painters Association, Laguna Beach, CA
- 2005 "Off the Wall Exhibition " --Riverside Art Museum
- 2005 "Scenes from Eagle Rock " --Carlotta 's Passion Fine Art Gallery, Eagle Rock
- 2005 Members ' Exhibition,, Riverside Art Museum
- 2005 Tah Gallery, South Pasadena
- 2005 "Art Alive -A Floral Fantasy," Riverside Art Museum, Riverside
- 2004-05 "Artist Indoors " --Laguna Plein Air Painters Association, Laguna Beach
- 2004 Ojai Valley Gallery, Ojai
- 2004 California Art Club Annual Ebell Club Exhibition, Los Angeles
- 2004 Riverside Art Museum, Riverside
- 2004 Providence Saint Joseph Permanent Art Collection, Los Angeles
- 2004 DSA Designs, Burbank
- 2003 Descanso Gardens – Invitational show,, La Cañada
- 2003 Carnegie Observatory, Pasadena
- 2003 Yoga House Gallery, Studio City



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Stephanie 's Art Gallery -one woman show,La Cañada
San Gabriel Fine Arts Gallery,San Gabriel