



## 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.”*

Helidon Xhixha

Helidon Xhixha spent his childhood in the studio of his father from whom he inherited a strong passion for fine arts, particularly sculpture. In 1998 he won a scholarship at the Kingston University of London and in February 1999 he graduated from the Academy of Fine Arts of Brera 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 are placed, most famously through carefully engineered works of polished steel. Although he has 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; an emphasis is 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’s most famous work that addresses 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 the 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 the 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 are part of important Museums and collections, Art Fairs and public buildings across the Globe. The artist has also contributed to the National 9/11 Memorial in New York and he was recently commissioned to design works for luxury residences.

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## **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

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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, Sardinia, 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

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**2004**

Luce, New Art Gallery, Borgomanero, Italy

**2003**

Horses, personal exhibition, Jumeirah, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

**SELECTED COLLECTIVE EXHIBITIONS****2018**

7th edition of Bad Ragartz, Swiss Triennial Festival of sculpture, St. Gallen, Switzerland and Vaduz, Liechtenstein

**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

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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

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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

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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**

4th Biennial VOLAREARTE, Pisa and Florence, June 2017- June 2019, curated by The Henraux Foundation and Toscana Aeroporti SPA, Installations at Aeroporto Amerigo Vespucci in Florence, Aeroporto Galileo Galilei in Pisa e central train station in Pisa

"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)

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"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  
"The Coil", Arvedi Steel Plant, Via Acquaviva 18, Zona Porto Canale, Cremona  
"Steel and Kauri", Riva 1920, The Museum of Wood, Via Milano 110, Cantù  
"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

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## **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.